

Tea Gardens & Tranquil Trails: South Sikkim Leisure Tour

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Destination
Sikkim

Duration
4 Nights 5 Days

Starting from
Rs. 12,300 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

📍 **Namchi · 2N**

📍 **Ravangla · 2N**

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Overview

Tea Gardens & Tranquil Trails: South Sikkim Leisure Tour is a carefully curated 4 nights / 5 days Sikkim tour package designed for families and leisure travelers who want a relaxed, scenic escape. This Sikkim Family tour package combines gentle nature walks, serene monasteries, and the legendary Temi Tea Garden for a restful yet culturally rich experience. Ideal for travelers searching for a Sikkim Family Retreat package or a 4 and 5 Sikkim Family tour package, the itinerary focuses on South Sikkim's highlights with comfortable travel times and family-friendly activities.

Highlights:

- Temi Tea Garden – iconic tea estate with panoramic views
- Samdruptse & Char Dham – spiritual landmarks and panoramic viewpoints
- Ralong Monastery & Buddha Park – serene spiritual sites and sculpture gardens
- Maenam Wildlife Sanctuary & Tendong Nature Walks – gentle trails and flora
- Comfortable stays in Namchi and Ravangla with family-friendly hotels

Note: This package is designed for relaxed sightseeing with short drives and gentle walks, suitable for families, seniors, and first-time visitors to Sikkim.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 4 nights in family-friendly hotels (2 nights in Namchi, 2 nights in Ravangla)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 2 dinners (as per hotel plan)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for select sightseeing
- ✓ Entrance fees and permits for listed attractions
- ✓ Bottled water during transfers
- ✓ All government taxes
- ✓ This package is promoted as a family-friendly Sikkim tour package and Sikkim Family Retreat tour package option.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Flights / trains to Bagdogra / NJP and return
- ✗ Personal expenses (telephone, laundry, tips, etc.)
- ✗ Lunches, beverages not specified in inclusions
- ✗ Adventure activities or specialist trekking permits not mentioned in itinerary
- ✗ Insurance (travel / medical)
- ✗ Any extra sightseeing or services not listed in inclusions
- ✗ Please note: Peak-season surcharges, capping of sightseeing times or sudden weather-related route changes are not covered.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival to South Sikkim — Transfer to Namchi & Leisure Evening

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri Railway Station and meet our representative for a scenic drive to Namchi (approx. 4–5 hours). En route enjoy views of tea gardens and rolling hills. Check-in at the hotel and relax. Evening at leisure — enjoy a short walk around the town and take in the sunset views.

Important tip: Keep some warm layers handy — evenings in South Sikkim can be cool even in summer.

Day

2

Namchi Sightseeing — Samdruptse, Char Dham & Temi Tea Garden

Full day exploring Namchi's top attractions. Visit the towering Samdruptse Statue of Guru Padmasambhava and the adjacent Char Dham complex — a spiritual and panoramic highlight. In the afternoon, spend time at the famous Temi Tea Garden: stroll through manicured tea terraces, learn about local tea production, and enjoy photo opportunities.

Evening free to explore the local market and taste Sikkimese delicacies.

Tip: Temi Tea Garden is best visited in clear weather for the classic photo vistas.

Day

3

Transfer to Ravangla — Ralong Monastery & Local Walks

After breakfast, short drive to Ravangla (approx. 1–1.5 hours). Check in and visit the serene Ralong Monastery and nearby viewpoints. Spend the afternoon at Buddha Park (Rabong) — enjoy the peaceful gardens, Buddha statue and gentle walking trails. Evening at leisure in Ravangla.

Family note: Ravangla's calm environment and short walking routes make it ideal for families and elders.

Day

4

Nature Walks & Optional Excursions — Maenam Sanctuary / Tendong Hill

A relaxed day exploring nature: choose a gentle guided nature walk in Maenam Wildlife Sanctuary or an easy trek to Tendong Hill for sweeping views and birdwatching. Alternatively enjoy a leisure day visiting village hamlets, local tea estates or artisan shops. Evening cultural interaction — optional local homestay experience or folklore demonstration (seasonal).

Important: Guided walks in Maenam are recommended for wildlife spotting; wear comfortable shoes and carry water.

Day

5

Return to Bagdogra / NJP — Departure

After breakfast, check out and drive back to Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri Railway Station (approx. 4–5 hours). En route stop for photos and a final look at the tea gardens and foothills. Arrive at Bagdogra/NJP and proceed for your onward journey.

Note: Plan your flight/train schedule with comfortable buffer time for mountain travel variability.

🔗 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

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