

Sikkim Nature Retreat: Pelling, Khecheopalri Lake & Waterfalls

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Destination
Sikkim



Duration
5 Nights 6 Days



Starting from
Rs. 17,950 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

📍 **Pelling · 4N**

📍 **Gangtok · 1N**

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Overview

Sikkim Nature Retreat: Pelling, Khecheopalri Lake & Waterfalls — A serene 5N/6D Sikkim tour package designed for families and nature lovers. This Sikkim Family tour package focuses on the best of western Sikkim: Pelling, the sacred Khecheopalri Lake, dramatic waterfalls and panoramic Kanchenjunga views. Ideal for those seeking relaxed village walks, easy hikes, and cultural experiences.

Highlights:

- Pelling Skywalk & Kanchenjunga viewpoint
- Pemayangtse Monastery & Rabdentse Ruins
- Khecheopalri Lake (sacred wish-fulfilling lake)
- Singshore Bridge & nearby waterfalls (Rimbi and others)
- Comfortable stays, family-friendly activities, scenic drives

This Sikkim Family Retreat package is suitable for travelers of all ages; some short, easy walks are included. Best traveled between March–June and September–November for clear views.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights as per the itinerary (twin/double sharing)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 3 dinners (as per hotel plan)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for selected sightseeing
- ✓ Permits & entry fees to listed attractions
- ✓ 24/7 emergency assistance and local support
- ✓ Family-friendly amenities and child bedding can be arranged on request.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Bagdogra / NJP
- ✗ Government service taxes (GST)
- ✗ Meals not specified in inclusions (lunches, snacks)
- ✗ Personal expenses: tips, laundry, phone calls
- ✗ Adventure activities, optional excursions and permits not mentioned
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Note: Peak season surcharges, festival dates, and long-weekend supplements may apply.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Transfer to Pelling

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station. Meet and greet, then drive to Pelling (approx. 4–5 hours) through scenic foothills and tea gardens. En route photo stops and short breaks. Check-in at hotel in Pelling. Evening at leisure with a short walk to the local market and sunset view from the hotel or nearby viewpoint.

Travel tip: Carry light warm layers—mountain evenings can be cool. Keep your travel documents and permits handy.

Day

2

Pelling: Monasteries, Heritage & Sunset Views

After breakfast, visit Pemayangtse Monastery, one of Sikkim's oldest and most important monasteries. Continue to the Rabdentse Ruins for panoramic views and a glimpse into Sikkim's royal past. Afternoon visit to the Pelling Skywalk / Kanchenjunga viewpoint for spectacular mountain vistas and memorable photos. Return to the hotel for sunset and leisure.

Note: Monastery visits require respectful attire (covered shoulders and knees).

Day

3

Khecheopalri Lake: Sacred Lake & Nature Walk

Short drive to the revered Khecheopalri Lake — known as a wish-fulfilling sacred lake surrounded by dense forest. Spend a peaceful morning walking the lake perimeter, visiting the prayer flags and small temples. Enjoy a picnic or packed lunch in a scenic spot. Optional visit to nearby village viewpoints for cultural interactions and local photography.

Important: Khecheopalri is a sacred site — avoid littering and maintain silence around the lake.

Day

4

Waterfalls, Singshore Bridge & Village Walk

Explore the dramatic Singshore Bridge, one of Sikkim's highest suspension bridges, and capture sweeping valley views. Visit nearby waterfalls such as Rimbi Waterfall and other cascades dotting the Pelling area. Enjoy a relaxed village walk in a local hamlet to experience rural Sikkimese life and traditional houses. Evening free for relaxation or optional cultural program at the hotel.

Tip: Bring sturdy footwear for short walks and a light rain jacket during monsoon months.

Day

5

Transfer to Gangtok: Leisurely Sightseeing

After breakfast, drive to Gangtok (approx. 4–5 hours) with scenic stops along the way. Check-in at the hotel in Gangtok. In the afternoon, visit MG Marg, Tashi Viewpoint (time permitting) and Enchey Monastery. Enjoy an evening stroll on MG Road with options for shopping local handicrafts and trying Nepali/Sikkimese cuisine.

Note: Altitude difference is minimal between Pelling and Gangtok; stay hydrated.

Day

6

Departure via Bagdogra / NJP

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station for your onward journey. En route photo stops and final scenic viewpoints. Assistance for boarding and farewell.

Important: Confirm your flight/train details one day prior; plan departure time based on travel duration to the airport/station.

🔗 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

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Kiran Gill

★★★★★ 5/5

A Suitable Escape for Everyone

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Deepak Agarwal

★★★★☆ 4/5

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