

Complete Sikkim Discovery: Gangtok to North Sikkim Comprehensive Tour

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Destination
Sikkim



Duration
7 Nights 8 Days



Starting from
Rs. 48,500 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Gangtok · 4N**

↖ **Lachen · 1N**

↖ **Lachung · 1N**

↖ **Gangtok · 1N**

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📍 Overview

Complete Sikkim Discovery: Gangtok to North Sikkim Comprehensive Tour — A carefully curated 7 nights / 8 days Sikkim tour package ideal for travelers seeking scenic high-altitude lakes, Himalayan valleys, and cultural immersion. This Sikkim Adventure tour package covers the best of East and North Sikkim including Gangtok, Tsomgo Lake, Gurudongmar Lake, Yumthang Valley, and Zero Point. Perfect for those looking for a balanced mix of sightseeing, moderate adventure, and cultural experiences. Permits required for North Sikkim excursions; high-altitude acclimatization advised.

Highlights:

- Gangtok city sightseeing: monasteries, MG Road, local markets
- Tsomgo Lake & Baba Mandir day excursion
- Gurudongmar Lake — one of the highest sacred lakes
- Yumthang Valley & Zero Point — rhododendron valleys and snow vistas
- Scenic drives along the Teesta River and through Sikkim's mountain passes
- Comfortable stays with local Sikkimese cuisine options

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✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 7 nights on double/twin sharing basis (as per chosen hotel category)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private, experienced vehicle (AC not recommended for high-altitude stretches)
- ✓ Meals: daily breakfasts and selected dinners (as per package)
- ✓ Inner Line Permits & Protected Area Permits for North Sikkim (subject to Govt. rules)
- ✓ Experienced local guide (where required) and driver allowances
- ✓ All applicable hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Emergency assistance and local support

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Bagdogra / NJP
- ✗ Nathu La permit (if open) — extra and subject to availability
- ✗ Personal expenses: tips, laundry, telephone calls, beverages, & snacks
- ✗ Adventure activities (yak rides, cable car, river rafting) unless specified
- ✗ Any travel insurance or medical evacuation costs
- ✗ Charges for camera fees at certain monuments or additional entry fees
- ✗ Early check-in / late check-out charges unless pre-booked

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Transfer to Gangtok & Evening Orientation

Arrival at Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri Railway Station. Drive to Gangtok (approx. 4–5 hours) with scenic views of the Teesta River and terraced hills. Check-in at your hotel and rest. In the evening, take a relaxed stroll at MG Road for local shopping and an introductory feel of Sikkimese culture. Early arrivals should rest well to acclimatize to altitude.

Day

2

Tsomgo Lake & Baba Mandir Excursion

Full-day excursion to Tsomgo Lake (also called Changu Lake) and Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir. Enjoy the serene glacial lake set against the Himalayan slopes; optional yak rides available near the lake. Nathu La can be visited only if open and with separate permits (seasonal) – ask at booking. Return to Gangtok by evening. Dress warmly; temperatures can drop swiftly.

Day

3

Gangtok Cultural & Monastery Sightseeing

Explore Gangtok's spiritual and cultural highlights: Rumtek Monastery, Enchey Monastery, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, and the Handicraft Centre for authentic souvenirs. Afternoon at leisure with optional visits to the Flower Exhibition Centre or a short cable car ride for panoramic views. Carry a light jacket; some monastery visits require modest attire.

Day

4

Drive to Lachen via Teesta Valley

Drive northwards to Lachen (approx. 6–7 hours) crossing picturesque towns like Mangan and Chungthang along the Teesta river. En route, enjoy scenic viewpoints and pastoral landscapes. Check-in at Lachen hotel/guesthouse and rest early for the high-altitude excursion next morning. Roads are mountainous; expect stops for acclimatization and photo breaks.

Day

5

Gurudongmar Lake Excursion & Transfer to Lachung

Early morning drive to the pristine Gurudongmar Lake (one of the highest lakes in India). Witness the surreal blue waters set against snow-capped peaks – a spiritual and photographic highlight. After the excursion, return towards Lachung with stops at local viewpoints. Check-in at Lachung and relax. High-altitude conditions; carry warm clothing and necessary medications.

Day

6

Yumthang Valley & Zero Point Exploration

Full-day visit to Yumthang Valley – the 'Valley of Flowers' (seasonal blooms of rhododendron) and Zero Point (if accessible) for snow experiences. Enjoy short walks, panoramic vistas, and photo opportunities. Return to Lachung and then start the drive back towards Gangtok, arriving by late evening or next morning depending on road conditions. Yumthang is a highlight of this Sikkim Adventure package – expect chilly weather even in summer.

Day

7

Return to Gangtok – Leisure & Optional Activities

Arrive back in Gangtok. Day at leisure for shopping, spa, or optional activities such as local culinary experiences, short treks (subject to time), or visiting nearby attractions you may have missed earlier. This day is ideal for rest and light exploration after the North Sikkim high-altitude excursions.

Day

8

Departure to Bagdogra / NJP – End of Tour

After breakfast, check out and drive to Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri Railway Station for your onward journey. Drop-off assistance provided. Keep adequate buffer time for travel to the airport/railway station given mountain road travel times.

? 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

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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