

9Nights/10 Days

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Nestled amidst the majestic Himalayas in West Bengal, Darjeeling proudly holds the title of "The Queen of the Hills." Renowned globally as a dream destination, it offers breathtaking vistas of Mt. Kanchenjunga, the third-highest peak in the world, along with the verdant tea gardens that produce the world-famous Darjeeling tea. Adding to its charm, the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a UNESCO World Heritage site, captures the romance of travel with its vintage toy trains chugging through misty hills and emerald valleys. From Darjeeling, the panoramic spectacle of the Singalila Range, Bhutan Himalayas, and even a glimpse of the Everest range leaves visitors spellbound. Its enchanting valleys, gurgling rivers, and vibrant tea plantations make it a true haven for nature lovers. Among the unmissable attractions are the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI), the captivating Himalayan Zoo, the sunrise splendor of Tiger Hill, the serene Rock Garden, and the iconic Batasia Loop, offering a blend of history and scenic beauty. Darjeeling is more than a destination—it's an experience, a place where every moment feels like a postcard-perfect memory.

## Day 1 | NJP Rly Station / IXB Airport - Gangtok (128 Kms. / 5 Hrs)

Upon your arrival at New Jalpaiguri Railway Station or Bagdogra International Airport, you'll be greeted with warm hospitality before beginning your journey to the enchanting capital of Sikkim, Gangtok, perched at an altitude of 5,500 feet. As you wind through picturesque landscapes, the serene charm of the Himalayas unfolds with every mile. Upon reaching Gangtok, check in to your hotel and let the tranquil ambiance embrace you. The rest of the day is yours to relax and soak in the crisp mountain air. Whether you choose to explore nearby streets or simply unwind at your hotel, Gangtok promises a delightful start to your journey. Overnight stay at Gangtok.

## Day 2 | Excursion to Tsomgo Lake and Baba Mandir (53 Kms. / 3 Hrs. one-way)

After a hearty breakfast, embark on an unforgettable excursion to the awe-inspiring Tsomgo Lake, nestled at an altitude of 12,400 feet. As you travel through winding roads, immerse yourself in the stunning views of snow-capped peaks, alpine meadows, and the serene beauty of the lake, which reflects the ever-changing hues of the sky. Following your visit to this tranquil paradise, continue your journey to the sacred Baba Mandir, perched at 13,200 feet, where you'll feel the deep reverence of the place. This temple is dedicated to the spirit of Baba Harbhajan Singh, who is believed to protect travelers in the region. After soaking in the spiritual and natural wonders, return to Gangtok in the evening, with memories of a truly magical day. Overnight stay at Gangtok.

## Day 3 | Gangtok - Lachen (120 Kms. / 6 Hrs.)

After a delightful breakfast, check out from your hotel with just the essentials for a day of adventure. Embark on a scenic drive towards Lachen, a picturesque town nestled at an altitude of 8,980 feet in North Sikkim. As you wind through the enchanting landscape, take breaks to witness the natural splendor of the region—behold the cascading Naga Waterfall, the mesmerizing confluence of the Lachen Chu and Lachung Chu rivers at Chungthang, and the powerful Bhim Nla Waterfall. These breathtaking sights will make the journey feel like an exploration of the very heart of Sikkim's untamed beauty. Upon arrival at Lachen, check in to your hotel, where you can unwind and savor a delicious dinner. Rest for the night, surrounded by the tranquility of the mountains. Overnight stay at Lachen.

## Day 4 | Lachen - Chopta Valley - Gurudongmar Lake - Lachung (185 Kms. / 10 Hrs.)

Start your day with an early breakfast, setting off on an unforgettable adventure through the pristine wilderness of North Sikkim. Your first stop is the mesmerizing Thangu Valley at 12,795 feet, a beautiful gateway to the higher realms of the Himalayas. Continue the journey to Chopta Valley, perched at 13,200 feet, where the snow-capped peaks paint a surreal backdrop. The highlight of today's expedition is Gurudongmar Lake, located at a remarkable altitude of 17,100 feet. Known as one of the highest lakes in the world, it is a sacred and awe-inspiring destination, revered for its spiritual significance. As the lake remains covered in snow from December to April, its stunning beauty is ever more enchanting in winter. After soaking in the tranquility of Gurudongmar Lake, head back to Lachen for a well-deserved lunch and some rest. In the afternoon, check out and embark on a scenic 2-hour drive to Lachung at 8,738 feet. As you arrive at this charming town, check into your hotel and unwind, surrounded by the natural beauty of the region. Enjoy a warm dinner and rest for the night, preparing for the next day's exciting exploration. Overnight stay at Lachung.

## Day 5 | Lachung - Yumthang Valley - Gangtok (161 Kms. / 9 Hrs.)

Rise early for a scenic drive to Yumthang Valley, often called the "Valley of Flowers," located at 12,000 feet above sea level. This pristine haven is a breathtaking sight, especially in spring when colorful blooms cover the valley. Known as the summer grazing grounds for yaks and the winter playgrounds for elusive yetis, Yumthang is a paradise for nature lovers. The serenity of the valley, surrounded by snow-capped peaks, is nothing short of magical. As you make your way back, a stop at the Hot Spring, known for its medicinal properties, offers the perfect opportunity to relax and rejuvenate. After your visit, head back to the hotel for lunch, followed by a scenic drive towards Gangtok (5,500 feet). On the way, if the skies are clear, you'll be treated to stunning views of the mighty Khangchendzonga from the Singhik Viewpoint. This iconic mountain, the third-highest in the world, will leave you in awe as it towers over the landscape. Arrive in Gangtok, check into your hotel, and unwind after this thrilling day of exploration. Enjoy a peaceful evening at leisure, soaking in the beauty of the Himalayan capital. Overnight stay at Gangtok.



## Day 6 Gangtok - Pelling via Namchi (150 Kms. / 7 Hrs.)

After a hearty breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Pelling (6,300 ft.), a charming town nestled in the lap of the Himalayas. The journey will take you via Namchi, where you will visit two iconic spiritual sites: Siddheshwar Dham (Chardham), a grand temple complex that replicates the four holy shrines of India, and the serene Sai Temple, offering a peaceful retreat with panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes. As you continue your drive, you'll be mesmerized by the changing landscapes—lush greenery, rolling hills, and glimpses of the mighty Khangchendzonga in the distance. After this enriching detour, arrive in Pelling, a haven for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike. Check in to your hotel and relax after the day's journey. In the evening, enjoy the tranquility of this peaceful town as you prepare for a day of exploration in the picturesque surroundings. Overnight stay at Pelling.

## Day 7 Pelling Full Day Sightseeing with Skywalk

Start your day with a delightful breakfast, then get ready for a thrilling full-day sightseeing tour that will immerse you in the natural beauty and cultural wonders of Pelling. In the first half of the day, visit the charming Darap Village, known for its serene landscapes and warm local hospitality. Continue your journey to the cascading Rimbi Waterfalls, where the cool, refreshing mist will leave you awestruck. Then, head towards Khecheopalri Lake, also known as the Wish-fulfilling Lake, revered by both Buddhists and Hindus. The tranquility and spiritual significance of this place will captivate your soul. Before lunch, don't miss the stunning Khangchendzongha Waterfalls, where the cool waters tumble down against the backdrop of the majestic Mt. Khangchendzonga. After a hearty lunch, the second half of the day promises even more wonder. Visit the Pemayangtse Monastery, an exquisite example of Tibetan Buddhist architecture, and explore the Rabdantse Ruins, the site of Sikkim's ancient capital, where history comes alive amidst nature. But the highlight of your day will be the Sang-Ngag Choling (Skywalk), where you can walk above the valley and get a bird's-eye view of the surrounding landscape, including breathtaking views of the mighty Khangchendzonga. The evening is yours to unwind and enjoy the serene atmosphere of Pelling, perhaps indulging in a leisurely stroll or some local shopping. Overnight stay at Pelling.

## Day 8 Pelling - Darjeeling (80 Kms. / 4 Hrs.)

After a fulfilling breakfast, embark on a scenic drive towards Darjeeling, the charming Queen of the Hills, nestled at an altitude of 6,950 ft. As you drive through lush landscapes and winding roads, you'll pass through the Singla Check Post, soaking in the beauty of the surrounding hills. On arrival, check in to your hotel and take a moment to rest, breathing in the crisp mountain air and savoring the laid-back vibe of this iconic hill station. Whether you choose to explore the charming local streets, take a leisurely stroll, or simply unwind in the peaceful environment, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. As evening falls, relish the beauty of Darjeeling's breathtaking surroundings and prepare for the exciting adventures that await in the coming days. Overnight stay at Darjeeling.

## Day 9 Darjeeling Full Day Sightseeing with Tiger Hill

Rise early this morning for an unforgettable adventure! At 4:00 AM, head to Tiger Hill, one of Darjeeling's most iconic spots. Witness the sunrise over the Kanchenjunga range, with the golden rays illuminating the majestic peaks—an experience that will take your breath away (subject to permit availability). After this awe-inspiring view, return to the hotel for a hearty breakfast. Post breakfast, your day continues with an exciting sightseeing tour, starting with a visit to the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, where you'll learn about the fascinating history of mountaineering and the legendary Tenzing Norgay. Next, head to the P.N. Zoological Park to encounter Himalayan wildlife, followed by a trip to Tenzing Rock—a popular rock-climbing spot named after the great Sherpa. Continue your exploration with a ride on the famous Darjeeling Ropeway, offering panoramic views of the verdant valleys, tea gardens, and the majestic peaks surrounding the town. You'll also visit the Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre, where you can witness traditional Tibetan handicrafts, and enjoy the serene atmosphere of the Japanese Temple. As the day progresses, make your way to the charming Tea Gardens for an outer view of the lush green slopes, famous for producing some of the finest tea in the world. The evening is yours to relax or indulge in a little shopping in the bustling local markets. Explore vibrant shops for souvenirs or simply soak in the atmosphere of this picturesque hill station. Overnight stay at Darjeeling.

## Day 10 Darjeeling - NJP Rly Station / IXB Airport (75 Kms. / 3 Hrs.)

After a hearty breakfast, check out from your hotel and take the scenic drive back to New Jalpaiguri Railway Station or Bagdogra International Airport. As you leave the mesmerizing hill town, carry with you unforgettable memories of Darjeeling's breathtaking landscapes and rich cultural experiences. Safe travels as you embark on your onward journey!

### TOUR COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation on twin Sharing Basis.
- Meal Plan (as per mentioned above).
- Exclusive Nona/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, portage.
- 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

- 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.