

Heritage & Monastery Trail: Rumtek, Pemayangtse & Enchey

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Destination
Sikkim

Duration
4 Nights 5 Days

Starting from
Rs. 13,100 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Gangtok · 2N**

↖ **Pelling · 2N**

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Overview

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Discover the spiritual heart of Sikkim with this carefully curated 4 nights / 5 days Sikkim Pilgrimage tour package. Perfect for travelers seeking serene monasteries, panoramic Himalayan views, and cultural heritage, this Sikkim tour package visits the iconic Rumtek Monastery, the ancient Pemayangtse Monastery, and the tranquil Enchey Monastery. Ideal as a Sikkim Pilgrimage package or for those comparing 4 and 5 Sikkim Pilgrimage tour package options, this itinerary balances gentle sightseeing with relaxed travel pace.

Highlights:

- Rumtek Monastery – one of Sikkim's largest and most important Buddhist monasteries
- Pemayangtse Monastery – ancient Nyingma gompa with panoramic views of Kanchenjunga
- Enchey Monastery – a serene fortress-like monastery in Gangtok
- Namgyal Institute of Tibetology and Do Drul Chorten – cultural and spiritual landmarks
- Scenic drive between Gangtok and Pelling with stops at Khecheopalri Lake and Singshore Bridge

This package is optimized for pilgrimage seekers, cultural travelers and photographers interested in Himalayan monasteries and heritage.

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✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 4 nights on twin/double sharing basis (category dependent on booking)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 2 lunches (as per itinerary)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by a private vehicle (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for monastery visits where required
- ✓ All applicable permits and entry fees (Gangtok/Pelling regions)
- ✓ All road taxes, parking, and driver allowances
- ✓ 24/7 emergency support from local operations team

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International or domestic airfare / train fare to Bagdogra / NJP
- ✗ Entry fees for special cultural events or private pujas (unless specified)
- ✗ Personal expenses (telephone calls, laundry, etc.)
- ✗ Tips, portorage, and gratuities
- ✗ Adventure activities, cable car rides, or zodiac fees not mentioned in inclusions
- ✗ Peak season surcharges, festival date supplements, and travel insurance

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Gangtok and Evening at Leisure

Arrival at Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station and transfer to Gangtok (approx 4-5 hours). Check-in and time to rest and acclimatize. Later, enjoy a relaxed evening walk at MG Marg and explore local shops and cafes.

Important: Keep warm clothing handy and drink water to acclimatize. Evening prayers or a visit to a nearby local shrine can be arranged on request.

Day

2

Gangtok: Enchey Monastery, Namgyal Institute & Do Drul Chorten

Full day of spiritual and cultural sightseeing in and around Gangtok. Begin with the hilltop Enchey Monastery, known for its peaceful ambiance and ritual dances. Visit the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology to explore Tibetan artifacts and manuscripts, followed by Do Drul Chorten (stupa) and the nearby Tashi Viewpoint for panoramic vistas.

Tip: Morning visits offer softer light for photography and quieter prayer sessions.

Day

3

Rumtek Monastery and Spiritual Immersion

After breakfast, drive to Rumtek Monastery — the seat of His Holiness the Gyalwa Karmapa in Sikkim and a major center for the Karma Kagyu school of Tibetan Buddhism. Spend time attending prayer sessions, viewing intricate murals, and learning about monastic life. Afternoon free for optional visits to Banjhakri Falls or local markets.

Note: Photography inside some prayer halls may be restricted; please respect local guidelines.

Day

4

Transfer to Pelling via Khecheopalri Lake — Evening at Pemayangtse

Drive from Gangtok to Pelling (approx 4-5 hours) with scenic stops en route. Visit the sacred Khecheopalri Lake (a revered wish-fulfilling lake) and optional short stop at Ravangla viewpoint. Arrive Pelling, check-in and in the late afternoon visit Pemayangtse Monastery (timings permitting) for a peaceful evening prayer.

Note: Road stretches are hilly; travel time varies with weather. Carry light snacks and water.

Day

5

Pelling Heritage Trail & Departure

Early morning visit for breathtaking sunrise views of Mount Kanchenjunga (weather permitting). Explore the Pemayangtse Monastery more deeply if not done previous day, visit ancient Rabdentse Ruins, Sanga Choeling Monastery, and the dramatic Singshore Bridge. After lunch, depart for Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station for onward journey.

Important: Flight/train timings will determine the pace of the day. Allow adequate buffer for mountain traffic.

? 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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