



Itinerary 2 : 6N/7D - 3 Nights Gangtok - 2 Nights Darjeeling - 1 Night Kalimpong

Day 01: Bagdogra / NJP – Gangtok : Assistance at the airport/railway station on arrival and drive to Gangtok.

GANGTOK: At an altitude of 1750m, Gangtok became the state capital in the mid-19th 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 traveler's delight. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02: 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 snow 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 the hotel.

Day 03: Gangtok : Breakfast at the hotel and proceed for half day city tour visiting Tashi View Point, Ganesh Tok, Hanuman Tok, Banjhakri Falls(closed as of now), Bakthang Falls, Do-Drul Chorten, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (closed on Saturday, Sundays), Cottage Industry (closed on Saturday, Sundays) and Flower Show Complex. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04: Gangtok- Darjeeling

After breakfast transfer to Darjeeling, It is one of the most magnificent hill resorts in the world. The rest of the day is free for own activities, Overnight stay at the hotel.

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 the hotel.

Day 05: Darjeeling :

Early morning visit Tiger Hill to see a beautiful sunrise and Himalayan Range like Kanchanzonga, Mount Everest, etc. One can see the horizon changing colors just before sunrise and then the entire Himalayan range turn golden. It is truly a majestic sight and Ghoom Monastery which is the oldest Monastery in the area It was built in 1875 and one can see the image of Mythey Buddha 15ft. in height on the way back from Tiger Hill. Also, Visit Batasia Loop. Breakfast at the hotel and proceed for a 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), Tibetan Refugee Centre(closed on Sunday), Tenzing Rock, Gombu Rock, Japanese Temple & Peace Pagoda and Tea Garden (from outside). Overnight at the hotel.

*Note: HMI & ZOO in Darjeeling is Closed every Thursday & 19th of Every Month

Day 06 Darjeeling – Kalimpong :

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to Kalimpong.

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 the 1950s. Today it's a quiet hill resort and a haven for retired people. Afternoon sightseeing in Kalimpong city tour visiting Zang Dog Palri Fo Brang Monastery, Tharpa Choling Monastery, Thongs Gumpa, and flower nurseries. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07: Kalimpong – Bagdogra/NJP 80 kms 3 hours approx.

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to Bagdogra/NJP in time for flight/train to onward destination.