North Sikkim With Pelling

Bagdogra - Pelling - Gangtok - Lachen - Lachung - Bagdogra

Tour PackagesCustomised

Tour Basics •

Duration: 8 Nights 7 days	**Route:** Bagdogra - Pelling - Gangtok - Lachen - Lachung - Bagdogra

Bagdogra — 8D 7N

About This Trip •

Explore the Hidden Charms of Sikkim – Pelling, Gangtok, Lachen & Lachung Tour

Begin your enchanting Himalayan adventure in Sikkim with a scenic arrival at Bagdogra Airport or New Jalpaiguri Railway Station, followed by a tranquil drive through winding mountain roads to the serene hill town of Pelling. Nestled amidst pristine forests and commanding views of Mt. Kanchenjunga, Pelling welcomes you with a unique blend of spirituality, history, and natural beauty. This quiet town is home to significant landmarks such as the sacred Khecheopalri Lake, believed to fulfil wishes, and the gushing Rimbi Waterfalls, perfect for peaceful reflection and photography. Visit the Rimbi Orange Garden for a soothing nature walk, and immerse yourself in local culture at Darap Village, where traditional Sikkimese life thrives in harmony with nature. An iconic highlight in Pelling is India’s highest glass Skywalk, offering panoramic views of the Himalayas and the towering 137-feet statue of Chenrezig, making it one of the must-visit attractions for every spiritual seeker and photo enthusiast. The nearby Rabdentse Ruins echo stories of Sikkim’s royal past, while the Pemayangtse Monastery, one of the oldest in the region, connects you to the deep-rooted Buddhist heritage of this mystical land.

From the tranquillity of Pelling, travel onward to Gangtok, the vibrant capital of Sikkim. En route, enjoy a scenic stopover at either Ravangla, where the beautifully landscaped Buddha Park features a massive 130-ft Shakyamuni Buddha Statue, or at Namchi, where the impressive Char Dham Complex replicates four sacred Hindu temples and boasts a 108-ft Shiva statue, surrounded by spiritual calm and lush views. Once in Gangtok, the city’s charm unfolds through its neat streets, colourful markets, and a backdrop of cloud-kissed mountains. Your journey then ventures deeper into North Sikkim, starting with a dramatic drive to Lachen, a peaceful village surrounded by alpine

meadows and dense pine forests. On the way, visit the majestic Naga Falls, known for its tiered cascades, and pass through Chungthang, the confluence point of the Lachen and Lachung rivers. The journey also passes through Kanchenjunga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its pristine natural beauty.

The next morning leads to a soul-stirring journey to Gurudongmar Lake, one of the highest freshwater lakes in the world at an elevation of over 17,000 feet. Revered by both Buddhists and Sikhs, this shimmering blue lake is a spiritual haven and a visual marvel set amidst snow-clad peaks. After absorbing the serenity of Gurudongmar, travel to Lachung, a picturesque valley town where apple orchards and rhododendron blooms adorn the landscape. From Lachung, visit the breathtaking Yumthang Valley, known as the Valley of Flowers of the East, where colourful alpine blooms carpet the valley in spring. Nature lovers can explore the Singba Rhododendron Sanctuary, while adventurers can opt to travel further to Zero Point, a snow-covered frontier near the Indo-Tibetan border offering jaw-dropping views of the high Himalayas.

After this deep dive into North Sikkim, return to Gangtok for one final adventure-filled day. A scenic drive leads to the high-altitude Tsomgo Lake, a glacial wonder surrounded by towering peaks and mythological significance. Continue to the Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir, a shrine built in honour of an Indian Army soldier who is said to still protect his fellow soldiers in spirit. For those looking to touch the clouds, an optional visit to Nathula Pass, a historic Indo-China trade route perched at 14,140 feet, offers snowy landscapes and a glimpse into India’s guarded frontiers (subject to availability and weather conditions). The tour concludes with a leisurely drive back to Bagdogra or NJP, including a brief stop at Triveni Viewpoint, where the Teesta and Rangeet Rivers merge in a breathtaking confluence, providing a perfect finale to this soul-stirring journey. This all-encompassing Sikkim tour itinerary blends spirituality, natural beauty, cultural immersion, and offbeat experiences, making it an ideal Himalayan escape for travellers seeking both adventure and serenity.

Stay Categories & Options •

Deluxe	Persons: 2	INR 49,700.00	~~INR 51,700.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Deluxe	Persons: 3	INR 38,990.00	~~INR 40,990.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 2	INR 61,800.00	~~INR 63,800.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Premium	Persons: 3	INR 51,000.00	~~INR 53,000.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Luxury	Persons: 2	INR 69,800.00	~~INR 71,800.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00
Luxury	Persons: 3	INR 63,900.00	~~INR 65,900.00~~	Save INR 2,000.00

Itinerary •

Day 1: Arrival at Bagdogra | Transfer to Pelling

- Upon arrival at Bagdogra Airport or New Jalpaiguri, you'll be greeted by our representative and driven to Pelling.
- After driving through the winding roads, you will reach Pelling, where you will check in and stay overnight at the Hotel.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Pelling

Meals: Dinner

Day 2: Local Sightseeing in Pelling

- After breakfast, head out for a day of sightseeing in Pelling.
- Visit Khecheopalri Lake, known as the wish-fulfilling lake, followed by the Rimbi Waterfalls and a peaceful stroll in the Rimbi Orange Garden.
- Explore Darap Village, then visit India's highest Skywalk with the 137-foot Chenrezig statue.
- Discover the Rabdentse Ruins and end the day with a visit to Pemayangtse Monastery.
- Return to the hotel in Pelling for the night.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Pelling

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 3: Pelling to Gangtok. Transfer via Ravangla Or Namchi

- After breakfast, head to Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim, where there is a stopover at either Ravangla or Namchi.
- In Ravangla, visit Buddha Park with the 130-ft Shakyamuni Buddha Statue, or in Namchi, explore the Chardham Complex and the 108-ft Lord Shiva statue.
- Continue the scenic drive through beautiful views of the Teesta River, then check into your hotel in Gangtok for the night.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Gangtok

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 4: Gangtok to Lachen. Travel to North Sikkim

- After breakfast, drive to Lachen (125 km, 6 hours), stopping at Naga Falls, one of Sikkim's tallest waterfalls.
- Continue through Chungthang Village, where the Lachen and Lachung Rivers meet, and then travel through Kanchenjunga National Park to reach Lachen.
- Overnight stay in Lachen.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel at Lachen

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 5: Lachen to Lachung. Visit Gurudongmar Lake

- After an early breakfast, travel north to visit Gurudongmar Lake, one of India's highest lakes, passing through Thangu Village.
- Spend time at the lake, then head to Lachung with a lunch stop.
- Arrive in Lachung in the evening, check in, and rest for the night.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel at Lachung

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 6: Lachung to Gangtok. Visit Yumthang Valley

- After breakfast, drive north to Yumthang Valley, known as the "Valley of Flowers" and "Switzerland of the Northeast.
- Visit the Singba Rhododendron Sanctuary.
- Optionally, visit Zero Point, the last outpost of civilisation.
- After sightseeing, return to Gangtok and check into your hotel for the night.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Gangtok

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 7: Explore Around Gangtok. Tsomgo Lake | Baba Mandir | Nathula Pass(Optional)

- After breakfast, enjoy a full-day excursion to Gangtok, starting with the scenic Tsomgo Lake.
- Visit Baba Mandir, dedicated to Indian Army soldier Baba Harbhajan Singh.
- Then, take a taxi to Nathula Pass, an Indo-China border post.
- Return to Gangtok for the night.

Hotel: Stay at the Hotel in Gangtok

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Note: Nathula Pass (subject to availability and additional cost)

Day 8: Departure. Take back a lot of memories to cherish

- After breakfast, drive to Bagdogra Airport or New Jalpaiguri Station, stopping at the Triveni View Point, where the Teesta and Rangeet rivers meet.
- The tour concludes at the airport or station for your onward journey, leaving you with wonderful memories.

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 included in the North Sikkim with Pelling tour package?

A:

This tour covers major destinations like Pelling, Gangtok, Lachen, Lachung, Gurudongmar Lake, Yumthang Valley, and optional visits to Nathula Pass, with stays, transfers, and local sightseeing.

Q: How many days are required for a complete North Sikkim with Pelling tour?

A:

A 7 to 8-day itinerary is ideal to comfortably explore Pelling, Gangtok, and the high-altitude regions of North Sikkim, including Lachen and Lachung.

Q: What are the top attractions in North Sikkim with Pelling?

A:

The must-visit places include Gurudongmar Lake, Yumthang Valley, Zero Point, Skywalk in Pelling, Khecheopalri Lake, Buddha Park, and Tsomgo Lake.

Q: Is a permit required for North Sikkim, and who arranges it?

A:

Yes, Inner Line Permits (ILPs) are mandatory for Indian nationals visiting Lachen, Lachung, and Gurudongmar Lake. These are arranged by your tour operator with valid ID proof.

Q: What kind of weather should I expect in North Sikkim on the Pelling tour?

A:

Expect cold temperatures in North Sikkim (especially in Lachen & Lachung) and mild to cool weather in Pelling. Snowfall is common in the winter months.

Q: Can this tour be done throughout the year?

A:

Pelling and Gangtok are accessible year-round. However, North Sikkim is best visited from April to June and September to December, when the roads are clear

Q: Is Gurudongmar Lake accessible during winter?

A:

Gurudongmar Lake is often inaccessible from December to February due to heavy snow and road closures. Always check seasonal conditions before planning

Q: What is the altitude of the places visited during this tour?

A:

Gurudongmar Lake is at 17,800 ft, Yumthang Valley is at 11,800 ft, and Pelling sits around 7,200 ft. Proper acclimatisation is advised for high-altitude locations.

Q: Are there any health risks associated with visiting North Sikkim?

A:

Yes, travellers may experience altitude sickness in high areas like Gurudongmar. It's advisable to travel slowly, stay hydrated, and carry altitude medication if needed

Q: What type of vehicles are used for the North Sikkim part?

A:

SUVs or high-ground clearance vehicles like Bolero, Sumo, or Xylo are used for North Sikkim due to the hilly terrain and sometimes rough roads.

Q: Are roads to Lachen and Lachung safe for travel?

A:

Yes, the roads are scenic but can be narrow and winding. Travel is only permitted with a registered vehicle and an experienced driver familiar with mountain routes.

Q: Is it safe to take children or the elderly on the North Sikkim tour?

A:

Pelling and Gangtok are suitable for all. North Sikkim can be tiring due to altitude, so consult a doctor before taking children under five or elderly travellers.

Q: Are vegetarian food options available in North Sikkim?

A:

Yes, basic vegetarian meals are available throughout the tour, including in Lachen and Lachung.

However, food choices in remote areas may be limited.

Q: What kind of accommodation is offered during the tour?

A:

Expect standard or deluxe hotels in Gangtok and Pelling, and basic, clean hotels or homestays in Lachen and Lachung, given their remote location.

Q: Can we visit both Namchi and Ravangla during this tour?

A:

Yes, while travelling from Pelling to Gangtok, you can take either the Namchi route (Chardham) or the Ravangla route (Buddha Park) as a scenic stopover.

Q: How far is Pelling from Bagdogra Airport or NJP Railway Station?

A:

Pelling is approximately 130 km from Bagdogra Airport or NJP, taking about 5–6 hours by road depending on traffic and road conditions.

Q: Is Nathula Pass included in this itinerary?

A:

Nathula Pass is optional and subject to army permit clearance, weather, and availability. It can be added with an additional charge

Q: What mobile networks work in North Sikkim and Pelling?

A:

Jio and BSNL work in parts of Gangtok and Pelling. In North Sikkim (Lachen/Lachung), the mobile network is weak or unavailable.

Q: Can I customise the North Sikkim with Pelling tour

A:

Absolutely! You can customise the itinerary with more leisure days, add adventure activities, or select your choice of hotel categories.

Q: Are ATMs or card payments available during the trip?

A:

ATMs are available in Gangtok and Pelling. But in North Sikkim, carry enough cash as card facilities and ATMs are rarely functional

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