

# Eastern Himalayas

07 Nights / 08 Days

2N Darjeeling – 2N Pelling – 2N Gangtok – 1N Kalimpong



## *Eastern* **HIMALAYAS**

### PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- In Gangtok, visit Tsomgo Lake & Baba Mandir Excursion
- In Pelling, Excursion to Yuksom, Rimbi Waterfalls, Rimbi Hydro Project & Khecheopalri Lake
- In Kalimpong, Dello hills, Flower Nurseries, Zong Dog Palri Fo- Brong Monastery and Durbin Dara Monastery
- In Darjeeling, visit to Tiger Hill early morning to view Everest and snow-capped Himalayan range.
- Sightseeing in Darjeeling - Ghoom Monastery, Japanese Temple , Himalayan Zoological Park & Himalayan Mountaineering Institute
- Sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start and End in Bagdogra / New Jalpaiguri

### ROUTE MAP



## ITINERARY

### **Day 01 – Bagdogra / New Jalpaiguri – Darjeeling (93 kms / approx. 3 hours)**

Welcome on arrival at Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri Railway Station and transfer to Darjeeling, Standing high in the Himalayas at an altitude of 2134m, ‘Dorje Ling’, or place of the Thunderbolt, offers breathtaking views of snow-capped mountain peaks, with the Kanchendzonga rising higher than all the others. Often referred to as the “Queen of the Hills”, it remains just as alluring with its tiny waterfalls, little villages and a narrow gauge railway track. Surrounded by World Famous Tea Gardens and snow capped mountains, Darjeeling remains one of the most exotic destinations. Graeme Westlake in his book ‘An introduction to hill stations on India’ refers to Darjeeling as having “A view Scarcely Unrivalled on Earth”, overnight at hotel.

### **Day 02 – Sightseeing of Darjeeling**

Early morning visit Tiger Hill to see a beautiful sunrise and Himalayan Range like Kanchandzonga, Mount Everest etc. One can see the horizon changing colors just before sunrise and then the entire Himalayan range turn golden.

Breakfast at the hotel and proceed for city tour visiting Himalayan Mountaineering Institute(closed on Thursday) which was started by Tenzing Norgay after he climbed Mt. Everest, Zoological Park(closed on Thursday), Tenzing Rock, Gombu Rock, Tea Estate(from outside), Japanese Temple and Peace Pagoda. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 03 – Darjeeling – Pelling (75 kms / approx. 3 hours)**

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to Pelling. Located at a distance of 120 kms from Gangtok Pelling is another serene, mountain village which lies in the western districts of Sikkim. This village is situated at an altitude of 2000 mts(approx) and commands a spectacular view of Mt.Kanchenjunga, overnight at hotel.

### **Day 04 – Sightseeing of Pelling**

Breakfast at the hotel full day city tour visiting Khechipalri Lake, Rimbi Falls, Skywalk (Ticket on direct payment), Darap Village, Orange Garden and Rabtense Ruins. Overnight at Hotel.

### **Day 05 – Pelling – Gangtok (127 kms / 5 hours)**

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to Gangtok. At an altitude of 1750m, Gangtok became the state capital in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century and has undergone rapid development since then. The downtown area is dominated by huge government buildings decorated with traditional Buddhist symbols. Gangtok is also a resting ground for people traveling to North Sikkim. Surrounded by Monasteries and Orchids, Gangtok is truly a travellers delight.

Later proceed for half day sightseeing in Gangtok visiting Flower Show, Handicraft, Institute of Tibetology, Do Drul Chorten, and Bakthang Falls. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 06 –Sightseeing of Gangtok**

Breakfast at the hotel and full day excursion to Changu Lake which is 35 Kms from Gangtok at an altitude of 12,400 feet. The lake derives its waters from melting snows off the surrounding mountains Legends say that lamas could forecast the future by studying the color of the lake’s waters. Also visit New Baba Mandir. Overnight at Hotel.

### **Day 07 – Gangtok – Kalimpong (83 kms / approx. 3 hours)**

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to Kalimpong. At an altitude of 1250m, Kalimpong’s location is ideal for a pleasant , relaxed getaway. Its clement weather has made Kalimpong’s orchids and gladiole well renowned. Up to the early 1700s, the Kalimpong area was part of the Sikkim raja’s domain. In the early 18th century, the Bhutan king also took it over. In 1865, after the Anglo-Bhutan War , it was annexed to Darjeeling. Scottish Missionaries came here in the late 1800s. The town thrived as a wool trading center with Tibet till 1950s. Today it’s a quiet hill resort and a haven for retired people.

Afternoon sightseeing in Kalimpong city tour visiting Mangal Dham, Durpin Hill, Golf Course from outside and Cactus Nursery. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 08 – kalimpong – Bagdogra / New Jalpaiguri**

Morning Transfer to Bagdogra Airport / New Jalpaiguri Railway Station.

End of Services

### HOTELS OFFERED OR SIMILAR

City	Nights	Category A	Category B	Category C	Meal Plan
Gangtok	2	Elgin Nor-Khill	Fern Denzong/ Royal Plaza	Suhim Portico/ The North Star	Breakfast
Pelling	2	Elgin Mt. Pandim	Norbu Ghang Retreat and Spa /Similar	Norbughang Resort/Similar	Breakfast
Darjeeling	2	New Elgin	Crescent Resort/ Cedar Inn	Summit Hermon /Summit Grace	Breakfast
Kalimpong	1	Silveroaks	Pine Tree/Similar	Summit Lillium / Similar	Breakfast

PACKAGE COST IN INR	Category A	Category B	Category C
Cost Per Person when 2 Pax Travelling	68880	51600	42000
Cost Per Person when 4 Pax Travelling	59880	42600	33000
Cost for Extra Person / Child with Bed (Hotel Cost Only)	38340	17160	11820
Cost for Extra Child without Bed (Hotel Cost Only)	20700	6600	5880

### PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 7 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- Meal Plan is Breakfast & Dinner.
- Transportation using Wagon R / Similar for 02-03 Pax and AC Innova/Xylo (Similar) for 04-06 pax
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- AC will not be operational when travelling in the hills
- Vehicle is not on disposal but as per itinerary
- Vehicle will be changed depending on local vehicle regulations and road / weather condition.
- All Parking Charges.
- All currently applicable Taxes

### PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

- Guide Charges
- Air tickets
- Porter Charges
- Entry Fees
- Nathula pass/Yumesamdong/Mirik Excursion & Toy train ride Darjeeling at additional Cost & on availability.
- Personal Expenses: such as Laundry, Telephone Calls, Alcohol & Non Alcoholic Beverages, Food (if not included)
- Additional Sightseeing or usage of vehicle not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any services not mentioned in the itinerary
- High Season Surcharge.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monument

## NOTES

- Check Inn & Check out time as per Hotel Policy
- Package cost will not be valid from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 05<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Also during public holidays, festivals, exhibitions and long-weekends
- A surcharge will be levied and will be advised at the time of booking
- All tourist places are open and state body reserves right to close any places if found necessary.
- Please carefully note the opening and closing days of each of the sightseeing points given in the itinerary.
- Most of the 7 sightseeing points in Darjeeling are closed on Thursdays, Forests are also closed on Thursdays, In Gangtok, Institute of Tibetology Institute of Handicrafts and handlooms are closed on Sundays. Nathula Pass is closed on Mondays and Tuesday and is subject to the availability of permits from the army.
- Guest need to carry valid ID proof to obtain special permits required for sightseeing
- Hotels are very strict with the child policy. Please carry the age proof so that it can be produced when asked for
- Toy train tickets & Cable car tickets are subject to availability & days of operations

**This package is valid from 01<sup>st</sup> October'22 till 31<sup>st</sup> March'23 (Except from 20<sup>th</sup> December'22 – 05<sup>th</sup> January'23)**

