

5Nights/6 Days

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Known as the "Queen of the Hills," Darjeeling is a jewel nestled in the Himalayan embrace of West Bengal, India. This enchanting city has captivated travelers worldwide with its breathtaking vistas of the majestic Mt. Kanchenjunga, its world-famous tea plantations, and the iconic Darjeeling Himalayan Railway—a UNESCO World Heritage site and a marvel of engineering. Darjeeling offers a panoramic spectacle unlike any other, where the entire Singalila Range unfolds before your eyes, accompanied by glimpses of Bhutan's Himalayas and even parts of the Everest range. The verdant valleys, serpentine rivers, and sprawling tea gardens paint a picture of tranquility and natural grandeur, making it a dream destination for nature lovers and photographers alike. Beyond its scenic beauty, Darjeeling promises an array of unforgettable experiences. Discover the thrill of mountaineering at the renowned Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, visit the Himalayan Zoo to encounter rare wildlife, or marvel at the sunrise from Tiger Hill as the first rays illuminate the peaks. The Rock Garden's cascading waterfalls and the picturesque Batasia Loop, with its charming war memorial and toy train, complete the magic of this hill station. Darjeeling isn't just a destination; it's an invitation to lose yourself in the beauty of the Himalayas and the timeless charm of its serene landscapes.

## Day 1 Arrival

Your adventure begins as you arrive at NJP Railway Station or IXB Airport, where our friendly representatives will greet you with a warm welcome. From here, embark on a scenic journey to Darjeeling, perched at an altitude of 6,950 feet, known for its captivating beauty and serene charm. As you make your way through winding roads surrounded by lush greenery and breathtaking landscapes, you'll catch your first glimpses of the enchanting hill station. Upon arrival in Darjeeling, check in to your hotel and unwind in comfort. The rest of the day is yours to relax and absorb the tranquil atmosphere of this hilltop retreat. Enjoy the evening at your own pace, perhaps indulging in a leisurely walk or simply soaking in the cool mountain breeze. Your first night in Darjeeling promises a peaceful rest, preparing you for the exciting experiences ahead. Enjoy an overnight stay in this idyllic destination.

## Day 2 Darjeeling Sightseeing

Wake up early to experience the mesmerizing beauty of Darjeeling at dawn. At 4:00 AM, set out for a visit to Tiger Hill, where you'll witness one of the most stunning sunrises as the first light of the day casts a golden glow over the majestic peaks of Kanchenjunga. (Note: The visit is subject to the availability of permits and tokens.) After soaking in this breathtaking view, return to the hotel for a hearty breakfast to fuel your day ahead. At 8:30 AM, your exploration of Darjeeling's wonders begins. Visit the renowned Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, where the spirit of adventure is alive, and learn about the legacy of mountaineering in the region. Then, venture to the P.N. Zoological Park (closed on Thursdays), home to a variety of Himalayan wildlife. Don't miss the chance to visit Tenzing Rock, a tribute to the legendary mountaineer, and experience the thrill of the Ropeway ride, offering panoramic views of the town and its lush surroundings. Next, explore the Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre (closed on Sundays), where you'll find beautifully crafted handicrafts and immerse yourself in the Tibetan culture. Stop by a Tea Garden for a glimpse of the rolling plantations, a true symbol of Darjeeling's heritage. The Japanese Temple offers a peaceful and spiritual retreat, inviting you to pause and reflect amidst serene surroundings. The evening is free for you to explore the local markets or simply relax in the cool mountain air. Take a leisurely stroll, shop for local souvenirs, or savor the hill station vibe. After a day filled with memories, return to your hotel for an overnight stay, reflecting on the beauty and charm of Darjeeling.

## Day 3 Darjeeling – Gangtok (100 kms / 4 hrs)

After a delightful breakfast, prepare for a scenic road trip to Gangtok, the vibrant capital of Sikkim, situated at an altitude of 5,500 feet. As you leave Darjeeling behind, the journey unfolds with picturesque views of lush landscapes, winding roads, and charming villages nestled in the mountains. The air is crisp, and the tranquility of the surroundings sets the perfect mood for the drive. Upon arrival in Gangtok, check in to your hotel and take a moment to relax and soak in the mountain air. The rest of the day is free for you to explore at your leisure. You can wander through the bustling streets of this charming town, visit local markets, or simply unwind in the peaceful environment. Whether you choose to rest or explore, Gangtok offers an atmosphere of calm, making it the perfect place to recharge. After a relaxing day, retire to your hotel for a restful overnight stay, eager to begin your exploration of this fascinating city tomorrow.

## Day 4 Excursion to Tsomgo Lake & Baba Mandir

After a hearty breakfast, prepare for an unforgettable excursion to two of the most revered sites in Sikkim. Set out on a scenic drive to Tsomgo Lake, located at an impressive altitude of 12,400 feet. The journey takes you through winding mountain roads, with every turn revealing stunning views of snow-capped peaks, alpine meadows, and glistening rivers. Tsomgo Lake, also known as Changu Lake, is a serene glacial lake surrounded by towering mountains, its crystal-clear waters reflecting the beauty of the landscape. The mystical aura of the lake, especially in winter when it is surrounded by snow, is truly awe-inspiring. Next, proceed to the famous Baba Mandir, located at 13,200 feet, dedicated to the spirit of an Indian soldier, Baba Harbhajan Singh. The temple is not only a place of devotion but also offers a stunning view of the surrounding mountains. The peaceful atmosphere at this high-altitude temple is a perfect contrast to the dramatic natural beauty of the area. After soaking in the serenity and spirituality of these iconic sites, return to Gangtok for an overnight stay. Reflect on the remarkable experiences of the day, as you rest and prepare for the next adventure.



## Day 5 Gangtok Local Sightseeing

Today, embark on a captivating full-day tour of Gangtok, where every corner reveals the beauty and spirituality of this mountain town. Begin with a visit to the Tashi View Point, offering panoramic vistas of the mighty Kanchenjunga and other snow-covered peaks—perfect for a moment of reflection and awe. From there, head to Ganesh Tok, a small temple with stunning views of the city below, and then to Hanuman Tok, a peaceful temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman, known for its serene atmosphere and sweeping mountain views. Next, immerse yourself in the colorful vibrancy of the Flower Show, where you can admire the rich variety of flowers that bloom throughout the year in Gangtok's temperate climate. Visit the Cottage Industry and Handicraft Centre (closed on Sundays and 1st & 3rd Saturdays), where you'll find beautiful hand-made crafts, from intricate wood carvings to colorful textiles. Your next stop is the Institute of Tibetology, a treasure trove of Tibetan culture, art, and history (closed on Sundays). Explore its museum, which showcases an extensive collection of Tibetan artifacts, thangkas, and religious texts. Then, head to the Dro-dul Chorten and its peaceful surroundings, a stupa with a rich history and spiritual significance. No visit to Gangtok is complete without a stop at the Banjakhri Falls. Feel the cool mist of the waterfall as it cascades down surrounded by lush greenery, creating a perfect spot to relax and connect with nature. After a day filled with breathtaking views, spiritual experiences, and cultural insights, return to your hotel in Gangtok for a restful overnight stay, reflecting on the unique charm of the city.

## Day 6 Gangtok – NJP Rly Station / IXB Airport (120 kms / 5 hrs)

After a leisurely breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to the mesmerizing hills of Gangtok. Check out from your hotel and embark on your journey back, filled with memories of the stunning landscapes and cultural experiences you've encountered. The 120 km drive to NJP Railway Station or IXB Airport offers one last opportunity to soak in the beautiful scenery as you make your way through the rolling hills and tranquil valleys. As you reach your departure point, take a moment to reflect on the incredible adventure you've had in Sikkim—the serene lakes, majestic temples, and the warmth of the mountain air. With a heart full of cherished memories, you'll board your train or flight, ready to carry the magic of this enchanting destination with you as you head towards your next adventure.

### TOUR COST INCLUDES

- Airfare as opted
- 02 nights accommodation at Darjeeling
- 03 nights accommodation at Gangtok
- Daily Breakfast
- 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)

### TOUR COST EXCLUDES

- 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 5 Refunds (if any) for amendments and/or cancellations will be paid by the Company only after receiving written request from the customer within TEN days from the date of the scheduled completion of the tour (as per the Itinerary). Refund will be the sole discretion of the Company & shall be made by the Company only after deducting applicable cancellation charges. Any refunds, whether payment received in Indian rupees or foreign exchange, will be affected in Indian Rupees only at the prevailing Foreign Exchange buying rate. All refunds will be processed once the respective service providers has given the credit. Refund will be strictly remitted to respective customer account only. REFUND POLICY : 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. & land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure
- Room Heater Charges
- Insurance.
- Anything which is not included in the inclusion

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### 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