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## **TOUR ITINERARIES - WINTER 2018**



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# "HQuick Glance"

Grade	A1+	A1	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	A1+	A1	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	A1+	A1	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
02 PAX	60945	49017	42822	41753	32391	30298	28174	26061	23871	61670	52047	44710	43413	34156	31740	29852	27983	25877	61627	50009	43656	41909	33412	31032	29439	27570	25641
04 PAX	53865	41937	35742	34673	25311	23218	21094	18981	16791	53528	43905	36568	35271	26014	23598	21710	19841	17735	53809	42191	35839	34091	25595	23214	21621	19752	17824
06 PAX	51092	39164	32969	31900	22538	20445	18321	16208	14018	50479	40857	33520	32223	22965	20549	18661	16792	14687	50790	39173	32820	31073	22576	20195	18602	16733	14805
08 PAX	49705	37778	31583	30514	21152	19058	16934	14822	12632	48955	39332	31996	30699	21441	19025	17137	15268	13163	49281	37663	31311	29563	21067	18686	17093	15224	13296
EXT BED	31895	16310	15286	13812	9640	8040	7540	5940	4140	31895	18639	15036	14012	9310	7640	7140	5990	4390	31895	18089	14736	13162	8660	7790	7540	6190	4490
CWB	20780	15386	15286	13640	9640	8040	7340	5940	3840	20780	16132	15036	13840	9310	7640	6940	5990	4190	20780	15582	14736	12990	8660	7790	7440	6190	4190
CNB	15485	9220	8450	7900	6220	4840	4840	3120	1920	15485	9999	8400	8200	5860	4140	4140	3020	1970	15485	10499	8850	8400	5460	4730	4730	3120	1870

Darj-2,GTK-3,Lachung-2

East Himalayan Kingdoms Kali-1, GTK-3, Pell-1, Darj-3

Kali-2, GTK-2, Pell-2, Darj-2

Grade	A1+	A1	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	A1+	A1	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	A1+	A1	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
02 PAX	62074	50766	47719	40514	34362	32740	31678	30340	27123	69922	56107	49116	47510	37542	34652	32882	30924	28521	68003	58381	49312	47337	37204	34265	32377	30364	28167
04 PAX	54286	42978	39931	32726	26574	24952	23890	22552	19335	61338	47523	40532	38926	28958	26067	24297	22340	19936	59389	49767	40698	38723	28590	25651	23763	21750	19553
06 PAX	51356	40048	37001	29796	23643	22022	20960	19622	16405	58063	44248	37257	35651	25683	22793	21023	19065	16662	56184	46561	37493	35517	25385	22445	20557	18544	16347
08 PAX	49890	38582	35536	28331	22178	20557	19495	18157	14940	56426	42611	35620	34014	24046	21156	19386	17428	15024	54581	44958	35890	33914	23782	20842	18954	16941	14744
EXT BED	30097	18070	17146	12632	9860	9660	9660	8460	5240	37095	20769	16654	15168	10030	8910	8660	7310	5110	36194	22938	16956	15832	10100	8460	7960	6860	5260
CWB	22148	17146	17146	11940	9340	9140	9140	7940	4540	24380	17800	16654	14910	10030	8910	8560	7310	4810	23496	18848	16956	15660	10100	8460	7760	6860	5060
CNID	15747	12040	11170	9790	6500	6620	6620	E000	2220	10005	12224	10250	0000	6270	E240	E240	2620	2000	17574	12000	0660	0560	6260	4440	4440	2200	2200

#### Best of Himalayas Kali-1,GTK-3,Pell-2,Darj-2

#### Land of the Gods Kali-1,GTK-3,Lachung-2,Pell-2,Darj-2

Grade	A1+	A1	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	A1+	A1	A	В	C	D	E	F	G
02 PAX	68458	56531	48604	46857	36620	34003	31879	29623	27341	86437	74509	66583	58699	48191	45574	43450	41194	37177
04 PAX	60316	48389	40462	38715	28478	25861	23737	21481	19199	75345	63417	55491	47607	37099	34482	32358	30102	26085
06 PAX	57189	45262	37335	35588	25351	22734	20610	18354	16072	71313	59386	51459	43575	33067	30450	28326	26070	22053
08 PAX	55626	43698	35772	34024	23787	21170	19046	16790	14508	69297	57370	49443	41560	31051	28434	26310	24054	20038
EXT BED	36194	20609	17206	15632	10430	8860	8360	6810	5010	42994	27409	24006	19392	14190	12620	12120	10570	7150
CWB	23496	18102	17206	15460	10430	8860	8160	6810	4710	30296	24902	24006	18700	13670	12100	11400	10050	6450
CNID	17574	11200	0710	0260	6620	E140	E140	2400	2220	22014	15740	1/150	11060	0220	7740	7740	6000	2250

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## **Supplement cost for travel between**

Itinerary Code	Innova/Xylo/Scorpio	Sumo/Wagon R					
	Rs.	Rs.					
Gangtok-3 nights	2000	400					
Darj-1, Gangtok-2	1800	600					
Darj-2, Gangtok-1	1300	300					
Darj-2, Gangtok-2	1800	600					
Gangtok-2, Kali-2	1800	600					
Gangtok-2, Pell-2	2800	500					
Darj-2, Gangtok-3	2000	600					
Darj-3, GTK-2	1800	600					
GTK-3, Pell-2	3000	600					
Darj-2, GTK-2, Kali-1	1800	600					
GTK-2, Pell-2, Kali-1	2800	600					
Darj-3, GTK-2, Kali-1	1800	600					
Darj-2, GTK-3, Kali-1	2000	600					
GTK-2, Pell-2, Darj-2	2800	600					
Kali-1,GTk-2,Pell-1,Darj-2	2600	600					
Darj-3, GTK-3	2000	600					
GTK-3, Pell-2, Kali-1	3000	600					
Darj-2, GTK-2, Kali-2	1800	600					
GTK-2, Pell-2, Darj-3	2800	600					
GTK-3, Pell-2, Darj-2	3000	600					
Kali-1,GTk-2,Pell-2,Darj-2	2800	600					
Kali-1,GTk-3,Pell-1,Darj-2	2800	600					
Darj-2,GTK-2,Lach-2,GTK-1	2800	1600					
Kali-1,GTk-3,Pell-1,Darj-3	2800	600					
Kali-2,GTk-2,Pell-2,Darj-2	2800	600					
Kali-1,GTk-3,Pell-2,Darj-2	3000	600					
Kali-1,GTk-3,Lach-2,Pell-							
2,Darj-2	3800	1600					
NOTE- ALL COSTS ABOVE A	RE ON PER VEHICLE BASI	S					

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

	YARLAM RESORT-	YARLAM RESORT- dlx	YARLAM RESORT- dlx valley	NORLING ZIMKHANG RESORT – sup dlx/ MODERN RESIDENCY	MODERN RESIDENCY (pure
LACHUNG	dlx valley view (AP)	valley view (AP)	view (AP)	(pure veg) (AP)	veg)- <b>(AP)</b>
	APPLE ORCHARD	APPLE ORCHARD	APPLE ORCHARD RESORT-	THE GRAND LACHEN	
LACHEN	RESORT- (AP)	RESORT- (AP)	(AP)	(AP)	THE GRAND LACHEN (AP)

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

HERITAGE	These are all 4-Star heritage hotels
ROYALE	These are all 4 star hotels
UPMARKET	These are all 4-Star equivalent hotels
AT THE MALL	Good 3-Star + equivalent hotels at prime locations
ENCHANTING	Exquisite boutique hotels at all locations with a fleeting touch of class
JUST ARRIVED	Oriental hotels with big rooms in the 3-Star+ category
Value for money	Spend & experience 3- star+ hotels
economy	3-star hotels to suit your budget
BUDGET	Neat n clean 2-star+ hotels for those with limited budgets

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Rates	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> <li>Meals as per plan shown above in RED, all hotel taxes.</li> </ul>							
	• <b>CP</b> – Breakfast only <b>MAP</b> – Breakfast & Lunch OR Dinner <b>AP</b> - All meals.							
	• All transfers & sightseeing by <b>01 NAC Wagon R/NAC Sumo</b> 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	ldren 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	This package is valid for Indian passport holders only.							
Does not Includes	• Entrance/Guide/Camera fees/ Parking etc.							
	GST EXTRA ON TRANSPORT.							
	• Visit to Katao Lachung @ Rs. 3300 +5% /- per vehicle extra on the total cost.							
	• Visit to Zero Point in Lachung @ Rs. 3300 +5% /- per vehicle extra on the total cost.							
	• 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.							
	<ul> <li>Any difference arising due to increase in fuel price or change in taxes levied by the government.</li> </ul>							
	• 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.							



Day 1
<u>Bagdogra/NJP>> Darjeeling</u>



Meet & greet at Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station & transfer to 72 kms drive taking around 3.5 to reach **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, 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. It is an experience of unforgettable beauty. Reach Darjeeling & checkin at hotel.

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

Day 2 <u>Darjeeling (full day local ss)</u>



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

(09:00 AM TO 03:00 PM) 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 3 <u>Darjeeling>> Mirik >> Darjeeling</u>



After breakfast, take a trip to "Mirik" (6000 Ft) – the newest hill-station in the Darjeeling hills. Famous for its squash (the vegetables) & the picturesque lake, this quiet township is also surrounded by gardens which produce some of the finest teas. The lake offers boating and fishing apart from a view of snowcapped peaks. Enjoy the fulfilling experience of Nature in its purest form mingled with the unique culture prevalent here. Spend the rest of the day at Mirik & reach Darjeeling back by sunset & overnight stay at Darjeeling.

Day 4
Darjeeling>> Bagdogra/NJP drop (72 kms/ 3.5 hrs)



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 10400

In case upgraded to  $\underline{a}$  mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 2800 to the total cost.

<u>Splendorous</u> Sikkim

03 Nights/ 04 Days Tour Gangtok-3 Nights

Day 1
<u>Bagdogra/NJP>> Gangtok</u>



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 (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 Jhakhri Waterfalls**, back to the hotel by late afternoon.

Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 3
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 4

Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NJP



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 13400 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

• In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/ Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS add Rs. 3000 to the total cost



03 Nights / 04 Days Tour Darjeeling-1, Gangtok-2

Day 1
<u>Bagdogra/NJP>> Darjeeling</u>



Pick- up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station & transfer to 72 kms drive taking around 3.5 hrs to reach **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, 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. It is an experience of unforgettable beauty. Reach Darjeeling & check-in at hotel.

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

Day 2
Darjeeling>> Gangtok



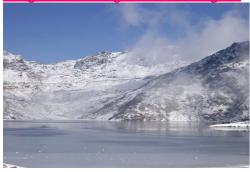
Start the day at 4 am with an early morning trip to **Tiger Hill (7800 Ft)** to catch the sunrise from behind the majestic Kanchenjunga range. On the way back visit the **Ghoom Monastery** & **Batasia Loop**, back to the hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast, Leave by 8.30am for 96 kms & 3hr 30mins journey to **Gangtok (5500ft)** the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty – Sikkim with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes. Take lunch at en-route.

(1400hrs-1800hrs) After lunch, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls. Return to the hotel by evening.

Evening free for leisure or go shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok



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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 4
<u>Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NJP drop</u>



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 16900 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

• In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/ Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 2200 to the total cost.



03 Nights/ 04 Days Tour Darjeeling-2, Gangtok-1

Day 1
<u>Bagdogra/NJP>> Darjeeling</u>



Pick- up from Bagdogra Airport & proceed to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 72kms drive taking around 3-4hours 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 & check in at hotel.

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

Day 2 <u>Darjeeling</u>



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

(09:00 AM TO 03:00 PM) 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 3
Darjeeling>> Gangtok



After breakfast, Leave by 8.30am for 96 kms & 3hr 30mins journey to **Gangtok (5500ft)** the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty – Sikkim with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes.

(1400hrs-1800hrs) After lunch, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls.

Evening free for leisure or go shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 4
Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NJP drop



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 14000.

• In case upgraded to <u>a mix of 01 AC Innova/ Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 2800 to the total cost.</u>

The Hills of Bengal

03 Nights / 04 Days Tour Darjeeling-2, Kalimpong-1

Day 1
IXB airport/NJP Station>> Darjeeling



Pick-up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station to be taken to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 88kms drive taking around 3.5hours to reach Darjeeling, 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 & check in at hotel.

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

Day 2
<u>Darjeeling (Full day local ss)</u>



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 3
Darjeeling>> Kalimpong



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 50kms taking around 2.5hrs to reach Kalimpong. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc.

After lunch, 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. 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 4

Kalimpong>> Bagdogra/NJP drop



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 11400.

In case upgraded to  $\underline{a}$  mix of 01 AC Innova/ Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 2900 to the total cost.



04 Nights/ 05 Days Tour Darjeeling-2, Gangtok-2

Day 1



Pick- up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station & transfer to 72 kms drive taking around 3.5 hrs to reach **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, 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. It is an experience of unforgettable beauty. Reach Darjeeling & check-in at hotel.

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

Day 2
Darjeeling (Full day local ss)



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

(09:00 AM TO 03:00 PM) 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 3 <u>Darjeeling>> Gangtok</u>



After breakfast, Leave by 8.30am for 96 kms & 3hr 30mins journey to **Gangtok (5500ft)** the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty – Sikkim with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes.

(1400hrs-1800hrs) After lunch, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls. Return to hotel by evening.

Evening free for leisure or go shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 4 <u>Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok</u>



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 5
<u>Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NJP drop</u>



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 18100 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica).

• In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/ Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 3400 to the total cost.



04 Nights/ 05 Days Tour Gangtok-2, Kalimpong-2

Day 1
IXB Airport/NIP Station>> Gangtok



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>> Kalimpong



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 Jhakhri Waterfalls**, back to the hotel by afternoon.

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After lunch, depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 50kms &, 2.5hrs to reach. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc. Check-in at hotel & overnight stay at Kalimpong.

Day 4
<u>Kalimpong (Full day local ss)</u>



After breakfast, proceed for a full 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**, **Kalim Temple**, **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. 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 5
<u>Kalimpong>> IXB Apt/ NJP rly station</u>



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 17100 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica).

In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 3800 to the total cost.



Day 1
Bagdogra Airport/NIP Station>> Gangtok



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
Ganatok>> Tsomao Lake>> Ganatok



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 <u>Gangtok>> Pelling</u>



(0900hrs-1400hrs) After breakfast, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls. Return back to the hotel for lunch.

After lunch, 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 late evening & 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 4 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**, **Rock Garden** & **Khangchendzonga waterfalls**.

After lunch, proceed to **The Pemayangtse Monastery (7021 Ft)**, 2.5kms from Pelling. Built during the late 17<sup>th</sup> 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 5
Pelling>> IXB/NIP drop (140 kms/05 hrs)



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

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Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 20500 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

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05 Nights/ 06 Days Tour Darjeeling-2, Gangtok-3

Day 1
Baadoara/NIP>> Darjeeling



Pick- up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station & transfer to 72 kms drive taking around 3.5 hrs to reach **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, 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. It is an experience of unforgettable beauty. Reach Darjeeling & check-in at hotel.

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

Day 2 Darjeeling (Full day local ss)



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

(09:00 AM TO 03:00 PM) 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 3
Darjeeling>> Gangtok



After breakfast, proceed for 96 kms & 3hr 30mins journey to **Gangtok (5500ft)** the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty – Sikkim with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes.

Reach Gangtok by afternoon & check-in at the hotel. Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 4
<u>Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok</u>



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 5 <u>Gangtok (Full day local ss)</u>



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 Jhakhri Waterfalls,** back to the hotel by late afternoon, Overnight stay at Gangtok.

Evening free for leisure or go shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 6
<u>Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NJP drop (130 kms/5 hrs)</u>



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 18500 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica).

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# Mystical Flavors of the Himalayas

05 Nights/ 06 Days Tour Darjeeling-3, Gangtok-2

Day 1
<u>Bagdogra Airport/NIP Rly Station>> Darjeeling</u>



Pick- up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station & transfer to 72 kms drive taking around 3.5 hrs to reach **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, 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. It is an experience of unforgettable beauty. Reach Darjeeling & check-in at hotel.

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

Day 2

<u>Darjeeling (Full day local ss)</u>



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

(09:00 AM TO 03:00 PM) 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 3
<u>Darjeeling>> Mirik>> Darjeeling</u>



After breakfast take a trip to "Mirik" (6000 Ft) – the newest hill-station in the Darjeeling hills. Famous for its squash (the vegetable) & the picturesque lake, this quiet township is also surrounded by gardens which produce some of the finest teas. The lake offers boating and fishing apart from a view of snow-capped peaks. Enjoy the fulfilling experience of Nature in its purest form mingled with the unique culture prevalent here. Spend the rest of the day at Mirik to reach Darjeeling back by sunset & overnight stay at Darjeeling.

Day 4

Darjeeling>> Gangtok



After breakfast, Leave by 8.30am for 96 kms & 3hr 30mins journey to **Gangtok (5500ft)** the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty – Sikkim with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes.

(1400hrs-1800hrs) After lunch, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls.

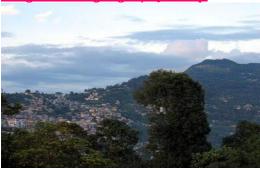
Evening free for leisure or go shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 5
<u>Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok</u>



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 6
Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NIP drop



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 20700 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

• In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 3500 to the total cost.



Day 1
<u>Bagdogra/NJP>> Gangtok</u>



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Day 2
<u>Gangtok (Full day local ss)</u>



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 Jhakhri Waterfalls**, back to the hotel by late afternoon.

Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 3
<u>Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok</u>



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 4

Gangtok>> Pelling



After breakfast at 9am, proceed to **Pelling (6800 Ft)**, a 5hour journey (112kms) 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 2-3pm & 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 to the **Rimbi Falls**, **Rock Garden**, **Khangchendzonga waterfalls**.

After lunch, proceed to **The Pemayangtse Monastery (7021 Ft)**, 2.5kms from Pelling. Built during the late  $17^{th}$  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>>Bagdogra/NJP



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



Supplement for 2nd Tata Sumo @ Rs. 20900 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 3700 to the total cost.



05 Nights/ 06 Days Tour Darjeeling-2, Kalimpong-1, Gangtok-2

Day 1 <u>IXB Airport/ NJP Station>> Darjeeling</u>



Pick-up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station to be taken to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 88kms drive taking around 3.5hours to reach Darjeeling, 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 & check in at hotel.

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

Day 2
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 3
Darjeeling>> Kalimpona



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong** (4000 Ft), a drive of 50kms taking around 2.5hrs to reach Kalimpong. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc.

After lunch, 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. 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 4

Kalimpong>> Gangtok



After breakfast, depart to a drive 76kms & 2.5hrs to reach **Gangtok (5500ft)** - the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty – Sikkim, with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes. Arrive at **Gangtok (5500 Ft)** by afternoon. Check-in at Hotel.

(1400hrs-1700hrs) After lunch, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls. Return to hotel by evening.

Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 5
<u>Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok</u>



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 6
Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NJP drop (130 kms/ 5 hrs)



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 20700 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

• In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 4600 to the total cost.



Day 1
<u>Bagdogra Airport/NJP Station>> Gangtok</u>



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
Ganatok>> Tsomao Lake>> Ganatok



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
<u>Gangtok>> Pelling</u>



(0900hrs-1400hrs) After breakfast, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls. Return back to the hotel for lunch.

After lunch, 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 late evening & 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 4 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, Rock Garden** & **Khangchendzonga waterfalls.** 

After lunch, proceed to **The Pemayangtse Monastery (7021 Ft)**, 2.5kms from Pelling. Built during the late  $17^{th}$  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 5
Pelling>> Kalimpong



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 95 kms, 4 hrs. 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.

After lunch 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. You are free at leisure with a visit to the market. Here 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 6
<u>Kalimpong>> IXB Apt/ NJP rly station</u>



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 24600 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

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Wondrous Himalayas

06 Nights/ 07 Days Tour <u>Darjeeling-3, Kalimpong-1, Gangtok-2</u>

Day 1
IXB airport/ NJP Station>> Darjeeling



Meet & greet at Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station & transfer to 72 kms drive taking around 3.5 to reach **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, 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. It is an experience of unforgettable beauty. Reach Darjeeling & check-in at hotel.

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

Day 2 <u>Darjeeling (Full day local ss)</u>



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

(09:00 AM TO 03:00 PM) 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 3
<u>Darjeeling>> Mirik>> Darjeeling</u>



After breakfast, take a trip to "Mirik" (6000 Ft) – the newest hill-station in the Darjeeling hills. Famous for its squash (the vegetable) & the picturesque lake, this quiet township is also surrounded by gardens which produce some of the finest teas. The lake offers boating and fishing apart from a view of snow-capped peaks. Enjoy the fulfilling experience of Nature in its purest form mingled with the unique culture prevalent here. Spend the rest of the day at Mirik & return back to Darjeeling by sunset & overnight stay at Darjeeling.

Day 4
<u>Darjeeling>> Kalimpong</u>

After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 50kms, 2.5hrs. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc. Reach by afternoon & check-in at the hotel.

After lunch, 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. 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 5
<u>Kalimpong>> Gangtok</u>



After breakfast, depart to a drive 76kms & 2.5hrs to reach, **Gangtok (5500ft)** - the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty – Sikkim, with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes. Arrive at **Gangtok (5500 Ft)** by afternoon. Check-in at Hotel.

(1400hrs-1700hrs) After lunch, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls. Return back to the hotel by evening.

 $Relax\ \&\ refresh\ yourself\ \&\ then\ walk\ to\ the\ mall\ which\ is\ just\ 5\ minutes\ away\ \&\ overnight\ stay\ at\ Gangtok.$ 

Day 6

Ganatok>> Tsomao Lake>> Ganatok



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 7

Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NJP drop (130 kms/ 5 hrs)



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 23300 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

• In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 5300 to the total cost.

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06 Nights/ 07 Days Tour Darjeeling-2, Kalimpong-1, Gangtok-3

Day 1
IXB Airport/ NJP Station>> Darjeeling



Pick-up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station to be taken to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 88kms drive taking around 3.5hours to reach Darjeeling, 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 & check in at hotel.

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

Day 2 <u>Darjeeling (Full day local ss)</u>



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 3
Darjeeling>> Kalimpong



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 50kms & at, 2.5hrs. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc.

After lunch, 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. 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.

Kalimpong>> Gangtok



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Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 5
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 6
<u>Gangtok (Full day local ss)</u>



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 Jhakhri Waterfalls**, back to the hotel by late afternoon.

Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 7
<u>Gangtok>> IXB Apt/ NJP rly station (130 kms/ 5 hrs)</u>



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 21100 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

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Obplender of Sikkim

06 Nights/ 07 Days Tour

Gangtok-2, Pelling-2, Darjeeling-2

Day 1
<u>Bagdogra Airport/NIP Station>> Gangtok</u>



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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.

рау з <u>Gangtok>> Pelling</u>



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After lunch, 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 late evening & 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 4
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**, **Rock Garden** & **Khangchendzonga waterfalls**.

After lunch, proceed to **The Pemayangtse Monastery (7021 Ft)**, 2.5kms from Pelling. Built during the late  $17^{th}$  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 5
Pelling>> Darjeeling



After Breakfast, proceed to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 72kms drive taking around 3-4hours 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 afternoon & check-in at the hotel.

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

Day 6
<u>Darjeeling (Full day local ss)</u>



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 7
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.



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 25700 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

• In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 3400 to the total cost.

## Mystical Alavours of the Hills

06 Nights/07 Days Tour Gangtok-2, Pelling-1, Darjeeling-2, Kalimpong-1

Day 1
<u>Bagdogra Airport/NJP Station>> Gangtok</u>



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
<u>Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok</u>



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>> Pelling



(0900hrs-1400hrs) After breakfast, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls. Return back to the hotel for lunch.

After lunch, 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 late evening & 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.



Leave early for the **Khecheopalri Lake**, also called the "Wish Fulfilling Lake". It lies in a depression surrounded by prayer flags & forested hills. Then visit to **Rimbi Falls, Rock Garden** & **Khangchendzonga waterfalls.** Return back to the Resort for lunch.

After lunch, proceed to **Darjeeling (7100 ft),** a 72kms drive taking around 3-4hours 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 5
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 6
<u>Darjeeling>> Kalimpong</u>



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 50kms, 2.5hrs. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc.

After lunch, 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. 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.

Kalimpong>> Bagdogra/NJP drop



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 28200 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

• In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 3200 to the total cost.



06 Nights/ 07 Days Tour Darjeeling-3, Gangtok-3

Day 1



Pick- up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station & transfer to 72 kms drive taking around 3.5 hrs to reach **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, 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. It is an experience of unforgettable beauty. Reach Darjeeling & check-in at hotel.

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

Day 2
<u>Darjeeling (Full day local ss)</u>



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

(09:00 AM TO 03:00 PM) 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 3
Darjeeling>> Mirik>> Darjeeling



After breakfast take a trip to "Mirik" (6000 Ft) – the newest hill-station in the Darjeeling hills. Famous for its squash (the vegetable) & the picturesque lake, this quiet township is also surrounded by gardens which produce some of the finest teas. The lake offers boating and fishing apart from a view of snow-capped peaks. Enjoy the fulfilling experience of Nature in its purest form mingled with the unique culture prevalent here. Spend the rest of the day at Mirik to reach Darjeeling back by sunset & overnight stay at Darjeeling.

Darjeeling>> Gangtok



After breakfast, proceed for 96 kms & 3hr 30mins journey to **Gangtok (5500ft)** the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty – Sikkim with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes.

Reach Gangtok by afternoon & check-in at the hotel. Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 5
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 Jhakhri Waterfalls,** back to the hotel by late afternoon, Overnight stay at Gangtok.

Evening free for leisure or go shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 6
<u>Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok</u>



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.

Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NJP drop

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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 21100 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

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06 Nights/ 07 Days Tour Gangtok-3, Pelling-2, Kalimpong-1

Day 1
<u>Bagdogra Airport/NJP Station>> Gangtok</u>



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Day 2
<u>Gangtok>>Tsomgo Lake>>Gangtok</u>



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.

Gangtok>> Pelling



After breakfast at 9am, proceed to **Pelling (6800 Ft)**, a 5hour journey (112kms) 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 2-3pm & 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**, **Rock Garden** & **Khangchendzonga waterfalls**.

After lunch, proceed to **The Pemayangtse Monastery (7021 Ft)**, 2.5kms from Pelling. Built during the late  $17^{th}$  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 <u>Pelling>> Kalimpong</u>



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 95 kms, 4 hrs. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc.

After lunch 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. You are free at leisure with a visit to the market. Here 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.

<u> Kalimpong>> IXB Apt/ NJP rly station</u>



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 25000 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

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## The Unforgettable Circuit

06 Nights/ 07 Days Tour Darjeeling-2, Kalimpong-2, Gangtok-2

Day 1
IXB airport/ NJP Station>> Darjeeling



Pick-up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station to be taken to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 88kms drive taking around 3.5hours to reach Darjeeling, 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 & check in at hotel.

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

Day 2
<u>Darjeeling (Full day local ss</u>



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 3
<u>Darjeeling>> Kalimpona</u>



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 50kms, 2.5hrs to Kalimpong. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc. Reach Kalimpong & check-in at 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 4 Kalimpong



After breakfast, proceed for a full day local 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**, **Kalim Temple**, **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. Evening free for go to the market or just take a walk thru the market & overnight stay at Kalimpong.

Day 5 <u>Kalimpong>> Gangtok</u>



After breakfast, depart to a drive 76kms & 2.5hrs to reach, **Gangtok (5500ft)** - the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty – Sikkim, with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes. Arrive at **Gangtok (5500 Ft)** by afternoon. Check-in at Hotel.

(1400hrs-1700hrs) After lunch, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls. Return back to the hotel by evening.

Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 6
<u>Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok</u>



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.

Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NJP drop



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 22300 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

• In case upgraded to <u>a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 5200 to the total cost.</u>

Unforgettable 3
07 Nights / 08 Days Tour
Gangtok-2, Pelling-2, Darjeeling-3

Day 1
IXB Airport/NJP Station>> Gangtok



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Day 2
Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok



After breakfast, proceed to **Tsomgo Lake (12,313ft)**, a 40kms drive which takes 2.5hrs. 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 3pm for a late lunch. Evening free for leisure or go shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts, Overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 3
Canatok >> Palling



(0900hrs-1400hrs) After breakfast, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls.

Onwards 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 evening & 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. Refresh yourself & go to the market for shopping & overnight stay at Pelling.

Day 4 <u>Pelling (Full day local ss)</u>



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

After lunch, proceed to **The Pemayangtse Monastery (7021 Ft)**, 2.5kms from Pelling. Built during the late 17<sup>th</sup> 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, **Rabdantse 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 5 <u>Pelling>> Darjeeling</u>



After breakfast, proceed to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 72kms drive taking around 3-4hours, the "Queen of the hill station", 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 afternoon & check in at hotel.

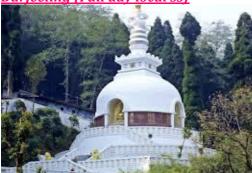
Spend the evening lazing around or walk up to the mall area & overnight stay at Darjeeling.

Day 6
<u>Darjeeling>> Mirik>> Darjeeling</u>



After breakfast take a trip to "Mirik" (6000 Ft) – the newest hill-station in the Darjeeling hills. Famous for its squash (the vegetable) & the picturesque lake, this quiet township is also surrounded by gardens which produce some of the finest teas. The lake offers boating and fishing apart from a view of snow-capped peaks. Enjoy the fulfilling experience of Nature in its purest form mingled with the unique culture prevalent here. Spend the rest of the day at Mirik to reach Darjeeling back by sunset & overnight stay at Darjeeling.

<u> Darjeeling (Full day local ss)</u>



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 8
Darjeeling>> Bagdogra/NJP drop (72 kms/ 3.5 hrs)



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

\*\* \*Tour End \*\*\*

Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 28300 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

In case upgraded to <u>a mix of</u> 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 4100 to the total cost.



Day 1
IXB Airport/NJP Station>> Gangtok



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.

Gangtok>> Pelling



After breakfast at 9am, proceed to **Pelling (6800 Ft)**, a 5hour journey (112kms) 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 2-3pm & 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**, **Rock Garden** & **Khangchendzonga waterfalls**.

After lunch, proceed to **The Pemayangtse Monastery (7021 Ft)**, 2.5kms from Pelling. Built during the late  $17^{th}$  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 <u>Pelling>> Darjeeling</u>



After Breakfast, proceed to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 72kms drive taking around 3-4hours 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 afternoon & check-in at the hotel.

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



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 8
<u>Darjeeling>> Bagdogra/NJP drop</u>



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

\*\* \*Tour End \*\*\*

Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 26100 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

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07 Nights/08 Days Gangtok-2, Pelling-2, Kalimpong-1, Darjeeling-2

Day 1
<u>Bagdogra Airport/NJP Station>> Gangtok</u>



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>> Ganatok



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 <u>Gangtok>> Pelling</u>



(0900hrs-1400hrs) After breakfast, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls. Return back to the hotel for lunch.

After lunch, 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 late evening & 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 4 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**, **Rock Garden** & **Khangchendzonga waterfalls**.

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Day 5
Pelling>> Kalimpong



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 6 <u>Kalimpong>> Darjeeling</u>



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 7 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 8
<u>Darjeeling>> IXB Apt/ NJP Rly station (72 kms/3.5 hrs)</u>



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



Supplement for 2nd Tata Sumo @ Rs. 29300 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

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Touching the Sky

07 Nights/ 08 Days Tour

Gangtok-3, Pelling-1, Darjeeling-2, Kalimpong-1

Day 1
IXB Airport/NIP Station>> Gangtok



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Day 2
<u>Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok</u>



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Day 3
Ganatok (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.

Gangtok>> Pelling



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Arrive at Pelling by 2-3pm & 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 <u>Pelling>> Darjeeling</u>



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

Day 6 <u>Darjeeling (Full day local ss)</u>



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 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, Tea Garden, Tibetan Refugees Self Help Centre & 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 7

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Day 8
<u>Kalimpong>> IXB Apt/ NJP rly station</u>



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 28600 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

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07 Nights/ 08 Days Tour Darjeeling-2, Gangtok-2, Lachung-2, Gangtok-1

Day 1
<u>Baadoara/NJP>>Darjeelina</u>



Pick-up from Bagdogra Airport/NJP Railway Station & proceed to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 88kms drive taking around 3.5hours 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 & check-in at hotel.

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

Day 2 Darieeling



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 return way visit to 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 3
Darjeeling>> Gangtok



After breakfast by 8.30am, proceed to a 96 kms journey & taking around 3hrs 30mins to reach **Gangtok (5500ft)** the Land of the Pristine and unspoilt natural beauty–Sikkim with alpine landscapes and thick luxuriant forests, rivers in torrent and peaceful lakes. Check in at hotel.

(1400hrs-1800hrs) After lunch, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls.

Evening free for leisure or go shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 4



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.

Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 5
Gangtok>> Lachung



After breakfast, proceed to **Lachung (8610 Ft)**, a distance of 126 kms. On the way stop en-route and enjoy the wonderful locations like **Kabi Lungstok** (25km from Gangtok where a blood brotherhood was signed between the Lepcha chief, Thekong Tek & the Bhutia chief, Khye Bumsa. The spot where the ceremony took place is marked by a memorial stone pillar amidst the cover of dense forests); **Naga Waterfalls**; the confluence of **Lachen Chu & Lachung Chu at Chungthang-** the starting point of the river Teesta. Chungthang is predominantly a Lepcha region, the nodal junction for the two passes- Lachen & Lachung. Stop at the **Twin Waterfalls** & **Bhim Nala Waterfalls** before reaching Lachung by 7 pm.

**Lachung** is an exquisite valley town, resplendent in its crown of snow capped mountains, breathtaking waterfalls & sparkling streams. It has been described as "the most picturesque village of Sikkim" by Joseph Dalton in his 'Himalayan Journal' (1855). Check-in at the Hotel & overnight stay at Lachung.

Day 6

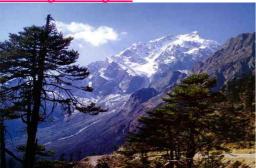


Early morning a fleeting visit to the Lachung Monastery & back to the hotel for breakfast.

After Breakfast at 8am proceed to **Yumthang Valley (11800 Ft)** a 23 kms drive taking 1.5hrs. This is where the Tree Line ends & the rhododendron groves cover the landscape in a surreal shade. Also called the Valley of Flowers as in spring wild alpine flowers carpet the land. In winter there is snow all around and the snow clad mountains add to the ethereal beauty. This place is also known for its Hot Springs which have healing medicinal properties.

Picnic in this beautiful valley for 2-3 hrs, trek to reach the high points all around, take a bath in the Hot Springs. Return back to hotel & overnight stay at Lachung.

Lachung>> Gangtok



After breakfast, depart for Gangtok by 10am. Arrive by lunch & Check in at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure or go shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 8
<u>Gangtok>> Bagdogra/NJP</u>



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



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Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 28100 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

## East Himalayan Kingdoms

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

Day 1
IXB Airport/NJP Station>> Gangtok



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 & check in at hotel. Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 2 <u>Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok</u>



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 <u>Gangtok (Full day local ss)</u>



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.

Gangtok>> Pelling



After breakfast at 9am, 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).

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

Day 5
Pelling>> Darjeeling



Leave early for the **Khecheopalri Lake**, also called the "Wish Fulfilling Lake". It lies in a depression surrounded by prayer flags & forested hills. Then visit to **Rimbi Falls, Rock Garden** & **Khangchendzonga waterfalls.** Return back to the Resort for lunch.

After lunch, proceed to **Darjeeling (7100 ft),** a 72kms drive taking around 3-4hours 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 6
<u>Darjeeling>> Mirik>> Darjeeling</u>



After breakfast take a sightseeing trip to "Mirik" (6000 Ft) – the newest hill-station in the Darjeeling hills. Famous for its squash (the vegetable) & the picturesque lake, this quiet township is also surrounded by gardens which produce some of the finest teas. The lake offers boating and fishing apart from a view of snow-capped peaks. Enjoy the fulfilling experience of Nature in its purest form mingled with the unique culture prevalent here. Spend the rest of the day at Mirik & reach Darjeeling back by sunset & overnight stay at Darjeeling.

Day 7
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 8
<u>Darjeeling>> Kalimpong</u>



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 50kms, 2.5hrs. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc.

After lunch, 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. 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 9 Kalimpong>> Bagdogra/NIP drop



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 31200 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

• In case upgraded to a mix of 01 AC Innova/Xylo/Scorpio for Transfers & SS, add Rs. 5500 to the total cost.



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

Day 1
<u>Bagdogra Airport/NIP Station>> Gangtok</u>



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>> Pelling



((0900hrs-1400hrs) After breakfast, visit to Cottage Industries, Started during the time of the Chogyals of Sikkim, as a venture to preserve, protect and propagate the authentic Sikkimese arts, handicrafts and skills of local and village artisans, it has become one of the major attractions for people visiting Sikkim where beautiful souvenirs like carpets, hand carved tables (choktses), traditional handcrafts, furniture, handlooms carpets and other products are produced & exhibited for sale. Flower Show, at one end and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Centre which holds the annual Orchid show. Inside the area is not very large but it has amazing collections of flowers of many different types, if you are a flower lover, then this is the place for you. But the best time is between March to June when the Orchids are in full bloom and put on display, 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 Jhakhri Waterfalls. Return back to the hotel for lunch.

After lunch, 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 late evening & 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.

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**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, Rock Garden & 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 5 <u>Pelling>> Darjeeling</u>



After Breakfast, proceed to Darjeeling (7100 ft), a 72kms drive taking around 3-4hours 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 afternoon & check-in at the hotel.

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

Day 6 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.



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 50kms, take 2.5 hrs to reach. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc.

Reach Kalimpong & check-in at hotel. Evening free at leisure with a visit to the market, where you can 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 8 Kalimpong



After breakfast, proceed for a full 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**, **Kalim Temple**, **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. Evening free at leisure or just take a walk thru the market & overnight stay at Kalimpong.

Day 9 <u>Kalimpong>> IXB Apt/ NJP Rly Station</u>



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 30900 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

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

Day 1
IXB Airport/NIP Station>> Gangtok



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
Ganatok (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.

Gangtok>> Pelling



After breakfast at 9am, proceed to **Pelling (6800 Ft)**, a 5hour journey (112kms) 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 2-3pm & check-in at the 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
<u>Pelling (Full day local ss)</u>



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**, **Rock Garden** & **Khangchendzonga waterfalls**.

After lunch, proceed to **The Pemayangtse Monastery (7021 Ft)**, 2.5kms from Pelling. Built during the late  $17^{\text{th}}$  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 <u>Pelling>> Darjeeling</u>



After Breakfast, proceed to **Darjeeling (7100 ft)**, a 72kms drive taking around 3-4hours 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 afternoon & check-in at the hotel.

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

Day 7
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 8
Darjeeling>> Kalimpong



After breakfast depart to **Kalimpong (4000 Ft)**, a drive of 50kms & take 2.5 hrs to reach Kalimpong. Also called the garden of flowers, this town has almost everything- scenic beauty, flowers, greenery, waters, mists, clouds etc. Arrive by afternoon & check-in at hotel.

After lunch, proceed for a half day local 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 go to **Mangal Dham Temple** constructed in memory of the late Guru Shree (108) Mangal Dasji and dedicated to Lord Krishna. 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 9
<u>Kalimpong>> IXB Apt/ NJP Rly Station (76 kms/ 2.5 hrs)</u>



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



Supplement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tata Sumo @ Rs. 29700 (Gangtok local sight-seeing would be by NAC Wagon R/Indica)

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10 Nights/11 Days Tour Gangtok-2, Lachung-2, Gangtok-1, Pelling-2, Darjeeling-2, Kalimpong-1

Day 1
IXB Airport/NJP Station>> Gangtok



Pick-up from Bagdogra airport/NJP railway station to be taken to a 130 kms & 5 hrs journey 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. Check in at Gangtok hotel. Relax & refresh yourself & then walk to the mall which is just 5 minutes away & overnight stay at Gangtok.

Day 2 Gangtok>> Tsomgo Lake>> Gangtok



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Day 3
<u>Gangtok>> Lachung</u>



After breakfast, proceed to **Lachung (8610 Ft)**, a distance of 126 kms. On the way stop en-route and enjoy the wonderful locations like **Kabi Lungstok** (25km from Gangtok where a blood brotherhood was signed between the Lepcha chief, Thekong Tek & the Bhutia chief, Khye Bumsa. The spot where the ceremony took place is marked by a memorial stone pillar amidst the cover of dense forests); **Naga Waterfalls**; the confluence of **Lachen Chu & Lachung Chu at Chungthang-** the starting point of the river Teesta. Chungthang is predominantly a Lepcha region, the nodal junction for the two passes- Lachen & Lachung. Stop at the **Twin Waterfalls** & **Bhim Nala Waterfalls** before reaching Lachung by 7 pm.

**Lachung** is an exquisite valley town, resplendent in its crown of snow capped mountains, breathtaking waterfalls & sparkling streams. It has been described as "the most picturesque village of Sikkim" by Joseph Dalton in his 'Himalayan Journal' (1855). Check-in at the Hotel & overnight stay at Lachung.

<u>Lachung>></u>



Early morning a fleeting visit to the Lachung Monastery. Return to the hotel for breakfast.

After Breakfast at 8am proceed to **Yumthang Valley (11800 Ft)** a 23 kms drive taking 1.5hrs. This is where the Tree Line ends & the rhododendron groves cover the landscape in a surreal shade. Also called the Valley of Flowers as in spring wild alpine flowers carpet the land. In winter there is snow all around and the snow clad mountains add to the ethereal beauty. This place is also known for its Hot Springs which have healing medicinal properties.

Picnic in this beautiful valley for 2-3 hrs, trek to reach the high points all around, take a bath in the Hot Springs. Return back to hotel & overnight stay at Lachung.

Day 5

<u> Lachung>> Gangtok</u>



After breakfast, depart for Gangtok by 10am. Arrive by lunch & Check in at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure or go for shopping for Sikkimese traditional handicrafts & overnight stay at Gangtok.





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Day 7 <u>Pelling (Full day local ss)</u>



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Day 8
<u>Pelling>> Darjeeling</u>



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Day 9 Darjeeling (Full day local ss)



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<u>Darjeeling>> Kalimpong</u>



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Day 11
<u>Kalimpong>> IXB Apt/ NJP Rly Station</u>



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



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