

# Adventure Trek & Flora: Rhododendron Trekking in Spring

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Destination  
**Sikkim**



Duration  
**5 Nights 6 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 23,200 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ **Gangtok · 3N**

↗ **Lachen · 1N**

↗ **Lachung · 1N**

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## Overview

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Adventure Trek & Flora: Rhododendron Trekking in Spring is a specially curated 5-night / 6-day Sikkim tour package designed for nature lovers and adventure seekers. Experience the vibrant bloom of rhododendrons across North Sikkim, high-altitude lake visits, and scenic drives while staying in comfortable mountain lodges. This Sikkim Adventure tour package combines gentle trekking, cultural highlights, and panoramic Himalayan views. Highlights:

- Rhododendron Trekking in Yumthang Valley
- Gurudongmar Lake (high-altitude wonder)
- Tsomgo (Changu) Lake & Baba Mandir
- Gangtok city attractions: MG Marg, Rumtek Monastery
- Breathtaking mountain vistas and cultural experiences

This 5 and 6 Sikkim Adventure tour package is ideal for spring (March–May) when rhododendrons are in full bloom. Permits for North Sikkim and high-altitude excursions are included in planning.

### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 5 nights on twin/double sharing basis (as per itinerary)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle (Innova/Swift Dzire/Similar) with driver and fuel
- ✓ Inner line permits and North Sikkim permits (subject to ID submission in advance)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for Yumthang rhododendron trek and high-altitude excursions
- ✓ Meals: Daily breakfast and selected lunches (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Government taxes and parking fees
- ✓ Emergency oxygen cylinder & basic first-aid kit (for high-altitude support)
- ✓ Note: Accommodation upgrades, additional meals, and optional activities are available at extra cost.

### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Bagdogra / NJP
- ✗ GST (if applicable beyond quoted package)
- ✗ Personal expenses: tips, laundry, phone calls, and beverages
- ✗ Adventure activities (if any) that are charged on-site or require separate permits
- ✗ Medical or travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- ✗ Any cost arising due to flight delays, roadblocks, landslides, or natural calamities
- ✗ Important: Entry to certain high-altitude spots like Gurudongmar and Zero Point depends on weather and permit approvals; alternate sightseeing will be provided if inaccessible.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival & Transfer to Gangtok**

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station and meet your representative. Transfer to Gangtok (approx. 4–5 hours) with scenic views of the Teesta River and Sikkimese foothills. Check-in and relax. Evening at leisure to explore MG Marg and local cafes.

Day

2

### **Gangtok: Local Sightseeing & Acclimatization**

After breakfast, enjoy a half-day of sightseeing in and around Gangtok. Visit Tsomgo (Changu) Lake, Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir, and Hanuman Tok for panoramic views of the Kanchenjunga range. Later visit Rumtek Monastery and spend the evening exploring local markets. Acclimatization day to prepare for high-altitude excursions.

Day

3

### **Drive to Lachen via Scenic Valleys**

Early departure for Lachen (approx. 6–7 hours). Travel through verdant valleys and stop at viewpoints (including Singhik Viewpoint). Arrive in Lachen, check-in at the lodge, and attend a briefing for the upcoming high-altitude day trip. Keep warm clothing ready for the next day.

Day

4

### **Gurudongmar Lake Excursion & Transfer to Lachung**

Pre-dawn drive to Gurudongmar Lake (subject to permit and weather). Marvel at one of the highest lakes in India surrounded by snow-capped peaks. Return to Lachen for lunch and then drive to Lachung (approx. 2–3 hours). Evening at leisure in Lachung; rest for the Yumthang excursion.

Day

5

### **Yumthang Valley, Rhododendron Trek & Zero Point**

Full-day excursion to Yumthang Valley—the heart of spring rhododendron blooms. Enjoy a guided short trek among the rhododendron trails and alpine meadows, perfect for photography and nature walks. Continue to Zero Point (subject to road & weather) for high-altitude vistas. Return to Gangtok in the evening (long drive, approx. 6–7 hours). Carry water, sunscreen, and layers; altitude and weather can change quickly.

Day

6

### **Departure: Transfer to Bagdogra / NJP**

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station for your onward journey. En route, stop for photo opportunities and a short local market visit if time permits. Bid farewell to the Himalayas! Ensure you have all permits and travel documents before departure.

## Frequently Asked Questions

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## 🔗 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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