



## Sikkim Backpacking Tour



### About This Experience

Sikkim is a mysterious hidden secret of the mighty Eastern Himalayan range tucked between Nepal, Bhutan and mainland India and is a gateway to the Hidden caves of Mt.Kanchanjunga. Besides the very intriguing mythological context, Sikkim has a rich, unexplored, and untouched cultural context too!

Starting from lesser-known facts, Sikkim was an independent country, until it became the 22nd state on the North-Eastern border of India in May 1975. The state is a living example of overlapping cultures, lifestyles, and spiritual beliefs, thriving in peace, harmony, and love. It is shared by 3 major tribes – the Lepchas (the snowmen & Nature worshippers, the original Sikkimese tribe), Bhutias ( the Buddhist Tibetan tribe), and Nepalis (the Hindus).

We would be driving through different regions which have been home to these tribes respectively even before the merger to spend some time from our lives exchanging and sharing cultures, lifestyles, cuisines, folklores, art & architecture. The trip offers a taste of a mountain city, mountain countryside, a mountain town, and a village clubbed with a rich history and changing landscapes with great variations in altitude and kind-hearted people. It will leave you wanting to come back for more.

### Trip Highlights

- Camping experience in the jungles of Gangtok.
- Authentic homestay experience with the local tribes of Sikkim.
- A typical Tea garden farmhouse stays experience.
- Guided village walks and monastery tours.
- Picnics at the sandy beaches of North Sikkim.
- Day hike/ Drive to the pristine hidden hot water springs.
- Day tours to the high-altitude marvels like – Nathula, Tsongmo Lake, Gurudongmar Lake,
- Zero-point and Yumthang valley.
- Momo folding along with being a part of another cuisine making.
- Last but not least – a true Himalayan living experience with Kanupriya Raniwala

Raniwala

### Who Should Attend ?

### Highlights

- Day 1:** Transfer from Bagdogra / NJP to Gangtok (East Sikkim). o/n Gangtok
- Day 2:** Tsongmo Lake / Changu Lake Day excursion & MG Marg stroll (East Sikkim) o/n Gangtok ( Nathula if accessible at an additional cost )
- Day 3:** Drive to Lachen. (North Sikkim) o/n Lachen
- Day 4:** Gurudongmar Lake, Thangu Valley & head to Lachung (North Sikkim) o/n Lachung
- Day 5:** Yumthang Valley of Flowers, Yumesungzong Hot Water Springs Zero Point ( additional cost ) & head back to Lachung
- Day 6:** Head to Temi Tea Estates & Ravangla (South Sikkim) o/n Temi
- Day 7:** Drop To Airport

**Nathula & Zero Point on extra cost as mentioned in the itinerary according to accessibility payable directly to the driver. The costs are volatile and could range from 3500 to 5000 per vehicle.**



**Duration :** 7 Days 6 Nights



**Start Point :** Bagdogara Airport



**Accommodation :**

Hotel



**Best Season :**

Winter (Nov, Dec, Jan) Spring (Feb, March, April)

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- **Stay Selection -**

Gangtok - Meraki Homes/similar  
Lachen - Lhakhim Homestay/similar  
Lachung - Lachungpa Homestay  
Dzongu - Lingthem Lyang  
Temi - Temi Kothi Homestay

- All Transport - Xylo/Sumo/Bolero from pickup to drop
- Meals ( Breakfast & Dinner/ Lunch) - Any 2 meals depending on locations
- All Permits for Changu Lake, New Baba Mandir, Lachen, Gurudongmar Lake, Lachung, Yumthang Valley

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- Activities as mentioned in the itinerary
- An Experienced Guide and his/her allowances
- Fuel costs, Parking
- Travel card to enter Sikkim
- Experience you gain

### EXCLUSIONS

- Any meals that are not mentioned above.
- Tea snacks etc on the route of the trip.
- Any adventure activity fare or any sightseeing fare is not included in the cost.
- Personal shopping.
- Any alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages.
- Any personal medication.
- Last but not least – negative vibes!

## THINGS TO CARRY

- Trekking shoes: Carry Trekking shoes with good grip and ankle support. Do not carry sports shoes.
- Sunglasses: Sunglasses are mandatory. There will be a lot of snow on the trek and can cause snow blindness.
- Cap: At high altitude, the sun is extra harsh so carry a cap to protect yourself.
- Waterproof hand gloves: Carry waterproof gloves and avoid woolen gloves as they will get wet if you touch snow.
- Socks (3-4 pairs) and a pair of woolen socks: Apart from two sports socks, you can take a pair of woolen socks for the night.
- Headlamp/LED torch: Mandatory
- Raincoat/Ponchos: At high altitudes, snowfall and rain are quite common and it's mandatory to carry a poncho so that you don't get wet. The trek will continue as planned even during rainfall. Your poncho should protect you from the rain. Carry a backpack cover for extra protection from rain for your belongings.
- Documents – ID (Driver's License, AADHAR Card, Voter ID or Passport and Photos
- Day Pack ( Small Bag of 10 liters to carry necessary stuff for the day )
- Powerbank
- Dry Bags
- Toiletries as required
- We encourage fellow travelers to be Backpackers and avoid carrying Suitcase and Trolleys

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

>Consumption of alcohol, intoxicants, and smoking would not be tolerated during the entire course of the journey and the trek. Kindly co-operate with us to make the experience more fun.

>Do not expect any luxuries on the trip. The locations that we host are in remote places and we do our best to arrange the basic facilities. The goal is to be outdoors. >The Food that shall be provided will be Basic Veg Food. We do not serve Non-Veg Food. >Put Litter in its place, do not trash your travel. >Plan The Unplanned shall not be responsible for any of your belongings, valuables, jewelry, etc. Kindly do take care. >In the case of traffic delays or breakdowns, expect a little delay in reaching the destination.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

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