

Sikkim Weekend Escape: Gangtok & Tsomgo Lake Short Break

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Destination
Sikkim



Duration
3 Nights 4 Days



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 **Gangtok - 3N**

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Overview

Sikkim Weekend Escape: Gangtok & Tsomgo Lake Short Break – A compact, family-friendly Sikkim tour package designed for travelers who want to experience the best of East Sikkim in just 3 nights and 4 days. This Sikkim Family tour package and Sikkim Family Retreat package focuses on comfortable stays in Gangtok, easy-paced sightseeing, and a memorable excursion to Tsomgo Lake (Changu Lake) and Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir. Ideal as a 3 and 4 Sikkim Family tour package for couples, families, and small groups.

Highlights:

- Gangtok city tour: MG Marg, Enchey Monastery
- Tsomgo Lake (Changu Lake) and Baba Mandir day excursion
- Panoramic mountain views and scenic drives
- Comfortable 3-star/4-star accommodation (family rooms available)
- All permits, transfers, and local assistance included

This short break is perfect for families seeking a relaxed getaway with easy logistics and kid-friendly activities.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 3 nights in Gangtok (choice of 3-star/4-star hotels) with daily breakfast
- ✓ Private transfers: Bagdogra/NJP "Gangtok (AC vehicle subject to group size)
- ✓ Sightseeing as per itinerary with local driver-guide
- ✓ All applicable permits for Tsomgo Lake and restricted-area visits
- ✓ Parking, tolls and driver allowances
- ✓ 24/7 local assistance and emergency support
- ✓ Note: This package is presented as an all-inclusive short break for families and small groups.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Bagdogra / NJP
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and optional activities (e.g., yak ride fees at Tsomgo Lake)
- ✗ Medical/Travel insurance
- ✗ Any meals not specified in inclusions
- ✗ Early check-in or late check-out charges (unless specified)
- ✗ Important: Entrance fees for special attractions if any (not part of standard permits) will be additional.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Evening at Leisure

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station and drive to Gangtok (approx. 4–5 hours by road). Check in to your hotel and relax. In the evening, take a leisurely walk on MG Marg – enjoy shopping, local cafes and the pleasant hill-town atmosphere.

Important: Carry light woolens; evenings can be chilly. Hotel check-in is usually after 1200 hours.

Day

2

Gangtok City Highlights

After breakfast, enjoy a gentle city tour of Gangtok. Key stops include Enchey Monastery, Tashi Viewpoint (for sunrise/peak views), Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, and Flower Exhibition Centre (seasonal). Return to the hotel by late afternoon. Evening at leisure; optional walk on MG Marg.

Tip: If visiting en route to viewpoints, start early for clearer skies and better mountain visibility.

Day

3

Tsomgo Lake (Changu Lake) & Baba Mandir Excursion

Full-day excursion to the iconic Tsomgo Lake (Changu Lake) and Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir. Drive on the scenic roads that offer stunning vistas of the Eastern Himalayas. Spend time at the emerald lake, enjoy optional yak rides or short walks around the lake, and visit the revered Baba Mandir. Return to Gangtok by evening.

Important: Tsomgo Lake is at high altitude (~12,400 ft). Carry water, warm clothing, and inform us in advance if any traveler has altitude sensitivity. Permits for the lake visit are included in the package.

Day

4

Departure

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station for your onward journey. If time permits, stop for last-minute souvenirs or photos en route.

Note: Standard check-out time is by 1100–1200 hours. Please confirm your onward travel schedule so transfers can be timed accordingly.

Frequently Asked Questions

❓ **What is the best time to visit Sikkim?**

The prime seasons are March–June and October–November. Spring (March–June) offers clear mountain views, blooming rhododendrons, and pleasant weather with temperatures around 15–22°C in Gangtok. This is peak season for trekking and visiting high-altitude lakes. Autumn (October–November) provides crisp, clear skies perfect for photography and mountain views. Winter (December–February) brings snow to high passes like Tsomgo Lake and Nathula, with possible road closures. Monsoon (June–September) sees heavy rainfall and frequent landslides that can disrupt travel on NH-10. For rhododendron blooms, visit Yumthang Valley between late February and mid-June. Each season has its charm, but spring and autumn offer the most reliable weather and accessibility.

❓ **How do I reach Sikkim from major Indian cities?**

The most reliable route is flying to Bagdogra Airport (IXB) in Siliguri, West Bengal, then driving 4–5 hours to Gangtok via NH-10. Major airlines connect Bagdogra to Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and other cities. By train, New Jalpaiguri (NJP) is the nearest major railhead, about 120km from Gangtok. From NJP/Siliguri, take shared jeeps or hire taxis for the scenic mountain drive through Sevoke, Teesta Bazar, Melli, and Rangpo. Pakyong Airport in Sikkim exists but currently has no scheduled commercial flights as of 2025—always verify before planning. The under-construction Sivok–Rangpo railway may bring rail connectivity to Sikkim by 2027. Road travel during monsoon may face landslide delays.

❓ **Do I need special permits to visit Sikkim?**

Indian citizens need permits for certain areas: Nathula Pass, Tsomgo Lake, North Sikkim (Lachen/Lachung), and the Old Silk Route. These can be arranged through registered tour operators 24–48 hours in advance. Bring 2 passport photos and valid ID (Voter ID, Passport, or Driving License—Aadhaar often not accepted). Foreign nationals require a Protected Area Permit to enter Sikkim and can only visit designated areas like Tsomgo Lake, Gangtok, Pelling, and Yuksom. Foreigners cannot visit Gurudongmar Lake, Zuluk, or Nathula Pass. Children under 18 need birth certificates. Permits may be suspended during bad weather or security concerns. Always carry multiple ID copies and extra photos.

❓ **What are the local transportation options within Sikkim?**

Shared jeeps are the backbone of Sikkim transport, connecting all major towns and tourist spots. They're affordable and frequent on popular routes. Local taxis are available for sightseeing and can be hired for full days. Sikkim Nationalised Transport (SNT) runs intercity buses on main routes, though services are limited compared to jeeps. The Gangtok Ropeway offers scenic city views connecting Deorali to Tashiling. Self-driving is possible but challenging due to mountain roads, weather conditions, and permit requirements—hired vehicles with local drivers are more practical. Most hotels can arrange transportation. For North Sikkim trips, tour operators provide vehicles as individual permits and local knowledge are essential. Book transport in advance during peak seasons.

❓ **Where should I stay in Sikkim and what accommodation options are available?**

Gangtok is the main base with options from budget guesthouses to luxury resorts like MAYFAIR Spa Resort & Casino and heritage properties like The Elgin Nor-Khill. MG Marg area offers convenient access to restaurants and shopping. For West Sikkim, stay in Pelling near Pemayangtse Monastery—The Elgin Mount Pandim offers heritage charm with mountain views. North Sikkim requires overnight stays in Lachen (for Gurudongmar Lake) or Lachung (for Yumthang Valley)—try Apple Orchard Resort or Yarlam Resort. Yuksom offers trekking base camps and eco-lodges. Ravangla and Namchi have emerging hotel scenes. Book well in advance for peak season (March–June). Many properties offer package deals including meals and local sightseeing. Homestays in villages like Dzongu provide authentic cultural experiences.

❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Sikkim?**

Tsomgo Lake, a sacred glacial lake at 3,753m that freezes in winter, is accessible from Gangtok. Nathula Pass on the Indo-China border offers historical significance (Indians only). Yumthang Valley, the 'Valley of Flowers,' showcases alpine meadows and rhododendrons. Pelling features the Chenrezig Skywalk (India's first glass skywalk) and Pemayangtse Monastery. Rumtek Monastery is Sikkim's largest gumpa with stunning architecture. Khecheopalri Lake is considered wish-fulfilling by locals. Buddha Park in Ravangla houses a 130-ft Buddha statue. Gurudongmar Lake at 5,183m is among the world's highest lakes (Indians only). Khangchendzonga National Park, a UNESCO site, offers incredible biodiversity and trekking. Temi Tea Garden provides organic tea experiences. Each destination offers unique cultural and natural experiences.

❓ What local food and cuisine should I try in Sikkim?

Sikkim's cuisine blends Nepali, Tibetan (Bhutia), and Lepcha influences. Must-try dishes include momos (steamed dumplings), thukpa (noodle soup), and sha phaley (Tibetan meat pasties). Try phagshapa (pork with radish and dried chilies), gundruk soup (fermented leafy greens), and kinema curry (fermented soybeans). Ningro with churpi (fiddlehead ferns with local cheese) represents indigenous flavors. Sel roti is a traditional ring-shaped bread. Tongba, a warm millet-based alcoholic beverage, is perfect for cold evenings. Don't miss Temi tea, grown in Sikkim's only tea estate. Visit Taste of Tibet on MG Marg for authentic momos, 9INE Native Cuisine for traditional Sikkimese plates, and local markets for fresh churpi cheese and organic produce.

★ Traveller Reviews



Vivek Tiwari

★★★★★ 5/5

One of the Best Trips Ever

I can say this was one of the best trips ever. The diverse landscape of Sikkim was incredible!



Meenal Joshi

★★★★☆ 4/5

A Colorful Cultural Tour

Sikkim offers a colorful cultural experience. Glad we opted for this tour, our lives are richer for it!



Prakash Oza

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Kiran Gill

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Deepak Agarwal

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