

8Nights/9 Days

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Perched high in the Himalayas, Darjeeling—fondly known as the "Queen of the Hills"—is a gem in West Bengal's crown. Internationally celebrated for its breathtaking views of the majestic Mt. Kanchenjunga, this enchanting hill station also boasts a rich legacy of tea cultivation and the iconic Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a UNESCO World Heritage site that adds to its timeless charm. From Darjeeling, the panorama is nothing short of magical, offering sweeping views of the entire Singalila Range, the Bhutanese Himalayas, and even a glimpse of the Everest range. Every corner of this hill town seems to be a masterpiece, with its lush tea gardens, meandering rivers, and serene valleys painting an unforgettable picture of natural beauty. Darjeeling isn't just about picturesque landscapes; it's a haven for explorers and dreamers alike. Adventure seekers can find inspiration at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, while wildlife enthusiasts will adore the Himalayan Zoo. The sunrise from Tiger Hill is a sight to behold, as the first light bathes the peaks in golden hues. For moments of tranquility, visit the serene Rock Garden or the historic Batasia Loop, where the toy train winds its way through picturesque gardens. A visit to Darjeeling is not just a trip—it's an experience that lingers in your heart, a blend of nature's grandeur and the charm of a timeless hill station.

## Day 1 NJP Rly Station / IXB Airport - Darjeeling (75 Kms. / 3 Hrs.)

Your journey begins with a warm welcome at New Jalpaiguri Railway Station or Bagdogra International Airport. From here, embark on a picturesque drive to Darjeeling, perched gracefully at an altitude of 6,950 feet. As you ascend through the winding roads, you'll be greeted by verdant landscapes, cool mountain breezes, and glimpses of charming hill-side villages that set the tone for the days ahead. Upon arriving in Darjeeling, check in to your hotel and take a moment to unwind. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure—immerse yourself in the serene atmosphere of this hill station, stroll through its quaint streets, or simply relax and soak in the crisp Himalayan air. Let the tranquility of Darjeeling envelop you as you settle in for a restful overnight stay, ready to uncover the wonders of this enchanting destination.

## Day 2 Darjeeling Full Day Sightseeing with Tiger Hill

Start your day before dawn with an unforgettable journey to Tiger Hill (4:00 AM), where nature puts on its finest show. Watch as the sun rises over the majestic Kanchenjunga, casting a golden glow across the Himalayan peaks. On clear days, you might even catch a glimpse of Mt. Everest in the distance—a sight that will leave you spellbound. After soaking in this breathtaking moment, return to your hotel for a delicious breakfast to energize you for the day ahead. At 8:30 AM, embark on a full day of exploring Darjeeling's treasures. Begin with the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, where the legacy of adventure comes alive, and then visit the P.N. Zoological Park (closed on Thursdays), home to rare Himalayan wildlife. Marvel at Tenzing Rock, a tribute to the legendary Tenzing Norgay, and enjoy a thrilling ride on the Ropeway, offering spectacular aerial views of the verdant valleys below. Next, delve into local culture at the Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre (closed on Sundays), where artisans craft beautiful handicrafts, and stop by a Tea Garden to admire the iconic, lush green plantations that have made Darjeeling tea world-famous. Wrap up your sightseeing with a visit to the serene Japanese Temple, a haven of tranquility nestled amidst the hills. As the day winds down, the evening is yours to explore the local markets, indulge in some shopping, or simply relax and savor the cool mountain air. After a day brimming with unforgettable experiences, return to your hotel for a cozy overnight stay in Darjeeling.

## Day 3 Darjeeling - Kalimpong - Local Sightseeing (77 Kms. / 6½ Hrs.)

After a delightful breakfast, bid farewell to Darjeeling and set off for the serene town of Kalimpong, nestled at an altitude of 4,091 feet. The scenic drive, approximately 55 kilometers long, is a treat for the senses, with emerald hills, quaint hamlets, and breathtaking views accompanying you along the way. On arrival, check in to your hotel and take a moment to relax and soak in the peaceful vibes of this charming hill station. In the afternoon, step out to explore Kalimpong's unique attractions. Visit Mangal Dham, a beautiful temple complex dedicated to Lord Krishna, known for its serene atmosphere and intricate architecture. Head to Deolo Hill, one of the highest points in Kalimpong, offering panoramic views of the snow-capped Himalayas and the Teesta River valley below—a perfect spot for nature lovers and photographers. Next, visit the Kalimpong Golf Course, a picturesque stretch of greenery surrounded by rolling hills, followed by the enchanting Durpin Dara Hills, which offers sweeping views of the mountains and valleys. Conclude your tour at Pine View Nursery (closed on Sundays), renowned for its exotic collection of cacti and vibrant flowers, a delightful haven for plant enthusiasts. As the day comes to an end, return to your hotel for a relaxing overnight stay, carrying with you the tranquil essence of Kalimpong.

## Day 4 Kalimpong - Gangtok - Half day Local Sightseeing (108 Kms. / 7 Hrs.)

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast before setting off on a picturesque journey to Gangtok, the vibrant capital of Sikkim, perched at an altitude of 5,500 feet. The drive, filled with winding mountain roads and stunning views of the lush landscapes, is a visual treat. As you ascend, the serene charm of Gangtok welcomes you with its cool mountain air and a vibrant mix of natural beauty and cultural heritage. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and take a moment to relax before heading out to explore. In the afternoon, dive into Gangtok's local treasures with a delightful half-day city tour. Begin at the Flower Show, a riot of colors showcasing Sikkim's rich floral diversity, where the vivid blooms are sure to leave you enchanted. Next, visit the Cottage Industry and Handicraft Centre (closed on Sundays and select Saturdays) to witness the intricate craftsmanship of local artisans, from handwoven fabrics to traditional artifacts. Continue to the Institute of Tibetology (closed on Sundays), a hub of Tibetan culture and history, home to fascinating artifacts, manuscripts, and spiritual texts. Then, experience the peace of the Dro-dul Chorten, a sacred stupa surrounded by prayer wheels, and visit the serene Gonjang Monastery to soak in the spiritual ambiance. Wrap up your exploration at the enchanting Banjakhri Falls, where cascading waters amidst lush greenery create a magical retreat. After a day filled with scenic beauty and cultural insights, return to your



hotel for a restful overnight stay in Gangtok, ready for the adventures ahead.

## Day 5 Excursion to Tsomgo Lake and Baba Mandir (53 Kms. / 3 Hrs. one-way)

After a delightful breakfast, gear up for an extraordinary adventure to two of Sikkim's most iconic destinations. Your journey begins with a scenic drive to the enchanting Tsomgo Lake, nestled at a breathtaking altitude of 12,400 feet. As you wind through rugged mountain roads, the landscape transforms into a picturesque panorama of snow-clad peaks, verdant valleys, and crisp alpine air. On arrival, marvel at the glacial beauty of Tsomgo Lake, its mirror-like surface reflecting the majestic surroundings. Surrounded by legends and local folklore, this serene lake is a place of tranquility and awe-inspiring natural beauty. From there, continue to the revered Baba Mandir, located at an altitude of 13,200 feet. Dedicated to the spirit of Baba Harbhajan Singh, an Indian soldier hailed as a local guardian, the temple is imbued with both spirituality and patriotism. The temple complex, set against the backdrop of towering peaks, offers a serene retreat and stunning views that capture the raw beauty of the Himalayas. As the day unfolds, the magical aura of these high-altitude marvels will leave you with cherished memories. Return to Gangtok in the evening, where you can relax and relive the day's adventures. Enjoy a peaceful overnight stay in Gangtok, carrying the essence of these breathtaking sites with you.

## Day 6 Gangtok - Lachung (116 Kms. / 6 Hrs.)

After a hearty breakfast, pack your essentials and bid farewell to Gangtok as you embark on an enchanting journey to Lachung, a picturesque village tucked away in the pristine beauty of North Sikkim at an altitude of 8,738 feet. The drive, spanning 116 kilometers, takes you through some of the most breathtaking landscapes you'll ever encounter. En route, pause at the magnificent Naga Waterfall, where cascading streams tumble down rugged cliffs, creating a symphony of sights and sounds. Witness the magical confluence of the Lachen Chu and Lachung Chu rivers at Chungthang, a tranquil spot where nature reveals its harmonious beauty. The journey continues with a stop at the awe-inspiring Bhim Nala Waterfall, also known as the "Amitabh Bachchan Waterfall," with its towering drop that mesmerizes all who visit. As you ascend towards Lachung, the air becomes cooler, and the scenery transforms into a dreamlike blend of alpine forests, quaint hamlets, and snow-dusted peaks. Upon arrival, check into your cozy hotel and take in the serene charm of this mountain village. As night falls, enjoy a warm and delicious dinner, surrounded by the tranquility of the Himalayas. Drift off to sleep with the crisp mountain air and the promise of more wonders awaiting you in this untouched paradise. Overnight stay at Lachung.

## Day 7 Excursion to Yumthang Valley (26 Kms. / 1½ Hrs. one-way)

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast before setting off on a mesmerizing excursion to the famed Yumthang Valley, fondly known as the "Valley of Flowers." Nestled at an altitude of 12,000 feet, Yumthang is a true paradise where nature's artistry unfolds in every direction. The journey to the valley is nothing short of magical, with the route winding through dense forests, glacial streams, and snow-capped peaks. Upon arrival, immerse yourself in the surreal beauty of Yumthang. During spring, the valley comes alive with a vibrant carpet of rhododendrons, primulas, and other alpine blooms, creating a kaleidoscope of colors against the majestic Himalayan backdrop. In winter, the valley transforms into a pristine wonderland of snow, offering an equally captivating experience. Watch as yaks graze peacefully, adding to the charm of this tranquil haven, while legends of the mythical yeti lend an air of mystery to the landscape. On your way back, stop by the Hot Spring, renowned for its therapeutic properties. The naturally heated waters bubbling amidst the icy surroundings create a serene spot where you can take a moment to relax and rejuvenate. Return to your hotel in Lachung by afternoon and enjoy a leisurely lunch. The rest of the day is yours to unwind, reflect on the day's wonders, or simply soak in the serene ambiance of this mountain village. Relish a delicious dinner and settle in for another peaceful night in Lachung, carrying with you the magic of Yumthang's untouched beauty.

## Day 8 Lachung - Gangtok (116 Kms. / 6 Hrs.)

After a delightful breakfast, bid farewell to the serene charm of Lachung as you embark on a scenic drive back to Gangtok, the vibrant capital of Sikkim. The journey, spanning 116 kilometers, takes you through North Sikkim's mesmerizing landscapes, where every twist and turn reveals cascading waterfalls, verdant valleys, and towering peaks that seem to touch the skies. As you descend from the high altitudes, the transition from snow-capped wilderness to lush greenery is a visual feast. Along the way, you'll have opportunities to soak in the beauty of the Himalayan countryside, with its quaint villages and the soothing rush of mountain streams keeping you company. Upon arrival in Gangtok, check into your hotel and take the rest of the day to unwind. Whether you choose to explore the bustling local markets, savor Sikkimese delicacies, or simply relax in the comfort of your hotel, this evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. As the day concludes, settle in for a restful overnight stay in Gangtok, refreshed and ready for the adventures yet to come.

## Day 9 Gangtok - NJP Rly Station / IXB Airport (128 Kms. / 5 Hrs.)

After a final breakfast amidst the serene surroundings of Gangtok, it's time to check out from your hotel and begin your journey home. Bid adieu to the mesmerizing landscapes of Sikkim as you embark on a scenic 128-kilometer drive to New Jalpaiguri Railway Station or Bagdogra International Airport. The road winds through lush valleys, sparkling rivers, and distant mountain peaks, offering one last glimpse of the stunning beauty that has graced your journey. As you make your way toward your departure point, take a moment to reflect on the unforgettable experiences, the vibrant cultures, and the breathtaking sights you've witnessed in this Himalayan paradise. Whether you're leaving with memories of snow-clad peaks, lush valleys, or the warmth of Sikkimese hospitality, the magic of the region will stay with you long after you've departed. Arrive at your departure point with time to spare, ready to carry the spirit of the mountains into your next adventure. Safe travels and until next time, may the mountains always call you back!

### TOUR COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation on twin Sharing Basis.
- Meal Plan (as per mentioned above).
- Exclusive Non a/c vehicle for transfers & sightseeing. Please brief to guest that vehicle will not be at disposal it will be available to guest as per itinerary only (point to point basis).
- All permit fees & hotel taxes (as per itinerary).
- Rates are valid for INDIAN NATIONALS only.

### TOUR COST EXCLUDES

- Air Fare / Train fare.
- Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips & gratuity, mineral water, soft & hard drinks, rafting, rock climbing, paragliding, joy ride (Toy Train), Ropeway, portorage.
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.
- Entrance Fees & Guide charges.
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, which is directly payable on the spot).

- Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation & land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.
- Room Heater Charges.
- Insurance.
- Anything which is not included in the inclusion.

## CANCELLATION/NO SHOW POLICY

- As per the Booking Conditions of the Tour, the cancellation charges will be applicable for any cancellation request of the tour, either by the customer or any member of the group. This will be intimated at the time of booking. In any other case, including 'No Show', the Company shall make no refund to the customer.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Documents for Tsomgo Lake & New Baba Mandir – 02 Passport Size Photo along with Photo Copy of Photo ID Proof (Passport or Driving License or Voter ID (Pan Card & Adhaar Card is not accepted). For Children below 18 years, Birth Certificate / School Id / College Id are must. Original needs to carry while travelling.
- In case of Land slide or any other reason, if Tsomgo Lake is closed we will provide alternate sightseeing.
- Documents for Lachung – 02 Passport Size Photo along with Photo Copy of Photo ID Proof (Passport or Driving License or Voter ID (Pan Card & Adhaar Card is not accepted). For Children below 18 years, Birth Certificate / School Id / College Id are must. Original needs to carry while travelling.
- Itinerary is subject to change without any prior notice.
- No rooms on Hold. Confirmation will be subject to availability at the time of confirmation.
- Tour itinerary may be shuffled due to the inclement weather conditions and changes in Flight/ Ferry operations, which may incur extra charges.
- All the passengers should carry the valid ID during the travel
- Peak Season / Weekend Surcharges may be applicable at the time of confirmation. This will be intimated at the time of booking. However we will not be able to get this information prior.
- Child below 2 years is considered as infant and 2 years to 11 years are considered to be child.
- All the services included in the package are compulsory and no refund will be given if any of the services are not taken.
- Flights arriving Early Morning or Late Evening & departing Early Morning or Late Evening, passengers needs to book Private Transfers if Schedule Transfer is not operational
- Check-in time of the hotels starts from 14.00 hrs and check out time will be 12.00 hrs. Early Check in/late check out will be subjected to availability of rooms. However Hotel has the right to change the timing without any prior notice.
- Company will not be liable for any claims due to accidents, food poisoning, medical illness or other natural calamities arising during the tour/travel. Passenger will have to ensure themselves and company will not entertain any claims in this regard.
- At the airport driver will be holding placard under the main passenger name. If you do not locate the driver please call the emergency no and trace out the same.
- For transfers and tours please be ready on time and wait at the hotel reception. If you miss the same no refund. Please carry all your documents safely. All valuables, cash, traveler cheque, air ticket, Visa copy passport etc. should be carried in your handbag for easy access.