

Lakes, Valleys & Luxury Stays: North Sikkim Premium Circuit

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Destination
Sikkim



Duration
7 Nights 8 Days



Starting from
Rs. 62,300 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ **Gangtok · 3N**

↗ **Lachen · 2N**

↗ **Lachung · 2N**

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Overview

Lakes, Valleys & Luxury Stays: North Sikkim Premium Circuit is a curated 7 nights / 8 days Sikkim tour package designed for travellers seeking pristine high-altitude lakes, alpine valleys and comfortable luxury stays while experiencing unique wildlife and culture of North Sikkim. This premium Sikkim Wildlife tour package blends scenic drives to Gurudongmar Lake and Yumthang Valley, serene luxury lodges in Lachen and Lachung, and carefully planned sightseeing from a comfortable base in Gangtok.

Highlights:

- Gurudongmar Lake (one of the highest lakes in India)
- Yumthang Valley & Zero Point (floral meadows and snow vistas)
- Luxury stays in Gangtok, Lachen, Lachung
- Scenic drive through Chungthang and the Teesta valley
- Guided nature and wildlife viewing opportunities aligning this as a premium Sikkim Wildlife tour package and Sikkim Wildlife package option

This 7 and 8 Sikkim Wildlife tour package is best undertaken between March to November. High-altitude visits involve limited mobility; acclimatize well and carry necessary warm clothing.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ 7 nights accommodation in premium / luxury hotels and mountain lodges (3 nights Gangtok, 2 nights Lachen, 2 nights Lachung) \n- Daily breakfast and 5 dinners (as per itinerary) \n- All transfers and sightseeing by private, air-conditioned vehicle with experienced driver \n- Inner Line Permits / Protected Area Permits for North Sikkim (Gurudongmar & Yumthang) \n- Local English-speaking guide for selected excursions \n- Arrival & departure transfers (Bagdogra / NJP to Gangtok & return) \n- Emergency oxygen cylinder at accommodations and first-aid kit \n- Park entry fees where applicable \n
- ✓ This premium Sikkim Wildlife tour package includes guided wildlife viewing opportunities where available.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Airfare / Train fare to Bagdogra / NJP and return \n- Lunches, some dinners and beverages unless specified \n- Personal expenses (telephone, laundry, tips, portorage) \n- Adventure activities and optional excursions (e.g., pony rides) \n- Travel insurance and medical evacuation costs \n- Any costs due to flight delays, natural calamities, political closures or changes in government policies \n
- ✗ Note: Additional charges may apply for peak-season dates and long-distance transfers.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Gangtok and Leisurely Transfer

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri Railway Station and transfer to Gangtok (approx. 4-5 hours). Check in at your luxury hotel and relax. Evening at leisure to stroll the MG Marg for light shopping and local cafes.

Tip: Keep light snacks and water handy for the transfer. Allow time to rest to acclimatize to altitude.

Day

2

Gangtok Sightseeing & Permit Formalities

After breakfast, enjoy curated sightseeing in and around Gangtok: visit Rumtek Monastery, the Do Drul Chorten (stupa), and the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology. Afternoon dedicated to permit processing for North Sikkim (required for Gurudongmar Lake and Yumthang Valley).

Note: Carry original ID and passport-sized photographs for permits.

Day

3

Scenic Drive to Lachen via Chungthang

Depart early for Lachen. En route, enjoy spectacular views of the Teesta River, stop at Chungthang for a short break and photo stops. Reach Lachen by evening and check into a premium mountain lodge. Evening free to enjoy a warm meal and prepare for the high-altitude day ahead.

Important: Road conditions can vary; comfort stops are planned frequently.

Day

4

Gurudongmar Lake & Chopta Valley Excursion

An early start to visit the sacred Gurudongmar Lake (subject to permit and weather). Experience turquoise high-altitude lake vistas and panoramic mountain views. On return, visit Chopta Valley (Thangu) for alpine scenery and wildlife spot opportunities. Return to Lachen by evening.

Warning: Gurudongmar is at very high altitude (over 5,000 m). Acclimatization, limited physical exertion, and warm clothing are essential. In case of permit/weather restrictions, alternative scenic spots will be arranged.

Day

5

Transfer to Lachung — En Route Waterfalls & Scenic Points

After breakfast, drive to Lachung. Visit local attractions en route including the Seven Sisters Waterfall and viewpoints over the Teesta gorge. Reach Lachung and check in to your luxury homestay/hotel. Evening spent exploring the quaint mountain village.

Tip: Carry sunscreen and sunglasses for high-altitude sun exposure.

Day

6

Yumthang Valley & Zero Point Adventure

Full-day exploration of Yumthang Valley — the ‘Valley of Flowers’ — and optional visit to Zero Point (subject to road and weather conditions). Walk through alpine meadows, witness seasonal wildflowers, and enjoy panoramic snow-capped vistas. Return to Lachung in the evening.

Note: Zero Point involves higher altitude exposure; check with the guide for suitability.

Day

7

Return Drive to Gangtok with Leisure Evening

After breakfast, depart Lachung and drive back to Gangtok. Enjoy scenic stops for photography, local tea breaks and optional visits to roadside monasteries. Arrive in Gangtok by evening and check into your luxury hotel. Spend the night at leisure; consider a farewell dinner showcasing Sikkimese cuisine.

Tip: Use this time to purchase local handicrafts like Tibetan carpets, handmade jewelry and Sikkim tea.

Day

8

Departure from Gangtok

Check out after breakfast and transfer to Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station for your onward journey. If time permits, quick stop at local markets for last-minute souvenirs.

Important: Confirm flight/train timings the night before and plan for a 4-5 hour road transfer to Bagdogra/NJP.

🔍 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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