

## TENTATIVE ITINERARY



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Sikkim is a great place for a soothing vacation.

It has a great combination of snow-clad mountains, valleys with beautiful rhododendrons, waterfalls, lakes, a tea estate and much more.

Here, we have suggested a week-long itinerary, based on our own experience, which you can use for a perfect holiday in Sikkim

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The 4-5 hours journey from the Bagdogra Airport to Pakyong, is likely to be a treat. With the first views of the mountains, Teesta river, and small towns on the way. Arrive at Pakyong and check-in to your hotel. The remainder of the days is free to explore this beautiful city.

Pakyong will act as your starting base station and there'll be a pre-tour group meeting. Visit the Shivalaya temple, Pacheykhani cave, Changey monastery, Devi Mandir, Karthok monastery and Monks' Retreat Centre. Trek to Jhandi dara. We'll visit a missionary school called St. Xavier's which ranked as one of the top schools in Sikkim during the 90s. Visit the 'National Research Centre for Orchids', ICAR Institute, and get prepared to visit for Gangtok.

Arrive at Gangtok in the afternoon and check-in to your hotel. You
may consider spending time at MG Marg
and Lal Bazaar. Then go for a local sightseeing in Gangtok which includes (Rumtek
or Ranka) - Ban Jhagri Falls- the Flower
Exhibition centre, Himalayan Zoological
Park, Tashi viewpoint, Enchey monastery,
Hanuman Tok and Ganesh Tok.

Vathu La Pass.

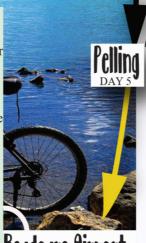
Gangtok

Early morning breakfast. Embark jeep to reach Changu Lake (12,400 ft), a high altitude sacred lake. Permits are made one day prior to visit. This is nearly 48 kilometers drive and takes nearly 2 hrs. Changu lake is one of the holy lake of the region - A temple of Lord Shiva is built on the lakeside. Primula flowers and other alpine plantation provide an immaculate beauty to this place. An ancient branch of the Silk Road, Nathula Pass is located at 4,309 m (14,140 ft) above sea level. The pass links India and China by one of the world's most scenic mountain roads, which winds its way across the rugged landscape and crosses a glacial lake.

After breakfast, you will hop in the four-wheeler, which will take you to Pelling. From Namchi it is nearly 74 kilo meters drive and takes nearly 3 hours to reach Pelling. The snow-capped Kanchen -junga Mountains form a dramatic backdrop for holidays in Pelling. You will visit Darap village, Rimbi Falls, Khangchendzongha waterfalls and Khecheopalri Lake. This lake is one of the sacred Buddhist lakes, lies at the center of many folk legends and is believed that whatever is wished in front of the lake comes true. In the second half of the day, you will be visiting Pemayangtse Monastery, Rabdentse Ruins -the ancient capital of Sikkim. The palace ruins also give an amazing view of the valley and New Helipad Ground. The New Helipad offers a great view of the Kanchenjunga at sunrise. After the tour, head back to hotel for dinner.

After an early breakfast, proceed towards
Namchi. You will cross Temi Tea Garden, which is
Sikkim's sole Tea estate. You may stop at one of the
restaurants on the way, buy tea varieties, take a walk
in the tea estate, as well as get photos clicked in local
attire. Next, we head towards Char Dham in Namchi,
which is a tourist destination having scaled replicas
of the four most revered Dhams of the Hindus. The
108 feet. Statue of Lord Shiva enclosed by the twelve
'Lingas', a temple of Shirdi Sai Baba and an effigy of
Lord Kirateshwara. You may stop to see the colossal
statue of Guru Rinpoche at Sandruptse. Then visit the
JNMIH Blind school, a primary only school located
in Boomtar, Namchi. Later, check-in to your hotel.

After an early breakfast, get ready for an experience of a lifetime. Arrive at Bhageykhola in Sikkim, wear your helmet, a life jacket, hold your pair of oars and settle in your raft and hit on the challenging water of the turbulent Teesta and Rangit. One of the best adventure activities in Sikkim, white water rafting gives you an adrenaline high. The icy cold River Teesta is labeled 4 on the International scale. It has a number of rapids with changing intensity and character. The rapids in Sikkim are classified from 2 to 4. After you are rafting, change your dress and be ready to proceed towards Bagdogra Airport for reaching your onward destination.



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