

Tour Name: Eastern Himalaya

Tour Duration: 6 Nights/ 7 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3vhpaxtr>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through the Eastern Himalaya. Begin in Darjeeling, where mornings unveil the majestic sunrise over Mt. Kanchenjunga from Tiger Hill and afternoons are spent amidst tea estates and Tibetan monasteries. Journey to Pelling to explore ancient ruins and the serene Pemayangtse Monastery, before heading to Gangtok, the cultural heart of Sikkim. Discover Buddhist stupas, serene lakes like Tsomgo, and the bustling MG Marg. Conclude in Kalimpong, immersed in colonial charm and panoramic views of the Himalayas. This adventure promises a blend of natural beauty, cultural heritage, and spiritual tranquility in the heart of the Eastern Himalayas.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Bagdogra - Darjeeling (62kms)

- Arrive at Bagdogra Airport and transfer to Darjeeling, a charming hill station renowned for its tea estates and panoramic views of the Himalayas.
- Check-in at your hotel and relax after your journey.

Day 2: Darjeeling

- Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Early morning visit to Tiger Hill to witness the spectacular sunrise over Mt. Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak in the world.
- Explore Ghoom Monastery, a Tibetan Buddhist monastery featuring a giant statue of Maitreya Buddha and ancient manuscripts.
- Visit Batasia Loop, a spiral railway loop offering panoramic views of Darjeeling town and the snow-capped Himalayan range.
- Tour Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) and the Everest Museum, where you can learn about mountaineering expeditions and view artifacts used in the first ascent of Everest by Tenzing Norgay and Sir Edmund Hillary.

- Explore Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, known for breeding endangered species like the red panda and snow leopard.
- Visit the Tibetan Refugee Centre to see traditional Tibetan handicrafts and learn about the Tibetan culture and heritage.

Day 3: Darjeeling - Pelling (75kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Pelling, a serene town in West Sikkim known for its breathtaking views of the Himalayas.
- Visit Pemayangtse Monastery, one of the oldest monasteries in Sikkim, housing ancient statues and religious treasures.
- Explore Rabdentse Ruins, the ruins of the former capital of the Kingdom of Sikkim, offering historical insights into Sikkimese royalty and architecture.

Day 4: Pelling - Gangtok (120kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before departing for Gangtok, the capital city of Sikkim nestled in the Eastern Himalayas.
- Visit Enchey Monastery, an important seat of the Nyingma order of Tibetan Buddhism, known for its serene ambiance and traditional architecture.
- Explore Do Drul Chorten Stupa, one of the largest stupas in Sikkim, adorned with prayer wheels and Buddhist icons.
- Visit Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, housing a vast collection of Tibetan artifacts, thangkas, and manuscripts related to Buddhist philosophy and culture.
- Spend the evening exploring MG Marg, the vibrant pedestrian street in Gangtok lined with shops, cafes, and handicraft stalls.

Day 5: Gangtok

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel.
- Full-day excursion to Tsomgo Lake (Changu Lake), a glacial lake located at an altitude of 12,400 feet. Enjoy yak rides and breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains.
- Visit Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir, a sacred shrine dedicated to a soldier who is revered as the protector of soldiers in the inhospitable terrain of the Eastern Himalayas.
- Return to Gangtok for evening leisure or optional sightseeing.

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Day 6: Gangtok - Kalimpong (75kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Kalimpong, a peaceful hill station known for its colonial architecture, flower nurseries, and panoramic views.
- Visit Durpin Monastery (Zang Dhok Palri Phodang), offering panoramic views of the Himalayan ranges and housing rare Buddhist scriptures and relics.
- Explore Zang Dhok Palri Phodang Monastery, known for its sacred relics and stunning wall murals depicting Buddhist legends.

Day 7: Kalimpong - Bagdogra (75kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Kalimpong.
- Depart for Bagdogra, concluding your journey through the Eastern Himalayas with fond memories of scenic landscapes, rich culture, and spiritual experiences.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)

Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	4,044	2,215	1,898	1,983	1,777	1,736	1,625	1,541
4★ Deluxe	4,878	2,668	2,351	2,435	2,230	2,189	2,077	1,994
5★ Luxury	6,532	3,664	3,192	3,277	3,072	3,031	2,919	2,836

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 567 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 949 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,761

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 71 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 132 | 5★ Luxury: USD 294

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 6 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.

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- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 6 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Summit Swiss Heritage Resort & Spa/ Udaan Himalayan Suites & Spa
- Pelling x 1 night: Summit Newa Regency & Spa/ Magpie Pachhu Village Resort
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Summit Namnang Courtyard & Spa/ Summit Norling Resort & Spa
- Kalimpong x 1 night: Summit Barsana Resort & Spa/ Sinclairs Retreat

4 Star Hotels

- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Elgin Hotel/ TRamada by Wyndham
- Pelling x 1 night: The Elgin Mount Pandim/ Chumbi Mountain Retreat & Spa
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Elgin NorKhill/ Denzong Regency
- Kalimpong x 1 night: The Elgin Silver Oaks

5 Star Hotels

- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Mayfair/ Ging Tea House
- Pelling x 1 night: The Elgin Mount Pandim/ Chumbi Mountain Retreat & Spa
- Gangtok x 2 nights: Mayfair Spa Resort & Casino/ Tashiling Residency Hotel & Spa
- Kalimpong x 1 night: Mayfair

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.

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- **Role as Agent:** Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- **Itinerary Changes:** All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
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- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.