Gangtok Darjeeling Family Tour

Bagdogra - Gangtok - Darjeeling - Bagdogra

Tour PackagesCustomised

Tour Basics •

Duration: 3 Nights, 4Days	**Route:** Bagdogra - Gangtok - Darjeeling - Bagdogra

About This Trip •

Begin your journey in the scenic hills of Sikkim and Darjeeling with a smooth arrival at NJP Railway Station or Bagdogra Airport, followed by a picturesque drive to Gangtok, nestled at 1,437 meters above sea level. After settling into the charming capital city, spend your leisure time exploring MG Marg, an iconic pedestrian street bustling with vibrant local shops offering traditional handicrafts, Buddhist Thankas, and cultural souvenirs. The next day takes you on an awe-inspiring excursion to the sacred Tsomgo Lake, a high-altitude glacial lake revered by locals, and the legendary Baba Harbhajan Mandir, built in memory of a soldier whose spirit is believed to guard the region. Your adventure continues with a half-day sightseeing tour of Gangtok, featuring natural marvels like Bakthang Waterfalls and Tashi Viewpoint, spiritual retreats like Ganesh Tok and Enchey Monastery, and enriching cultural stops at the Directorate of Handicraft & Handloom, Drul Chorten Stupa, and the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology. After admiring seasonal blooms at the Flower Exhibition Centre and taking a scenic ropeway ride to Banjhakri Falls, you'll journey onwards to Darjeeling. This iconic hill station offers an evening filled with relaxed shopping at Mall Road and Chowrasta. Your final day begins with a breathtaking sunrise over Mt. Kanchenjunga from Tiger Hill, followed by visits to the serene Ghoom Monastery and the engineering marvel of Batasia Loop. Conclude your tour with a heartfelt farewell as you travel back to NJP or Bagdogra, carrying along cherished memories of the Eastern Himalayas' beauty, culture, and serenity.

Tour Highlights: Gangtok & Darjeeling Getaway

Scenic Drive from NJP/Bagdogra to Gangtok: Travel through lush valleys and winding hill roads as you ascend into the Eastern Himalayas.

Tsomgo Lake Excursion: Visit the serene and sacred glacial lake set at 12,400 ft, surrounded by snow-capped peaks and seasonal alpine flowers.

Baba Harbhajan Mandir: Pay tribute to the legendary Indian Army soldier known as the "Hero of Nathula" at a revered high-altitude shrine.

Natural Wonders in Gangtok: Witness the cascading Bakthang Waterfalls and panoramic views of Mt. Kanchenjunga from Tashi Viewpoint.

Spiritual Touchpoints: Explore Ganesh Tok Temple and Enchey Monastery, both offering peace, cultural depth, and stunning views.

Cultural Immersion: Discover traditional Sikkimese crafts at the Handicraft & Handloom Directorate and Buddhist relics at the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology.

Flower Exhibition & Banjhakri Falls: Walk through vibrant seasonal blooms and enjoy a ropeway ride to the scenic Banjhakri Waterfalls.

Tiger Hill Sunrise Experience: Wake up early for an unforgettable sunrise over the third-highest mountain in the world, Mt. Kanchenjunga.

Ghoom Monastery & Batasia Loop: Dive into Buddhist heritage and witness the engineering marvel of the Toy Train spiralling around the hilltop loop.

Leisure Evenings at MG Marg & Mall Road: Stroll through lively marketplaces filled with handcrafted souvenirs, local food, and warm Himalayan hospitality.

Itinerary •

Day 1: Arrival at NJP/Bagdogra – Scenic Drive to Gangtok (130 km | Approx. 4 Hours)

- Begin your journey with a flight or train to NJP or Bagdogra, followed by a scenic drive to Gangtok, ascending to 1,437 meters above sea level.
- After hotel check-in and some rest, spend the day at leisure. In the evening, explore MG Marg, a popular street for shopping for local handicrafts, Thankas, and Buddhist artefacts or simply relax and enjoy the peaceful hill-town vibe.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Gangtok

Meals: Dinner

Day 2: Excursion to Tsomgo Lake & Baba Harbhajan Mandir

- After breakfast, set out for a memorable day trip from Gangtok.
- Visit the serene Tsomgo Lake, located at an altitude of 12,400 ft, famous for its spiritual significance and stunning alpine views, especially vibrant during spring.
- Continue to the Baba Harbhajan Mandir at 13,200 ft, dedicated to an Indian Army soldier believed to watch over the region. Return to Gangtok in the evening for dinner and overnight stay.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Gangtok

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 3: Gangtok Sightseeing & Transfer to Darjeeling

- After breakfast, begin your half-day local tour in Gangtok.
- Visit the scenic Bakthang Waterfalls and take in panoramic views of Mt. Kanchenjunga from Tashi Viewpoint. Head to Ganesh Tok, a hilltop temple offering picturesque sights, followed by a peaceful stop at Enchey Monastery, home to nearly 90 monks.
- Explore traditional Sikkimese art at the Directorate of Handicraft and Handloom, then visit the Drul Chorten Stupa, known for its spiritual energy and striking golden dome. Continue to the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology to gain insight into Mahayana Buddhism and Tibetan

culture.

- Later, admire diverse plant species at the Flower Exhibition Centre and enjoy a thrilling ropeway ride to Banjhakri Falls, set amidst lush surroundings.
- Post sightseeing, drive to Darjeeling. Once there, check into your hotel and enjoy a relaxed evening exploring Mall Road and Chowrasta, popular for local crafts, woollens, and handmade goods.
- Return to your hotel for an overnight stay.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Darjeeling

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 4: Darjeeling Morning Tour & Departure

- Start early around 4 AM and head to Tiger Hill to witness the stunning sunrise over Mt. Kanchenjunga, the world’s third-highest peak.
- On your way back, visit the historic Ghoom Monastery, home to a large Maitreya Buddha statue and rare scriptures.
- Then stop at Batasia Loop, a spiral railway track offering captivating views of the Darjeeling landscape and the Toy Train in action.
- After returning to the hotel for breakfast, check out and proceed to NJP Railway Station or Bagdogra Airport for your onward journey, carrying beautiful memories of the hills.

Hotel: Nil

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions •

All ground transportation during the tour, including comfortable transfers in private vehicles.

Hotel accommodation on a twin/triple-sharing basis for the entire duration of the trip.

Meals as specified in the itinerary, ensuring a wholesome experience throughout the journey.

Driver allowances, including daily charges and accommodation.

All necessary permits, including inner line permits wherever applicable.

Toll taxes, fuel charges, and parking fees are included for a hassle-free travel experience.

Arrival and departure transfers to and from Bagdogra Airport (IXB) or New Jalpaiguri Railway Station (NJP).

Exclusions •

GST 5%.

Additional charges apply for visits to special locations such as Nathula Pass and Zero Point, including permits and transportation.

Meals and beverages that are not explicitly mentioned in the itinerary, such as lunches, snacks, bottled water, alcoholic drinks, or refreshments en route, are excluded.

Any form of personal expenses, including but not limited to tips to drivers or guides, entry tickets to attractions, camera or video charges, laundry, telephone bills, etc., are not part of the package.

Airfare and train tickets are not included.

Any services or items not explicitly mentioned under the “Inclusions” section will be considered as excluded from the package.

FAQs •

Q: What is the best time to take this Gangtok–Darjeeling trip?

A:

The best time is from March to June (spring-summer) and October to December (autumn-winter) for clear views and pleasant weather.

Q: Is a permit required to visit Tsomgo Lake?

A:

Yes, a special permit is mandatory for Indian tourists to visit Tsomgo Lake, which is arranged by the tour operator.

Q: How is the road condition between Gangtok and Darjeeling?

A:

The road is scenic but winding, with a smooth drive of around 4 hours. Motion sickness tablets are recommended for sensitive travellers.

Q: Are shared cabs or private vehicles used during the trip?

A:

Depending on your package, private cabs are usually included for transfers and sightseeing, ensuring comfort and flexibility.

Q: Is the Tiger Hill sunrise experience suitable for all ages?

A:

Yes, but since it starts very early and can be cold, carry warm clothes and avoid it for infants or the elderly with health issues.

Q: What kind of clothing should I pack?

A:

Pack light woollens for summer, heavy jackets for winter, and comfortable shoes for sightseeing.

Q: Is MG Marg open every day for visitors?

A:

MG Marg is usually open daily till late evening, but shops may close on government holidays or during the off-season.

Q: Are there ATMs easily available in Gangtok and Darjeeling?

A:

While ATMs are available in both towns, it’s recommended to carry some cash for purchases in local markets and more remote areas.

Q: Can senior citizens comfortably do this itinerary?

A:

Yes, the trip involves moderate walking and scenic drives. Hotels and sightseeing points are senior-friendly.

Q: Is the trip suitable for kids and families?

A:

Absolutely. It’s a family-friendly tour with natural beauty, culture, and light adventure experiences ideal for all age groups.

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