

Tour Name: Darjeeling Tea Estate & Gangtok Monasteries Tours

Tour Duration: 5 Nights/ 6 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/4es59s8x>

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the enchanting landscapes of the Himalayas with the Darjeeling Tea Estate & Gangtok Monasteries Tours. Begin in Darjeeling, where you'll witness breathtaking sunrises over Mount Kanchenjunga, explore ancient Tibetan monasteries, and experience the charm of the famous "Toy Train." Travel to Gangtok, the vibrant capital of Sikkim, to discover majestic monasteries, serene glacial lakes, and rich cultural heritage. Visit the renowned Rumtek Monastery, marvel at the vibrant flower exhibitions, and enjoy panoramic views from scenic viewpoints. This tour offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, spiritual tranquility, and cultural exploration, making it an ideal Himalayan adventure.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Bagdogra – Darjeeling (75kms)

- Arrive at Bagdogra Airport and transfer to Darjeeling. Enjoy the scenic drive through lush tea gardens and charming villages.

Day 2: Darjeeling

- Have breakfast at the hotel. Start your day energized for exploring Darjeeling.
- Visit Tiger Hill at dawn for a spectacular sunrise view over Mount Kanchenjunga. Experience the breathtaking panorama of the world's third-highest peak and the surrounding Himalayas.
- Explore Ghoom Monastery, one of the oldest Tibetan monasteries in Darjeeling. Marvel at its 15-foot-high Maitreya Buddha statue and the rich collection of Tibetan manuscripts.
- Ride the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to experience the "Toy Train." Relive the colonial era as the train chugs through picturesque hills and tea gardens.
- Visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, dedicated to the legendary Tenzing Norgay. Explore exhibits on mountaineering history and see memorabilia from Everest expeditions.
- Discover the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, home to rare and endangered species. See red pandas, snow leopards, and Tibetan wolves in a naturalistic setting.

- Stroll through Darjeeling's vibrant markets and savor local delicacies. Shop for handcrafted souvenirs and taste traditional Tibetan and Nepali cuisine.

Day 3: Darjeeling – Gangtok (130kms)

- Have breakfast at the hotel. Prepare for your drive to Gangtok.
- Drive from Darjeeling to Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim. Pass through picturesque landscapes, including tea estates and river valleys.
- Arrive in Gangtok and relax at your hotel. Take an evening walk along MG Marg, the town's bustling shopping street, lined with shops, cafes, and restaurants.

Day 4: Gangtok

- Have breakfast at the hotel. Begin your day exploring Gangtok.
- Visit Rumtek Monastery, one of Sikkim's most significant Buddhist monasteries. Admire the intricate architecture and peaceful surroundings of this spiritual center.
- Explore the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, which houses a vast collection of Buddhist artifacts. Learn about Tibetan culture and religion through ancient manuscripts, statues, and thangkas.
- Visit the Flower Exhibition Centre to see a variety of local orchids. Enjoy the colorful display of exotic flowers and seasonal plants native to Sikkim.
- Take a cable car ride at Deorali for panoramic views of Gangtok and the surrounding hills. Experience the thrill of gliding over the scenic landscape.
- Visit Tashi Viewpoint to capture stunning views of Mount Kanchenjunga and Siniolchu. Enjoy the serene environment and take memorable photographs.

Day 5: Gangtok

- Have breakfast at the hotel. Set out for a day of scenic and spiritual exploration.
- Drive to Tsomgo Lake, a serene glacial lake surrounded by snow-capped mountains. Enjoy the tranquil beauty of this sacred lake, located at an altitude of 12,400 feet.
- Visit the nearby Baba Harbhajan Singh Temple, a revered shrine dedicated to an Indian Army soldier. Hear the legend of Baba Harbhajan Singh and pay your respects at this unique temple.
- Return to Gangtok and visit Enchey Monastery, offering panoramic views of the city. Explore this 200-year-old monastery, known for its spiritual significance and stunning location.
- Visit Ganesh Tok, a small temple dedicated to Lord Ganesh, offering panoramic views of Gangtok and the surrounding mountains. Enjoy the peaceful ambiance and beautiful scenery.
- Explore Hanuman Tok, a temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman, located at an altitude of 7,200 feet. Experience the serene atmosphere and breathtaking views of the Himalayas.
- Enjoy an evening at leisure exploring Gangtok's cafes and shops. Savor local delicacies and shop for souvenirs and handicrafts.

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Day 6: Gangtok - Bagdogra (125kms)

- Have breakfast at the hotel. Prepare for your journey back to Bagdogra.
- After breakfast, drive back to Bagdogra Airport. Enjoy the scenic journey through the lush landscape of Sikkim.
- Depart from Bagdogra Airport with cherished memories of your Darjeeling and Gangtok tour. Relive the highlights of your trip and look forward to your next adventure.

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	1,628	852	724	787	705	694	649	615
4★ Deluxe	2,264	1,162	1,035	1,098	1,016	1,005	960	926
5★ Luxury	2,749	1,526	1,353	1,416	1,334	1,323	1,278	1,244

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 303 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 629 | 5★ Luxury: USD 795

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 42 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 89 | 5★ Luxury: USD 95

Price Includes:

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

3 Star Hotels

- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Summit Swiss Heritage Resort & Spa/ Udaan Himalayan Suites & Spa
- Gangtok x 3 nights: Summit Namnang Courtyard & Spa/ Summit Norling Resort & Spa

4 Star Hotels

- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Elgin Hotel/ TRamada by Wyndham
- Gangtok x 3 nights: Elgin NorKhill/ Denzong Regency

5 Star Hotels

- Darjeeling x 2 nights: Mayfair/ Ging Tea House
- Gangtok x 3 nights: Mayfair Spa Resort & Casino/ Tashiling Residency Hotel & Spa

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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- Rate Modifications: Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- Liability Disclaimer: We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- Damage, Loss, or Injury: We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- Insurance: We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- 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.