

Tour Name: Kolkata to Eastern Himalaya Darjeeling & Gangtok Tour

Tour Duration: 9 Nights/ 10 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/4pxz8v3r>

Tour Overview

Discover the diverse beauty and rich heritage of East India on this captivating tour. Begin your journey in Kolkata, the cultural capital, where colonial architecture and bustling markets tell stories of the past. Venture into the serene hills of Darjeeling, witnessing the majestic sunrise over Kanchenjunga and exploring charming tea estates. Continue to the tranquil landscapes of Gangtok, with its Buddhist monasteries and breathtaking views of the Himalayas. This tour combines the vibrant history, cultural richness, and natural splendor of East India, offering a truly unforgettable experience. Ideal for those seeking a blend of adventure, culture, and scenic beauty, this journey promises lasting memories.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata

- Arrival in Kolkata, transfer to hotel.
- Evening free to relax or explore local markets.

Day 2: Kolkata

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Visit Victoria Memorial, a stunning marble building showcasing colonial history and art, surrounded by lush gardens.
- Explore Howrah Bridge, an iconic cantilever bridge over the Hooghly River, a marvel of engineering and a lifeline for commuters.
- Tour Indian Museum, one of the oldest and largest museums in India, featuring ancient artifacts, fossils, and Mughal paintings.
- Stroll through Park Street, known for its vibrant nightlife, colonial-era architecture, and diverse eateries offering a range of cuisines.
- Visit St. Paul's Cathedral, a notable Anglican cathedral with Gothic architecture and serene ambiance.

- Explore Marble Palace, a 19th-century mansion with a collection of antiques, Western sculptures, and Victorian furniture.
- Visit the Kalighat Kali Temple, one of the most famous Hindu temples dedicated to Goddess Kali.

Day 3: Kolkata - Bagdogra (Flight)/ Darjeeling (70kms)

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning flight to Bagdogra.
- Drive to Darjeeling, passing through scenic tea gardens and lush hills.
- Check-in at the hotel and evening at leisure.

Day 4: Darjeeling

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Early morning visit to Tiger Hill for a sunrise view over Kanchenjunga, offering breathtaking vistas of the Himalayas.
- Explore Ghoom Monastery, one of the oldest Tibetan monasteries in Darjeeling, featuring a large statue of Maitreya Buddha.
- Ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a UNESCO World Heritage site, offering scenic views and a nostalgic experience.
- Visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, dedicated to Tenzing Norgay, with exhibits on mountaineering and a training center.
- Tour the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, home to rare animals like red pandas, snow leopards, and Tibetan wolves.
- Explore the Tea Estates to learn about tea production, enjoy tastings, and experience the serene plantations.
- Visit the Peace Pagoda, a Buddhist stupa offering panoramic views of Darjeeling and the surrounding mountains.

Day 5: Darjeeling

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Visit the Japanese Peace Pagoda, a symbol of peace with beautiful surroundings and views of the town.

- Stroll through Chowrasta and Mall Road for shopping, local cuisine, and experiencing the vibrant local culture.
- Explore Rock Garden and Ganga Maya Park, known for their beautiful landscapes, terraced gardens, and waterfalls.
- Visit Batasia Loop, a spiral railway track offering spectacular views and a war memorial dedicated to Gorkha soldiers.
- Tour the Darjeeling Observatory Hill, a sacred site with Hindu and Buddhist temples offering panoramic views.
- Enjoy a visit to the Bengal Natural History Museum, showcasing the rich biodiversity of the Eastern Himalayas.

Day 6: Darjeeling - Gangtok (120kms)

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Scenic drive to Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim, through picturesque landscapes and quaint villages.
- Check-in at the hotel and evening at leisure to explore MG Marg, a bustling pedestrian-only market area.

Day 7: Gangtok

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Visit Rumtek Monastery, a significant center for Buddhist learning and the seat of the Karmapa Lama, featuring intricate murals and statues.
- Explore the Enchey Monastery, known for its peaceful ambiance and beautiful architecture, offering views of the surrounding hills.
- Tour the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, housing rare Tibetan artifacts, thangkas, and a vast library of Buddhist literature.
- Enjoy the serene surroundings at Tashi View Point with breathtaking views of the Himalayas and Kanchenjunga.
- Visit Ganesh Tok, a small temple dedicated to Lord Ganesh, offering panoramic views of Gangtok and the surrounding hills.
- Explore Hanuman Tok, a temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman with scenic views of the mountains and the town below.

- Visit Flower Exhibition Centre, showcasing a variety of seasonal flowers, rare orchids, and vibrant floral displays.

Day 8: Gangtok

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Visit Tsomgo Lake, a glacial lake with stunning surroundings, revered as a holy site by locals, situated at an altitude of 12,400 feet.
- Explore Baba Harbhajan Singh Temple, dedicated to a revered Indian army soldier known for his legend and local significance.
- Tour Ganesh Tok, offering panoramic views of Gangtok and the surrounding hills, and a small temple dedicated to Lord Ganesh.
- Explore MG Marg for shopping, local cuisine, and experiencing the vibrant local culture in a pedestrian-only area.
- Visit the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, promoting traditional Sikkimese art and crafts, with a variety of hand-made items.
- Tour Do Drul Chorten, one of the most important stupas in Sikkim, surrounded by prayer wheels and offering a peaceful atmosphere.

Day 9: Gangtok - Bagdogra (125kms)/ Kolkata (Flight)

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Drive back to Bagdogra, enjoying the scenic landscapes, tea gardens, and rivers along the way.
- Flight to Kolkata, with the evening at leisure for relaxation or exploring the city's vibrant streets and markets.
- Optional visit to New Market for last-minute shopping and experiencing the bustling local life.

Day 10: Kolkata - Departure (Flight)

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Leisure time for last-minute shopping or exploration of nearby attractions.
- Transfer to the airport for your departure flight, concluding the tour.

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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	2,824	1,495	1,379	1,491	1,323	1,267	1,179	1,114
4★ Deluxe	3,824	1,983	1,867	1,980	1,812	1,755	1,668	1,602
5★ Luxury	4,642	2,764	2,401	2,514	2,346	2,290	2,202	2,136

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 489 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,000 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,284

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 64 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 127 | 5★ Luxury: USD 151

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 9 Nights' accommodation in mentioned hotels or similar.
- 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:

- Kolkata - Bagdogra - Kolkata flight fare approx INR 10, 500 per person in economy class.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.

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- 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 9 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 3 nights: Golden Tulip/ Polo Floatel
- Darjeeling x 3 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

- Kolkata x 3 nights: The Elgin Fairlawn/ ZONE By The Park
- Darjeeling x 3 nights: Elgin Hotel/ TRamada by Wyndham
- Gangtok x 3 nights: Elgin NorKhill/ Denzong Regency

5 Star Hotels

- Kolkata x 3 nights: ITC Sonar, a Luxury Collection/ The Lalit Great Eastern
- Darjeeling x 3 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).

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- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.