

Best of Himalayas

08 Nights/09 Days Tour
Gangtok-3, Pelling-2, Kalimpong-1, Darjeeling-2

Day 1

Bagdogra Airport/NJP Station>> Gangtok (130 KMS / 5 HRS)



Pick-up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station to be taken to **Gangtok (5500 ft)** -the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty of Sikkim, with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes, a journey 130kms & takes 5hrs to reach Gangtok, arrive at the hotel & check-in. Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 2

Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok



After breakfast, proceed to **Tsomgo Lake (12,313 ft)**, a 40kms drive which takes 2.5 hrs. This lake is located very close to Nathula Pass which is the entry point to China termed as the "Silk Route & remains frozen for most parts of the year. Legend has it that the Lamas use to forecast the future by studying the colour of the lakes waters. Enjoy the surroundings, majestic snowy peaks which feed the lake and the clean fresh air, back to Gangtok by 3 pm for a late lunch. Evening free for leisure or go shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 3

Gangtok (Full day local ss)



After breakfast, visit to **Tashi View Point** to view Mt. Khangchendzonga. Situated 8kms from the town, this point offers a breathtaking view of the majestic peak & surrounding hills. Also can be seen are the monasteries at Phodong & Labrang. On the return visit **Hanuman Tok (7200 Ft)**, temple devoted to Hanuman. From the temple you can also get a bird's eye view of the Selep waterworks which supplies drinking water to the Gangtok town. Near this temple which is maintained by the Army, is Lukshyama- the royal cremation grounds of the erstwhile royal family of Sikkim. Then go to **Ganesh Tok (6500Ft)**, a temple dedicated to Lord Ganesha which is so small in size that it can hardly accommodate one person & one has to crawl to get inside, **The Handicraft & Handloom Showroom**, which promotes traditional arts & crafts, a veritable storehouse of exquisite carpets, blankets, shawls in "Lepcha" weaves; **The Flower Show**, which contains over 200 species of orchids set amidst a beautiful landscape; **Do-Drul Chorten (Stupa)** which is one of the most important stupas of Sikkim, built by the head of the Nyingma order- Trullshi Rimpoche in 1945. It contains rare details of Dorji Phupa, Holy Books, Mantras and is encircled by 108 prayer wheels; **The Namgyal Institute of Tibetology** built in 1958 in traditional style, a renowned worldwide centre for the study of the Mahayana

Buddhist philosophy & religion, a treasure house of rare "Thankas", statues, over 200 Buddhist icons and prized objects of art & finally **Ban Jhakri Waterfalls**, back to the hotel by late afternoon, Overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 4

Gangtok>> Pelling (112 KMS / 5 HRS)



After breakfast, proceed to **Pelling (6800 Ft)**, a 5 hour journey (112 kms) via Ravangla (6800 Ft), a small township & transit point to various destinations in South & West Sikkim, situated at the base of Meenam Hill (10300 Ft).

Arrive at Pelling by afternoon & check-in at Hotel. This is one of the closest points to the Kanchenjunga range & one can see it upfront touching the sky from Pelling & overnight stay at Pelling.

Day 5

Pelling (Full day local ss)



Leave early for the **Khecheopalri Lake**, also called the "Wish Fulfilling Lake". It lies in a depression surrounded by prayer flags & forested hills & then go to the **Rimbi Falls & Khangchendzonga waterfalls**.

After lunch, proceed to **The Pemayangtse Monastery (7021 Ft)**, 2.5kms from Pelling. Built during the late 17th century, it is one of the oldest & most important monasteries of the Nyingmapa order of Buddhism in Sikkim. Even today, it is only the monks of this monastery who enjoy the title of 'Tasang' or pure monks. The monastery follows the Mindroling tradition & has 108 monks. The main attraction of the monastery is the wooden replica of Zangdog Palri, the celestial abode of Guru Padmasambhava, built by Serdup L Dorje Rinpoche in 1971, **Rabdentse Ruins** - the second capital of the erstwhile King of Sikkim till 1814 A.D. This is also very close to the Pemyangtse Monastery, a 30mins walk from the main road. The scenic view from the top of the ruins scanning across the deep valley, to the mystic heights of the Kanchenjunga range is something to be cherished & etched in memory & **Helipad Ground**, back to hotel by evening & overnight stay at Pelling.

Day 6

Pelling>> Kalimpong (95 KMS / 4 HRS)



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 95 kms & taking around time 4 hrs to reach. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc. Arrive at Kalimpong & check-in at the hotel.

Evening free at leisure with a visit to the market, Where you do some curio shopping, buy some Kalimpong Cheese & lollypops of Swiss technology from "Larks" or just take a walk thru the market & overnight stay at Kalimpong.

Day 7

Kalimpong>> Darjeeling (50 KMS / 2.5 HRS)



After breakfast, proceed for a half day sightseeing of **Durpin Hill** (which has the famous Zong Dog Palri Fo- Brang Monastery which belongs to the same Buddhist sect as the present Dalai Lama), **Pine View Point**, **Dr Graham's Homes** complex with its historic church & well maintained grounds founded in 1900 by Rev. Dr. J A Graham, a Scottish missionary, **Delo Hill (5556 ft)** appears to be the roof- of- the- world, is the highest point in Kalimpong. Delo also has the town's picturesque water reservoir. Then on to **Mangal Dham Temple** constructed in memory of the late Guru Shree (108) Mangal Dasji and dedicated to Lord Krishna.

After lunch, proceed to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 50kms drive taking around 2.5hours to reach, the "Queen of the hill stations", its name derived from "Dorje-Line" which means the place of "Dorje", the mystic thunderbolt. After a very scenic drive thru the mountains, tea gardens etc. Reach Darjeeling by evening & check in at hotel.

Spend the evening lazing around or walk up to the mall area & overnight stay at Darjeeling.

Day 8

Darjeeling (Full day local ss)



Start the day at 4am with an early morning trip to **Tiger Hill (7800 Ft)** to catch the sunrise from behind the majestic Kunchenjunga range. On the way return back visit the **Ghoom Monastery & Batasia Loop**, back to the hotel for breakfast.

(09:00 AM TO 03:00PM) After breakfast, proceed for a half day Darjeeling local sightseeing of the **Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Ropeway, Zoo, Tenzing Rock, Tibetan Refugees Self Help Centre, Tea Garden** (outer view) & **Japanese Temple**. Back to the hotel by evening; take a walk to "Chowrasta" the centre point of the Mall area. You can do some window shopping & overnight stay at Darjeeling.

Day 9

Darjeeling>> IXB Apt/ NJP Rly station (72 kms/3.5 hrs)



After breakfast, checkout from the hotel & proceed to Bagdogra Airport/NJP Railway Station for onwards destination.

****** Tour End ******

Damages-

Grade	A1+	A1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
02 PAX	68458	56531	48604	46857	36620	34003	31879	29623	27341
04 PAX	60316	48389	40462	38715	28478	25861	23737	21481	19199
06 PAX	57189	45262	37335	35588	25351	22734	20610	18354	16072
08 PAX	55626	43698	35772	34024	23787	21170	19046	16790	14508
EXT BED	36194	20609	17206	15632	10430	8860	8360	6810	5010
CWB	23496	18102	17206	15460	10430	8860	8160	6810	4710
CNB	17574	11309	9710	9260	6620	5140	5140	3480	2230

HOTEL USED :	HERITAGE (A1+)	ROYAL (A1)	UPMARKET (A)	AT THE MALL (B)	ENCHANTING (C)
DARJEELING	ELGIN-premium (MAP)	CRESCENT RESORT/ RJ RESORT (MAP)	PINE TREE/ LITTLE TIBET/ SUMMIT HERMON - dlx/ THE RETREAT - royal dlx (MAP)	VICEROY HOTEL/ MONTANA RESORT (MAP)	PINK MOUNTAIN / THE RETREAT-dlx / HIMALAYAN RETREAT - luxury/ SUMMIT SWISS HERITAGE/ SUMMIT GRACE/ SUMMIT MOUNT HIMALAYAN (CP)
GANGTOK	NORKHILL (MAP)	LEMON TREE-superior (MAP)	DENZONG SHANGRILA-premier/ MOUNT SINIOLCHU - premium/ TASHILING RESIDENCY/ SUMMIT DENZONG HOTEL N SPA - dlx (MAP)	KEEPSA RESIDENCY - dlx / NEW ORCHID - std/ THE GOLDEN CREST- exec (MAP)	SIKKIM DELIGHT /HIMALAYAN HEIGHTS - sup dlx/ RENDEZVOUS - dlx/ TEMI HOUSE (CP)
KALIMPONG	SILVEROAKS (MAP)	SILVEROAKS (MAP)	PINE TREE / YAKHA RETREAT- pemier (MAP)	ANAND PORTICO (MAP)	KALIMPONG PARK (CP)
PELLING	THE ELGIN MOUNT PANDIM (MAP)	NORBUGHANG RETREAT N SPA - sup dlx (MAP)	NORBU GHANG RESORT (MAP)	NORBU GHANG RESORT (MAP)	PACHHU VILLAGE/HOTEL SIKKIM TOURIST CENTRE/TASHIGHANG RESORT/ YANGTHANG DZIMKHA (CP)

HOTEL USED :	JUST ARRIVED!! (D)	VALUE FOR MONEY!! (E)	ECONOMY (F)	BUDGET (G)
DARJEELING	HOTEL YUMA -luxury/ OMEGA RESIDENCY/(CP)	HOTEL YUMA -luxury (CP)	HOTEL YUMA - comfort room/ NORTH STAR/ MARVEL INTERNATIONAL/ BROADWAY (CP)	PRINCESS HOTEL (CP)
GANGTOK	SIKKIM DELIGHT/ ALPINE HILLS / RENDEZVOUS - std/ 100 PETALS (CP)	SIKKIM RETREAT-luxury / DEWACHEN RETREAT/ 100 PETALS/ ALPINE HILLS (CP)	COMFORT INN CINERARIA /SIKKIM RETREAT-comfort (CP)	COMFORT INN (CP)
KALIMPONG	PINK DOOR (CP)	PINK DOOR (CP)	BREATHING STONE/ GARDEN REACH- std (CP)	GARDEN REACH -std (CP)
PELLING	TASHIGHANG RESORT/ SONAMCHEN (CP)	SONAMCHEN (CP)	HOTEL HORIZON (CP)	SNOW VIEW PELLING/GREEN VALLEY (CP)

HERITAGE	<i>These are all 4-Star heritage hotels</i>
ROYALE	<i>These are all 4 star hotels</i>
UPMARKET	<i>These are all 4-Star equivalent hotels</i>
AT THE MALL	<i>Good 3-Star + equivalent hotels at prime locations</i>
ENCHANTING	<i>Exquisite boutique hotels at all locations with a fleeting touch of class</i>

JUST ARRIVED	<i>Oriental hotels with big rooms in the 3-Star+ category</i>
VALUE FOR MONEY	<i>Spend & experience 3- star+ hotels</i>
ECONOMY	<i>3-star hotels to suit your budget</i>
BUDGET	<i>Neat n clean 2-star+ hotels for those with limited budgets</i>

Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rates above are valid from 1st OCT TO 25TH NOV & 20TH DEC 2018 TO 2ND JAN 2019. All rates above are on per person twin sharing basis.
Includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meals as per plan shown above in RED, all hotel taxes. CP - Breakfast only.... MAP - Breakfast & Lunch OR Dinner.... AP- All meals. All transfers & sightseeing by 01 NAC Wagon R/NAC Sumo Ex Bagdogra/NJP which is not on disposal, but point-to-point basis. Gangtok local sightseeing would be by 01 NAC Wagon R for (02 Pax) & 02 NAC Wagon R for (04 Pax & above). GST included on hotel part ONLY.
Child Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children 12 years & above are charged as adults. Children of 05 to -12 years will be charged as per CWB/CNB. Below 05 years, complimentary.
Validity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This package is valid for Indian passport holders only.
Does not Includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance/Guide/Camera fees/Parking etc. GST EXTRA ON TRANSPORT @ Rs. 1535. Visit to Nathula Pass (India -China border) @ Rs. 6800 +5% /- per vehicle extra on the total cost. Joy ride on the toy train in Darjeeling @ Rs. 650/- per person ticket + Rs. 600+5% per vehicle extra on the total cost. En-route visit to Chardham (Namchi) @ Rs. 2800+5% /- per vehicle extra on the total cost... En-route visit to Mirik @ Rs. 1200+5% /- per vehicle extra on the total cost. En-route visit to Buddha Park (Ravangla) @ Rs. 1200+5%/- per vehicle extra on the total cost. Any difference arising due to increase in fuel price or change in taxes levied by the government. Difference in cost arising due to mishaps, bandhs/strikes, natural calamities like landslides, road blockages etc. In such a case, the extra cost would have to be paid on the spot by the guest directly.

- In case upgrade vehicle to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for all Transfers & Sightseeing, add Rs. 5900 + 5% GST to the total cost...**