

Sikkim Luxury Wilderness: Kanchenjunga Views & Private Guided Hikes

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Destination
Sikkim



Duration
6 Nights 7 Days



Starting from
Rs. 49,500 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ **Gangtok · 3N**

↗ **Lachen · 1N**

↗ **Lachung · 1N**

↗ **Pelling · 1N**

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Overview

Sikkim Luxury Wilderness: Kanchenjunga Views & Private Guided Hikes – A premium 6 nights / 7 days Sikkim tour package designed for wildlife lovers, mountain photographers, and active travelers. This carefully curated Sikkim Wildlife tour package combines private guided hikes, luxury stays, and immersive wildlife & cultural experiences across East and West Sikkim. Enjoy breathtaking Kangchenjunga views, high-altitude lakes, rhododendron valleys, and tailored wilderness walks led by local naturalist guides. Ideal as a Sikkim Wildlife package and perfect for travelers searching for a 6 and 7 Sikkim Wildlife tour package with comfort and adventure.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Luxury accommodations (6 nights) with breakfast daily
- ✓ Private air-conditioned transfers & internal chauffeur service
- ✓ Experienced local naturalist guides and private guided hikes
- ✓ All permits & fees for North Sikkim (ILP assistance) and entry to protected areas
- ✓ Select meals: daily breakfast + 4 specialty dinners (as specified)
- ✓ Airport/railway arrival & departure transfers
- ✓ Welcome amenities, local SIM assistance, and concierge services
- ✓ Emergency high-altitude oxygen & basic first-aid kit
- ✓ Conservation briefing and a small donation to a local conservation trust

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International / domestic flights or long-distance train tickets to Bagdogra / NJP
- ✗ Travel insurance (including high-altitude coverage) and personal medical expenses
- ✗ Meals not specified, alcoholic beverages, portage and gratuities
- ✗ Optional activities (e.g., long high-altitude treks, helicopter rides, special permits if required)
- ✗ Camera/video permits (where applicable) and personal shopping expenses
- ✗ Any costs arising from route changes due to weather, road closures, or government restrictions

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Transfer to Gangtok & Leisurely Acclimatization

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport / NJP (New Jalpaiguri Station) and enjoy a private transfer to Gangtok (approx. 4–5 hrs). Check in to your luxury hotel and take time to relax and acclimatize. In the evening, short private guided walk around MG Marg for an introduction to local culture, boutique shopping, and Himalayan tea. This gentle first day helps acclimatize to altitude and reduces risk of AMS.

Day

2

Gangtok Highlights & Private Guided Hike

Full day exploring Gangtok with a private guide. Visit Rumtek Monastery, Tashi Viewpoint for sunrise vistas, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, and Banjhakri Falls. In the afternoon enjoy a private guided short hike on a curated trail offering Himalayan birdwatching and views of Kanchenjunga from selected vantage points. Evening at leisure in a luxury wellness lodge.

Day

3

Drive to Lachen via Chungthang — Scenic Mountain Transit

Depart early in a private vehicle, driving through terraced valleys and river gorges to Lachen (scenic stops at Chungthang). En route, brief visits to local viewpoints and guided short walks to explore roadside flora and birdlife. Overnight at a premium mountain lodge with local cuisine and a briefing for high-altitude excursions. Carry warm layers — nights get cold above 2,500 m.

Day

4

Gurudongmar Lake Excursion or Private High-Altitude Hike

Early morning private drive to Gurudongmar Lake (subject to permit and weather). Experience surreal high-altitude landscapes and panoramic Kanchenjunga views. Optional shorter guided high-altitude hike near the lake for acclimatized guests (provided by expert naturalist guides). Return to Lachen for relaxation and cultural interaction with local communities.

Day

5

Transfer to Lachung & Yumthang Valley Exploration

Drive to Lachung, passing through alpine meadows and rhododendron forests. Afternoon visit to Yumthang Valley (Flower Valley) and Shingba Rhododendron Sanctuary with a private guided hike focusing on endemic flora, Himalayan pheasants, and possible sightings of blue sheep. In winter/spring, experience spectacular blooms. Permit & road conditions to North Sikkim govern accessibility; we'll arrange permits in advance.

Day

6

Return to Gangtok with En Route Wildlife & Cultural Stops

After morning relaxation or an optional sunrise walk in Lachung, depart for Gangtok. En route stop at scenic viewpoints and small villages; private guide highlights local customs, wildlife signs, and conservation notes about Kanchenjunga National Park. Evening free in Gangtok – enjoy a curated cultural dinner at your luxury hotel.

Day

7

Pelling Transfer, Kanchenjunga Sunrise & Departure Transfer

Early transfer to Pelling to capture iconic sunrise views of Kangchenjunga from viewpoints like Pemayangtse Monastery and the Rabdentse Ruins. Enjoy a private guided nature walk to Khecheopalri Lake (sacred lake with pristine forest surroundings) and short wildlife spotting for Himalayan birds and small mammals. Afternoon/private transfer to Bagdogra / NJP for onward flight/train. Departure timing depends on onward travel schedules; extensions available on request.

🔍 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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