

Sikkim Weekend Adventure: Gangtok & Nathula Pass Express

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Destination
Sikkim



Duration
4 Nights 5 Days



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Rs. 14,750 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

 **Gangtok - 4N**

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Overview

Sikkim Weekend Adventure: Gangtok & Nathula Pass Express — an action-packed 4 nights / 5 days Sikkim tour package designed for travelers who want a compact yet immersive taste of East Sikkim. This Sikkim Adventure tour package focuses on the vibrant capital Gangtok, high-altitude wonders like Tsomgo (Changu) Lake, and the historic Nathula Pass (India–China border). Ideal for weekend getaways, this itinerary blends cultural sightseeing, light treks, scenic drives, and a dash of high-altitude thrill.

Highlights:

- Gangtok city sightseeing (MG Road, Flower Exhibition Centre, Rumtek Monastery)
- Tsomgo (Changu) Lake day trip
- Nathula Pass (subject to permit availability)
- Panoramic views from Tashi Viewpoint and Hanuman Tok
- Comfortable 4-night stay in Gangtok with airport/rail transfers

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This package is perfect for travelers short on time who still want a high-impact Sikkim experience.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Inclusions:
- ✓ 4 nights accommodation in Gangtok (hotel category as selected)
- ✓ Daily breakfast
- ✓ All transfers in private vehicle (Bagdogra/NJP "Gangtok")
- ✓ Inner-line permits for sightseeing (except special Nathula permits where noted)
- ✓ Guided sightseeing with experienced driver/guide
- ✓ All applicable hotel taxes
- ✓ Note: Nathula pass permit processing is included subject to availability; if denied, an alternate sightseeing plan will be provided.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Exclusions:
- ✗ Airfare / train fare to Bagdogra / NJP
- ✗ Meals other than breakfast
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and portorage
- ✗ Entry fees for special adventure activities (e.g., yak rides at Tsomgo, optional trekking fees, ropeway tickets if not included)
- ✗ Government levies and emergency rescue/medical evacuation
- ✗ Any costs arising due to flight/train delays, natural calamities, or route closures
- ✗ Important: Nathula Pass is sometimes closed; permits are subject to government approval and additional documentation. Travelers should carry original government-issued ID (Passport/Driving License/Voter ID).

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Gangtok & Leisurely Evening on MG Road

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri (NJP) Railway Station and transfer by private vehicle to Gangtok (approx 4–5 hours, scenic drive). Check in to your hotel and rest. In the evening, take a relaxed stroll along MG Road – enjoy local cafes, handicraft shops and street views.

Activities: Hotel check-in, acclimatize, light walk on MG Road. Keep hydrated and avoid strenuous activity on arrival to minimize altitude effects.

Day

2

Gangtok Local Sightseeing: Monasteries & Views

Full-day sightseeing around Gangtok covering cultural and panoramic spots. Visit Rumtek Monastery (Karma Kagyu), Enchey Monastery, Do Drul Chorten & Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, and the Flower Exhibition Centre. Finish the day at Tashi Viewpoint and Hanuman Tok for sunset views over the Eastern Himalayas.

Note: Wear comfortable shoes; mornings can be chilly.

Day

3

Nathula Pass & Tsomgo Lake Excursion (Permit Required)

Early morning drive to Tsomgo (Changu) Lake followed by the high-altitude visit to Nathula Pass (if permits are available; Nathula is open on selected days and may be closed due to weather or security). Experience the stark beauty of glacial landscapes and the historic Indo-China border road. Return to Gangtok by evening.

Important: Nathula permits are processed through the Gangtok authorities and require a valid photo ID (original). Carry warm clothing and acclimatize well before this day.

Day

4

Adventure & Leisure – Short Trek, Ropeway and Local Markets

Enjoy optional light adventure activities: a short nature hike to Ganesh Tok, ride the Gangtok Ropeway for aerial views, and explore local markets for handloom and handicrafts. Evening free for a cultural program at the hotel or a guided walk.

Tips: Book ropeway tickets in advance during peak season. Carry local cash for small purchases.

Day

5

Departure: Transfer to Bagdogra / NJP

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri Railway Station for onward journey. En route photo stops for scenic views.

Service ends after drop-off. If you have a late flight/train, consider extending your stay or requesting a late check-out (subject to hotel availability).

? 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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