

Kanchenjunga Base Camp Trek Intro: Dzongri Short Trek

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Destination
Sikkim



Duration
5 Nights 6 Days



Starting from
Rs. 22,750 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE



Gangtok · 1N



Yuksom · 2N



Tshoka · 1N



Dzongri · 1N

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Overview

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Discover an accessible introduction to the mighty Kanchenjunga range with this compact and scenic Sikkim tour package designed for beginners and seasoned trekkers who want a high-altitude taste without committing to the full base camp trek. This Sikkim Adventure tour package combines comfortable transfers, cultural stops, and an unforgettable ascent to the Dzongri viewpoint, offering panoramic views of Kanchenjunga, Kangchenjunga South, Pandim, and surrounding peaks.

Highlights:

- Dzongri Viewpoint (4030m) – prime sunrise/sunset vantage for Kanchenjunga
- Yuksom – historical gateway to Kanchenjunga and old capital of Sikkim
- Tshoka – scenic alpine hamlet and trekking gateway
- Gangtok – capital city comforts, monasteries and local culture
- Rich biodiversity within Khangchendzonga National Park (UNESCO site)

This package is listed as a compact 5 and 6 Sikkim Adventure tour package option – perfect for travelers short on time who still want a proper trek experience.

Why choose this Sikkim Adventure package:

- Short, manageable trekking days with expert local guides
- Balanced itinerary combining culture, acclimatization, and alpine views
- Suitable for moderate fitness levels; prior high-altitude experience is helpful but not mandatory

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights as per itinerary (hotel in Gangtok & Yuksom, teahouse/camp in Tshoka & Dzongri)
- ✓ All meals during trek days (Breakfast, Packed Lunch, Dinner) and breakfast in hotels where specified
- ✓ Shared vehicle transfers as per itinerary (Bagdogra/NJP → Gangtok → Yuksom)
- ✓ Experienced local trekking guide and porters/horse support for luggage (as required)
- ✓ Park entry permits and inner line permits for Khangchendzonga National Park
- ✓

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Bagdogra / NJP
- ✗ Personal trekking gear (sleeping bags, down jackets) unless rented
- ✗ Travel insurance, including emergency evacuation insurance (mandatory for trekking at altitude)
- ✗ Tips, porter gratuities, and personal expenses (beverages, phone calls, laundry)
- ✗ Any extra meals, accommodation, or transport due to itinerary changes from weather or other unforeseen conditions
- ✗ Monument entrance fees not mentioned in inclusions
- ✗

First aid kit and emergency evacuation coordination

- ✓ Permits and guide fees
- ✓ Note: Single room supplements available on request.

Important: Travelers must carry ID (original) for permit processing.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival at Bagdogra / New Jalpaiguri — Transfer to Gangtok

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport (IXB) or New Jalpaiguri (NJP) railway station. Meet your representative and drive to Gangtok (approx. 4–5 hours). En route enjoy scenic views of the Teesta River and Sikkim foothills. Check in to your hotel and rest. In the evening, take a brief stroll on MG Road and visit nearby attractions like Enchey Monastery and Do-Drul Chorten (time permitting).

Tip: Keep your travel documents and permits handy; acclimatize by avoiding strenuous activity on arrival.

Day

2

Drive to Yuksom — Trek Preparation and Local Sightseeing

After breakfast, drive from Gangtok to Yuksom (approx. 6–7 hours) — the historic gateway to the Kanchenjunga region. On arrival, complete park permit formalities and meet your trek team. Explore the quaint town of Yuksom, visit the Coronation Throne (Rabdentse ruins) and local monasteries. Gear checks and briefing by the guide in the evening.

Note: The road can be winding; expect scenic mountain drives and occasional stops for photos.

Day

3

Trek from Yuksom to Tshoka — Entering Khangchendzonga National Park

Begin the trek after an early breakfast. The trail from Yuksom climbs gradually through lush forests of rhododendron and birch, crossing streams and small settlements. Reach Tshoka, a tranquil alpine hamlet inside the Khangchendzonga National Park, by late afternoon. Settle into a teahouse or camp.

Approx trek duration: 5–6 hours. Carry a daypack with water, snacks and rain/warm layers.

Day

4

Trek from Tshoka to Dzongri — Scenic Alpine Ascent

Today's trek brings you to the heart of the short Dzongri experience. The path climbs steadily through open meadows and rhododendron slopes with opening views of snow-capped peaks. Arrive at Dzongri (base/viewpoint area) in the afternoon. Take short hikes around the meadow to acclimatize and capture sunset vistas over Kanchenjunga and nearby summits.

Highlight: If weather permits, enjoy a spectacular sunset — bring a good camera and warm layers.

Day

5

Explore Dzongri Viewpoint — Return to Yuksom

Early morning hike to the Dzongri viewpoint for sunrise and panoramic views of Kanchenjunga, Pandim, and other Himalayan giants. After breakfast, begin the descent back toward Tshoka and continue to Yuksom by late afternoon. Celebrate the trek's success and relax at your guesthouse.

Fitness note: A long descent day — wear comfortable trekking shoes with good grip.

Day

6

Drive to Bagdogra / NJP — Departure

After breakfast, drive from Yuksom back to Bagdogra Airport (IXB) or New Jalpaiguri (NJP) station for your onward journey. En route you may stop for refreshments and quick local shopping. Drop-off and assistance for onward transfers.

Important: Allow buffer time for mountain traffic when scheduling flights/trains.

? 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

★★★★★ 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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