

Yumthang Valley Spring Bloom: Lachung Nature Retreat

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Destination
Sikkim



Duration
4 Nights 5 Days



Starting from
Rs. 14,200 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Gangtok · 2N**

↖ **Lachung · 2N**

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Overview

Yumthang Valley Spring Bloom: Lachung Nature Retreat – a refreshing 4 nights and 5 days Sikkim tour package designed for families and nature lovers. This Sikkim Family tour package highlights the alpine meadows of Yumthang Valley, the quaint mountain village of Lachung, and the vibrant hill-city of Gangtok. Perfect as a 4 and 5 Sikkim Family tour package, it blends relaxed sightseeing, short scenic drives, and family-friendly activities during spring bloom season.

Highlights:

- Yumthang Valley (famous for spring blooms and rhododendrons)
- Yumesamdong (Zero Point) – optional high-altitude excursion
- Lachung village stay – serene mountain ambiance
- Gangtok leisure, shopping & local culture
- Scenic drives via Chungthang, Singhik Viewpoint, and Seven Sisters Waterfall

Best time: March to May for rhododendron and alpine blooms. Altitude: be prepared for high-altitude conditions; consult the health/tips section below.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 4 nights on twin/double sharing basis (as per selected category).
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 3 dinners (hotel meals as per itinerary).
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by a private, well-maintained vehicle (as per group size).
- ✓ All applicable permits for North Sikkim (Yumthang & Zero Point) and entry permits handled by the operator.
- ✓ Local English/Hindi speaking driver and fuel, parking, tolls.
- ✓ First aid kit and basic travel assistance.
- ✓ Taxes and service charges.
- ✓ Note: Special requirements (extra meals, mountain permits beyond standard itinerary) may incur additional charges.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Bagdogra / NJP and return.
- ✗ Personal expenses such as phone calls, laundry, tips/gratuities, extra snacks and drinks.
- ✗ Travel insurance and medical expenses.
- ✗ Any meals not specified in inclusions.
- ✗ Additional activities not mentioned in the itinerary (e.g., private guides, pony/porter charges at Yumthang or Zero Point).
- ✗ Emergency evacuation or extra nights due to weather-related delays.
- ✗ Important: Visitors with heart or respiratory conditions, pregnant travelers, and children should consult a physician before booking due to high-altitude visits.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Transfer to Gangtok & Evening Leisure

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station and meet your driver. Transfer to Gangtok (approx. 4-5 hours) with scenic views en route. Check in at your hotel and relax. In the evening, take a leisurely stroll on MG Marg, explore local shops and try Sikkimese snacks. Early arrival recommended to acclimatize; avoid strenuous activity on day of arrival.

Day

2

Drive to Lachung via Mangan & Chungthang – Village Walk

After breakfast, depart for Lachung (approx. 6-7 hours) via Mangan and Chungthang. The drive takes you through lush pine forests, rivers and waterfalls. Stop at scenic viewpoints including Singhik Viewpoint and the Seven Sisters Waterfall for photographs. Arrive in Lachung, check-in, and enjoy a relaxed village walk to experience local culture. Carry warm clothing – mountain nights can be chilly.

Day

3

Yumthang Valley Spring Bloom & Hot Springs Excursion

Early morning drive to Yumthang Valley (Yumthang is often carpeted with blooming rhododendrons and spring flowers). Explore the valley's meadows, take photos of the panoramic Himalayan backdrop and enjoy a gentle walk. Optionally proceed to Yumesamdong (Zero Point) – an additional short drive/walk depending on weather and road conditions. On return, visit the natural Yumthang Hot Springs for a warm soak (seasonal). Return to Lachung for dinner and overnight. Zero Point may require special permission and is subject to road access.

Day

4

Return to Gangtok with En Route Stops & Leisure Evening

After breakfast, check out and drive back to Gangtok. En route, enjoy panoramic valley views and short photo stops. Arrive in Gangtok by evening, check in to your hotel and spend the night at leisure. Consider a calm evening at the hotel or a short visit to a local café. Keep some local currency handy for small purchases on the route.

Day

5

Departure – Transfer to Bagdogra / NJP

After breakfast, complete hotel formalities and transfer to Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station for your onward journey. If time permits, quick shopping or a short visit to Enchey Monastery or local market in Gangtok can be arranged. Ensure timely check-out and allow adequate travel time to the airport/railway station.

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

★★★★☆ 4/5

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