

# Family Fun in Sikkim: Gangtok, Pelling & Cultural Experiences

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Destination  
**Sikkim**



Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 19,500 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

📍 **Gangtok · 3N**

📍 **Pelling · 2N**

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## Overview

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Family Fun in Sikkim: Gangtok, Pelling & Cultural Experiences is a refreshing 5-night, 6-day Sikkim Family Retreat package designed for families seeking a blend of nature, culture, and light adventure. This carefully curated Sikkim tour package covers the best of Gangtok and Pelling, with cultural experiences, serene lakes, iconic monasteries, and panoramic views of the Himalayas. Ideal for families, grandparents, and kids, this itinerary balances sightseeing with relaxed family time.

### Highlights:

- Gangtok: MG Marg, Rumtek Monastery, local markets
- Tsomgo Lake & Baba Mandir: High-altitude lake experience
- Pelling: Pemayangtse Monastery, Khecheopalri Lake, Singshore Bridge
- Cultural experiences: Traditional monastery visits and village strolls
- Family-friendly pace: Short drives, leisurely sightseeing and kid-friendly stops

This offering targets families and travelers searching for a 5 and 6 Sikkim Family tour package or a 5 and 6-day Sikkim Family tour package.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation: 5 nights in family-friendly hotels (twin/triple/quad rooms) with daily breakfast
- ✓ Transfers: Arrival and departure transfers from Bagdogra Airport/NJP and intercity transfers in a private vehicle
- ✓ Sightseeing: All transfers and sightseeing as per itinerary (driver and fuel included)
- ✓ Permits & Fees: Inner line permits and standard entry fees at listed attractions
- ✓ Driver allowance and parking
- ✓ Emergency support and 24/7 local contact
- ✓ Note: This 5 and 6 Sikkim Family Retreat tour package includes comfortable stays and hassle-free transfers for families.

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Bagdogra/NJP
- ✗ Meals and drinks not mentioned (lunches and dinners unless specified)
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and insurance
- ✗ Adventure activities not specified (yak rides, pony rides, cable car, etc.) – payable locally
- ✗ Any increase in taxes, fuel surcharge or government levies
- ✗ Monastery donations and camera/video fees where applicable
- ✗ Important: Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all travelers.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival in Gangtok & Leisurely Evening**

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport or NJP Railway Station and transfer to Gangtok (approx. 4–5 hours by road). Check in to your family-friendly hotel and relax. Spend the evening strolling along MG Marg—a pedestrian mall ideal for children and elders, with cafés and shops. Overnight in Gangtok.

Important notes:

- Acclimatize slowly; keep hydrated.
- Short drive with scenic views; stops en route for refreshments and photos.

Day

2

### **Tsomgo Lake & Baba Mandir Excursion**

Full-day excursion to Tsomgo (Changu) Lake and Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir. Enjoy the pristine glacial lake, yak rides (optional, paid locally), and panoramic mountain vistas. On the return, visit the local market in Gangtok for souvenirs. This day involves a higher altitude—suitable precautions advised.

Tip: Carry warm clothing, sunscreen, and bottled water.

Day

3

### **Gangtok Cultural & Scenic Tour**

Explore the cultural heart of Sikkim with visits to Rumtek Monastery (one of the most important Tibetan Buddhist centers), Enchey Monastery, and the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology. Enjoy views of the surrounding hills and a family-friendly walk at Tashi Viewpoint (weather permitting). Evening free for leisure.

Special note: Monasteries require modest dress; avoid loud behavior and photography where restricted.

Day

4

### **Scenic Drive to Pelling & Village Stopovers**

After breakfast, drive to Pelling (approx. 4–5 hours). En route, enjoy scenic viewpoints and a family-friendly stop at a local village for a brief cultural interaction and tea. Check in at Pelling and relax. Evening at leisure—enjoy sunset views over the mountains.

Tip: Keep cameras ready for waterfalls and terraced fields along the route.

Day

5

### **Pelling: Monasteries, Khecheopalri & Singshore Bridge**

Full-day exploration of Pelling's highlights: Pemayangtse Monastery, the ancient Khecheopalri Lake (a sacred wish-fulfilling lake), Rabdentse Ruins for history lovers, and the dramatic Singshore Bridge—one of Asia's highest suspension bridges. Enjoy easy nature walks and photo stops. Overnight in Pelling.

Day

6

### **Departure via NJP/Bagdogra**

After breakfast, check out and drive to Bagdogra Airport or NJP Railway Station for your onward journey. En route, stop for souvenirs or short photo breaks. Tour concludes on arrival at the transfer point.

Important: Allow additional travel buffer time for mountain traffic.

## **? Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **? 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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ 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**

★★★★★ 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

### A Suitable Escape for Everyone

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



**Deepak Agarwal**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### Amazing Weather & Scenery

The weather was perfect during our visit to Sikkim, enhancing the beautiful scenery. The whole tour was very enjoyable!

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