

Eastern Himalayan Experience

10 Nights / 11 Days

Kolkata – Darjeeling – Pelling – Gangtok – Kalimpong – Kolkata

Detailed Tour

Day 1: Kolkata

Arrive Kolkata, meet and assist on arrival and transfer to your hotel.

Kolkata, formally Calcutta, the largest metropolis in India is a vibrant city of joy, stretched along the eastern bank of the Hoogly River (a branch of the Ganges). Calcutta was the capital of the British India till 1912 and still has a Victorian imprint on its structures and streets. A walk along the city streets will take you on a journey through time. The stern old buildings in the midst of new and more colourful ones, tell you the story of the generations gone by and more to come. A hub of activity in the fields of arts, music, theatre and sports, the city prides itself on the many luminaries it has sent forth.

Overnight stay at The Park Hotel

Day 2: Kolkata

After Breakfast morning city tour visiting the flower market on the riverbanks in Howrah, the impressive Howrah Bridge, the Victoria Memorial and the Indian Museum, one of the largest of its kind in India which houses a fine collection of Indian art and relics of ancient civilizations.

In the evening we are invited to dine with a local family at their residence.

Overnight stay at The Park Hotel

Day 3: Kolkata – Bagdogra - Darjeeling

Take a short flight from Kolkata to Bagdora, meet and assist on arrival and drive to Darjeeling, Approximately 96 Kms 4 ½ Hours.

Often called the queen of Hill stations Darjeeling, centre of India's most celebrated tea growing district, has possibly the most picturesque views among all Indian hill resorts.

On arrival check in at Elgin Hotel for overnight stay

Day 4: Darjeeling

Early morning drive to Tiger Hill famous for its magnificent dawn view over Mount Everest and Kanchenjunga peak, the third-highest mountain in the world. On the way back visit Ghoom Buddhist Monastery which enshrines an image of Maitreya Buddha (the coming Buddha), The Observatory, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and a local Tea Estate

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Day 5: Darjeeling

Enjoy a ride on the "toy" train to Ghoom or Kurseong, the slow speed gives you enough time to watch and appreciate the beauty which nature has provided it. This train passes through the Forests, waterfalls, over deepvalleys and through the mountains and tunnels

Overnight stay at Elgin Hotel.

Day 6: Darjeeling – Pelling

Morning scenic drive from Darjeeling to Pelling Approximately 125 Kms 5 Hours

The pleasant little town of Pelling is famous for magnificent view of the snow-capped mountains of Kanchenjunga and other sister mountains. Pelling is an ideal getaway as its vicinity has numerous waterfalls, soft trek routes, villages and a soothing atmosphere

On arrival check in at Norbugang Resort

Afternoon visit to Pemyangtse Monastery, This is one of the oldest and most important monasteries of Sikkim. Founded in 1705 and houses numerous religious idols and other objects of worship. On the top floor of the monastery there is a wooden sculpture depicting the Maha Gurus Heavenly Palace "Sangthokpalri". This master piece was completed by the late Dungzin Rimpoche, who took five years to craft it single handed.

Overnight at your Hotel

Day 7: Pelling - Gangtok

Drive from Pelling to Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim; Approximately 116 Kms 5 Hours

Gangtok is a city, which, till one sees it, one would believe exists only in picture-story books. prayer flags whip in the breeze; wheels spin in the hands of Lamas mumbling invocations to God, surrounded by picturesque views of the Himalayas

With different cultures and religion existing in harmony, Gangtok has shown that "Unity in Diversity" exists in Sikkim.

On arrival check in at Norkhill Hotel for over night stay

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Day 8: Gangtok

After breakfast proceed for a visit to Rumtek Monastery, noted for its carved and painted woodwork and later the Enchey Monastery and the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology

Overnight at Norkhill Hotel

Day 9: Gangtok – Kalimpong

After breakfast take a short drive from Gangtok to Kalimpong ; Approximately 85 Kms 3 Hours.

It was ruled by Bhutan for 155 years, and was annexed by the British only in 1865, after which it flourished as a centre of wool trade with Tibet. Here Buddhism rubs shoulders with Hinduism and Christianity

Kalimpong, set among the rolling foothills and deep valleys of the Himalayas, is famous for its flower market, especially the wide array of orchids. It also houses several Buddhist monasteries which hold a number of rare Tibetan Buddhist scriptures.

On arrival check in at Silver Oaks Hotel,

Remainder of the day free to explore the Monasteries and Churches

Overnight at your Hotel

Day 10: Kalimpong – Bagdogra – Kolkata

After Breakfast drive from Kalimpong to Bagdogra Airport approximately 85 Kms 3 hours in time for your flight Kolkata.

On arrival in Kolkata met and assist and transfer to your hotel.

Remainder of the day at leisure

Overnight at your Hotel

Day 11: Leave Kolkata

Transfer to the airport in time for your flight home.

End of Tour