

Sikkim Extended Family Holiday: Gangtok, Pelling & North Sikkim Highlights

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Destination
Sikkim



Duration
6 Nights 7 Days



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ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Gangtok · 2N**

↖ **Pelling · 2N**

↖ **North Sikkim · 2N**

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Overview

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Experience the best of Sikkim with this 6 nights / 7 days Sikkim tour package designed for families and groups seeking both comfort and adventure. This itinerary blends the vibrant hill-station life of Gangtok, the serene mountain vistas of Pelling, and the high-altitude wonders of North Sikkim (Lachen & Lachung) – making it ideal as a Sikkim tour package, and also suitable for couples looking for a quieter Sikkim Honeymoon tour package or Sikkim Honeymoon package. Perfect balance of sightseeing, leisurely time and scenic drives.

Highlights:

- Panoramic views of Kanchenjunga from Pelling and Gangtok
- Tsomgo Lake & Baba Mandir excursion near Gangtok
- Yumthang Valley (Valley of Flowers) and Gurudongmar Lake in North Sikkim
- Pemayangtse Monastery and Rabdentse Ruins in Pelling
- Comfortable stays with family-friendly hotels and experienced local drivers/guides

This itinerary includes required permits for North Sikkim trips; note that access to some attractions (e.g., Gurudongmar, Zero Point) depends on road/weather conditions.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ 6 nights accommodation in family-friendly hotels (twin/triple sharing)
- ✓ Daily breakfast (hotel buffet/continental as available)
- ✓ All inner-line permits for North Sikkim excursions (Gurudongmar / Yumthang / Zero Point) as per current regulations
- ✓ Experienced local driver and local guide where required
- ✓ Toll, parking and driver allowances
- ✓ Applicable hotel taxes
- ✓ Designed as a family-friendly Sikkim tour package; also suitable as a relaxed Sikkim Honeymoon tour package for couples seeking scenic tranquility.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train tickets to Bagdogra / NJP
- ✗ GST and applicable government taxes
- ✗ Lunches and dinners unless specified
- ✗ Monument entry fees, camera fees and personal sightseeing expenses
- ✗ Travel insurance, medical expenses and evacuation
- ✗ Any personal expenses (telephone, laundry, tips, alcoholic beverages)
- ✗ Charges for optional activities (yak rides, local cultural shows)
- ✗ Supplements for peak-season travel (if applicable)
- ✗ Note: Additional charges may apply for last-minute permit changes or road diversions; high-altitude visits depend on weather and military permissions.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival at Bagdogra/NJP and Transfer to Gangtok

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri (NJP) Railway Station. Meet your driver and proceed to Gangtok (approx. 4–5 hours by road). Check-in at the hotel and relax. Evening at leisure to explore MG Marg and sample local cuisine. Acclimatize and keep hydrated to adjust to the altitude.

Day

2

Gangtok Local Sightseeing & Tsomgo Lake (optional)

Full-day sightseeing of Gangtok. Morning visit to Tashi Viewpoint for sunrise and panoramic views of the eastern Himalaya. Continue to Do Drul Chorten, the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, and Enchey Monastery. In the afternoon, optional excursion to Tsomgo Lake and Baba Harbhajan Mandir (subject to permits and weather). Return to Gangtok by evening.

Note: Tsomgo Lake requires permits and may be closed in extreme weather.

Day

3

Drive from Gangtok to Pelling: Scenic Route & Evening Leisure

After breakfast, check out and drive to Pelling (approx. 4–5 hours). Enjoy scenic en-route views of terraced farms, rivers and mountain vistas. On arrival, check-in and take a relaxed walk to the local market. Evening at leisure with spectacular sunset views over the Kanchenjunga range from the hotel.

Day

4

Pelling Sightseeing: Monasteries, Lakes & Skywalk

Explore Pelling's highlights: visit the historic Pemayangtse Monastery, the ancient Rabdentse Ruins, and the sacred Khecheopalri Lake (known for its pristine setting). Walk the Pelling Skywalk / Skybridge for exceptional views of the Kanchenjunga massif and visit Singshore Bridge — one of the highest suspension bridges in Sikkim. Evening at leisure.

Camera fees may apply at some attractions.

Day

5

Drive to Lachen (North Sikkim) — En route Scenic Stops

Early departure to Lachen (approx. 4–5 hours from Pelling via Melli/Teesta route with transfers). Traverse changing landscapes as you ascend toward North Sikkim. Check in at a simple mountain lodge in Lachen. Evening free to rest and prepare for the high-altitude excursion next day.

Carry warm clothing — nights get cold in North Sikkim.

Day

6

Gurudongmar Lake Excursion & Transfer to Lachung

Very early morning departure to visit Gurudongmar Lake (subject to military permission and road conditions). Experience surreal, icy-blue high-altitude landscapes; limited time at the lake due to altitude. Return to Lachen for a quick meal and then drive to Lachung via Chungthang, arriving by late afternoon. Check-in at the hotel in Lachung.

Gurudongmar is at high altitude – carry oxygen if prone to altitude sickness and consult your doctor if necessary.

Day

7

Yumthang Valley & Return to Gangtok / Departure

Visit the stunning Yumthang Valley (Valley of Flowers) and Zero Point (subject to permits and road conditions). Enjoy the hot springs at Yumthang if available. After lunch, begin the long drive back to Gangtok / Bagdogra / NJP for drop-off according to your onward travel plans. End of services.

If you prefer, request an extended drop-off in Gangtok to overnight there (subject to availability) instead of same-day airport/rail drop.

? 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 gompa 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

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Whether you seek adventure or relaxation, Sikkim has it all. Our tour was filled with both!



Deepak Agarwal

★★★★☆ 4/5

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