

Pelling & Pemayangtse Weekend: Monasteries & Kanchenjunga Panoramas

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Destination
Sikkim



Duration
4 Nights 5 Days



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Rs. 12,800 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

📍 **Pelling · 3N**

📍 **Namchi · 1N**

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Overview

Pelling & Pemayangtse Weekend: Monasteries & Kanchenjunga Panoramas - A thoughtfully crafted 4 nights / 5 days Sikkim tour package that blends spiritual visits, panoramic Himalayan viewpoints and easy-paced travel. Ideal as a Sikkim Pilgrimage tour package and a serene mountain break, this Sikkim Pilgrimage package highlights the sacred Pemayangtse Monastery, the mystical Khecheopalri Lake, and multiple vantage points for the mighty Kanchenjunga.

Highlights:

- Pemayangtse Monastery – One of Sikkim's oldest and most revered monasteries
- Khecheopalri Lake – A sacred wish-fulfilling lake for pilgrims
- Kanchenjunga Viewpoints – Sunrise panoramas and photographic vistas
- Singshore Bridge & Rimbi Falls – Scenic engineering and waterfalls
- Samdruptse & Char Dham (Namchi) – Important pilgrimage sites in South Sikkim

This itinerary is perfect for travellers looking for a spiritual, scenic and relaxed 4 and 5 Sikkim Pilgrimage tour package experience.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights accommodation (3 nights in Pelling, 1 night in Namchi) with breakfast
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private car as per itinerary (from Bagdogra / NJP)
- ✓ Services of an experienced local guide for sightseeing
- ✓ All monument / monastery parking and entry expenses where applicable
- ✓ Evening orientation and local taxes
- ✓ Inclusions may vary by operator; confirm at booking.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / train tickets to Bagdogra or NJP
- ✗ Meals not specified (lunches and dinners unless mentioned)
- ✗ Personal expenses (tips, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- ✗ Optional activities, park fees not mentioned in inclusions
- ✗ Travel insurance and GST / service charges if levied
- ✗ Note: Permits (if required) and any government taxes levied additionally are payable by the traveller.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Drive to Pelling

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport (IXB) or New Jalpaiguri (NJP) railway station. Meet and transfer to Pelling (approx. 4.5–5.5 hours by road). En route admire changing landscape as you climb into West Sikkim. Check in at your hotel and relax.

Evening: Short walk around Pelling Market and an orientation with your guide.
Overnight in Pelling.

Day

2

Pemayangtse Monastery, Rabdentse Ruins & Khecheopalri Lake

After an early breakfast, visit Pemayangtse Monastery, one of the most important historic monasteries in Sikkim – rich in murals, ancient artifacts and spiritual ambience. Continue to Rabdentse Ruins (the old capital) to see panoramic ruins and learn Sikkim's royal history.

In the afternoon drive to Khecheopalri Lake, a sacred and serene lake revered by Buddhists and Hindus alike – a key stop on a Sikkim Pilgrimage tour package. Spend contemplative time by the lake, observing local rituals and birdlife.

Optional: Evening prayer or puja at the monastery (seasonal). Overnight in Pelling.

Day

3

Kanchenjunga Sunrise, Singshore Bridge & Rimbi Falls

Rise before dawn for a magnificent sunrise viewing of Mount Kanchenjunga from the best local vantage points (weather permitting). Capture panoramic photos of the Himalayan range and the terraced valleys below.

Post-sunrise return for breakfast then proceed to Singshore Bridge, one of Sikkim's longest suspension bridges offering dramatic views. Nearby visit Rimbi Waterfall and enjoy light walks in the surrounding pine and rhododendron forests.

Evening free to stroll through Pelling or attend a short meditation session at your hotel.
Overnight in Pelling.

Day

4

Transfer to Namchi — Samdruptse & Char Dham Pilgrimage

After breakfast check out and drive to Namchi (approx. 3–4 hours). Namchi is a major pilgrimage hub in South Sikkim. Visit the colossal Samdruptse statue (Guru Padmasambhava) and the nearby Char Dham complex — a beautifully constructed pilgrimage site representing four sacred Hindu dhams.

Take in the panoramic views from the hilltop and explore the serene temples. This day complements the spiritual theme of this Sikkim Pilgrimage package with diverse religious sites.

Evening: Check in to your Namchi hotel and relax. Overnight in Namchi.

Day

5

Departure to Bagdogra / NJP

After breakfast check out and drive back to Bagdogra Airport / NJP for your onward journey (approx. 3.5–4.5 hours from Namchi). En route you can stop for photos or quick local refreshments.

Arrive at Bagdogra / NJP in time for your flight or train. Trip concluded with fond memories of a calm, spiritual and scenic Sikkim tour package.

Note: Drive times are approximate and may vary with traffic and weather conditions.

🔍 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 gompa 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

★★★★★ 5/5

Discovering Nature's Bounty

This tour was a wonderful discovery of nature's bounty in Sikkim. Unforgettable trips to lakes and mountains!



Kiran Gill

★★★★★ 5/5

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Whether you seek adventure or relaxation, Sikkim has it all. Our tour was filled with both!



Deepak Agarwal

★★★★☆ 4/5

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