



Tourplan Sikkim 2 Pax

HOTELS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NIGHTS</u>	<u>HOTEL</u>
DELHI	09. - 10.10.24	1	The Rockwell Plaza
MAKAIBARI	10. - 12.10.24	2	Homestay
DARJEELING	12. - 14.10.24	2	Seven Seventeen Hotel
YUKSOM	14. - 16.10.24	2	Tashigang Hotel
DARAP	16. - 17.10.24	1	Sherpa Homestay
RINCHENPONG	17. - 18.10.24	1	Dhungay Homestay
KEWZING	18. - 21.10.24	3	Kewzing Homestay
GANGTOK	21. - 22.10.24	1	The Nettle & Fern Hotel
DZONGU	22. - 24.10.24	2	Lepcha Homestay
LACHEN	24. - 25.10.24	1	Lachen Villa
GANGTOK	25. - 27.10.24	2	The Nettle & Fern Hotel
RUMTEK	27. - 28.10.24	1	Bamboo Retreat
KALIMPONG	28. - 30.10.24	2	Holumba Resort
DELHI	30.10. - 01.11.24	2	The Rockwell Plaza
Alltogether =		23	

FLIGHTS / TRAINS

<u>SECTOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>FLIGHT / TRAIN</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MÜNCHEN – DELHI	09.10.24	LH - 762	Lufthansa	1220 / 2330
DELHI – BAGDOGRA	10.10.24	6E - 2239	Indigo	1320 / 1530
BAGDOGRA- DELHI	30.10.24	6E - 974	Indigo	1655 / 1910
DELHI – MÜNCHEN	01.11.24	LH - 763	Lufthansa	0120 / 0605

09.10.24

Germany - Delhi

Arrival in Delhi, Pick-up from airport and Transfer into Hotel.

Accommodation: Rockwell Plaza

Meals: dinner

Others: pick up per car

10.10.24

Delhi – Bagdogra – Makaibari

35 km /1 hrs.

Transfer to the airport and flight to Bagdogra. From the small Bagdogra airport you will be picked up by car, which will take you up the foothills of the Himalayas to the land of tea cultivation. The Makaibari tea plantation near Kurseong is one of the few that have always been in Indian hands and is now run according to anthroposophic principles. They are the suppliers for Demeter, who are known to have very strict criteria for their products. Most of the families have been working on the plantation for generations, where they live in small, cozy cottages. The homestay program provides them with an additional income and gives us a good insight into their lives. In your cozy room, you can relax from the hustle and bustle of the big city and be pampered with countless cups of tea.

Accommodation: Homestay

Meals: breakfast, Mittagessen, dinner

Others: pick up per car, Guide

11.10.24

Makaibari

After a restful night, start the day with a tour of the tea plantation, see how the tea leaves are picked and processed into dry tea. From the plantation you have a fantastic view over the plain. There are many opportunities for beautiful walks, which you are welcome to take.

Accommodation: Homestay

Meals: breakfast, Mittagessen, dinner

Others: Guide, tea-tour



12.10.24

Makaibari – Darjeeling

You crawl out of bed early today, enjoy the wonderful morning atmosphere and marvel at how many people are already up and about. During a very leisurely journey on the Toytrain from Kurseong to Darjeeling (7:00 - 9:45 a.m.), you can observe the hustle and bustle while you breathe in British colonial history. After you have moved into your accommodation in Darjeeling, you will set off on a sightseeing tour. Tenzing Norgay, one of the first climbers of Mt Everest, who comes from here, has founded a Mountaineering Institute, which takes you on a journey through Everest history with a highly interesting museum. There is also a Tibetan refugee community here, whose Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre you will visit, the Buddhist monastery Bhutia Busti, the Shanti Stupa and possibly a doctor of Tibetan medicine. Medicine.

Accommodation: Seven Seventeen

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: Toytrain, cartransfer, Guide, entrance-fees

13.10.24

Darjeeling

Early in the morning, we head to the sunrise point of Tiger Hill (2,590 m) in the dark. Even if you are lucky enough to have seen the Kanchendzonga during the journey, the hustle and bustle here is a special experience. Not only is the view gigantic, the red-coloured mountain peaks a delight, but the atmosphere of the predominantly Indian visitors is also an experience. Afterwards, instead of joining the queue of cars, you hike along quiet paths enjoying the morning via Ghoom (visit to the monastery there, where the book 'The Way of the White Clouds' by Anagarika Govinda begins) to Darjeeling. Continue sightseeing in Darjeeling.

Accommodation: Seven Seventeen

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: car, Guide



14.10.24

Darjeeling - Yuksom

85 km / 4 hrs.

Drive to Yuksom, crossing the border into Sikkim at Melli. A short detour takes you to Tashiding Monastery for a visit. Yuksom is the founding place of Sikkim, where the Norbugang coronation site is visited. The large, friendly village leaves room for encounters with the locals during pleasant discovery walks.

Accommodation: Tashigang
Meals: breakfast, dinner
Others: car, Guide

15.10.24

Yuksom

Sightseeing and walks in Yuksom with Kathok Lake, Dubdi Gumpa (1.2 km hike uphill/downhill) and familiarisation with village life.

Accommodation: Tashigang
Meals: breakfast, dinner
Others: Guide



16.10.24

Yuksom – Kecheopalri – Darap

20 km / 45 min

An approx. 4-6 hour hike leads through beautiful countryside for approx. 10 km to the neighbouring Kecheopalri Lake, a Buddhist sanctuary. Not a leaf is left on the lake. Many believers come to pray and feed the fish. Travel by car to Darap.

Accommodation: Sherpa Homestay
Meals: breakfast, Lunchpaket, dinner
Others: car, Guide

17.10.24

Darap - Rinchenpong

45 km / 2 hrs.

On the way there is a stop in Rabdenste, the second capital of Sikkim, to whose ruins a beautiful 1 km long path leads. Then visit the Pemayangtse monastery and the Sanga Choeling monastery, which is reached on a detour. Rinchenpong is a small town where fighting between the Sikkimese and the English once took place. The Lepcha resorted to a ruse and poisoned the lake, the only source of water. Half of the English died,

stopping the invasion. The lake is said to be poisoned to this day.

Accommodation: Dhungay Homestay

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: car, Guide, entrance-fees

18.10.24

Rinchenpong - Kewzing

30 km/1,5 hrs.

The morning is free to explore the village of Rinchenpong and its sights. Later, you will drive to Ravangla/Kewzing. Many people have set up their stalls along the road to sell their vegetables. The townspeople are happy to take the produce, as they know exactly where it comes from and it is also cheaper. The sightseeing is spread over the following days: the only Bön monastery in Sikkim in Kewzing and the Buddha Park - you can reach the Mangbru or Doling monastery after a short hike.

Accommodation: Kewzing Homestay

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: car, Guide, entrance-fees

19.10.24

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Accommodation: Kewzing Homestay

Meals: breakfast, Lunchpaket, dinner

Others: Guide, car

20.10.24

Kewzing

Early in the morning, you will observe the wide variety of different feathered friends on a birdwatching tour. Afterwards, the sightseeing continues.

Accommodation: Kewzing Homestay

Meals: breakfast, Mittag, dinner

Others: Guide, car, entrance-fees

21.10.24

Kewzing - Gangtok

70 km / 2,5 hrs.

Drive to Gangtok and start the sightseeing tours, which will be continued during the following visit. The Enchey Monastery is located at the very top of the city. Further down is the handicraft centre with a museum. Here you can watch people making stuffed animals, paper, woven fabrics, carpets, etc. Sikkim is famous for its abundance of plants, especially orchids, of which there are many varieties. You can revel in the splendour of the flowers at an orchid and flower show. In the Tibetology Museum, a centre of Buddhist philosophy, there is a huge collection of masks, writings, statues etc. In the evening, you will gain an insight into the local cuisine during a cookery course in a private home. You will learn how to cook delicious dishes, which you will of course eat together afterwards. In the meantime, there will be plenty of opportunity to

chat and exchange ideas.

Accommodation: The Nettle & Fern Hotel

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: Guide, entrance-fees, car, cooking class



22.10.24

Gangtok - Dzongu

75 km / 3 hrs.

The Lepcha are considered the indigenous people of Sikkim. They have their own culture, script, language and beliefs, which have now merged with Buddhism. They live mainly in the Dzongu region, where you will set off on a 70 km drive (3.5 hrs.) En route, you will stop to visit the monasteries of Phodong and Labrang.

Accommodation: Homestay

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: car, Guide, entrance-fees

23.10.24

Dzongu

The whole day is dedicated to Lepcha culture, which you will get a good insight into with a visit to the large school (the children receive special lessons in Lepcha and learn a lot about their culture in a state-sponsored project), a traditional Lepcha house, the village monastery, you will hear stories and myths and may also have the opportunity to sing and dance. Take a break and enjoy a dip in the hot springs.

Accommodation: Homestay

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Others: car, Guide



24.10.24

Dzongu - Lachen

70 km / 3 hrs.

Drive through impressive countryside to the north of Sikkim. One highlight is the Lachen Monastery, where you can experience Buddhist rituals and local culture. Hiking enthusiasts can explore the nearby forests, where rare birds and plants can be discovered. The tranquil atmosphere and the warm hospitality of the locals make the stay particularly appealing. You discuss with the guide what exactly you are going to do.

Accommodation: Lachen Villa

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: car, Guide, entrance-fees

25.10.24

Lachen - Gangtok

125 km / 5 hrs.

You drive back to Gangtok and have the opportunity to complete your sightseeing, relax or stroll around on your own.

Accommodation: The Nettle & Fern Hotel

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: car, Guide, entrance-fees

26.10.24

Gangtok / Changu Lake Trip

80 km / 4 hrs.

Off we go on a breathtaking drive along a winding road that is steep in places. The glistening glacial lake, situated at 3,753 metres above sea level, is surrounded by snow-capped mountains and changes colour depending on the season. On arrival, you can explore the sacred site and enjoy the spectacular scenery.

Accommodation: The Nettle & Fern Hotel

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: car, Guide, entrance-fees



27.10.24

Gangtok – Rumtek

35 km / 1,5 hrs.

After any final sightseeing, we head to the most famous and largest monastery in Sikkim: Rumtek. It is the home monastery of the Karmapa, of which there are currently two candidates. While almost all other monasteries in Sikkim belong to the Nyingma order, Rumtek monastery belongs to the Drukpa order.

Accommodation: Bamboo Retreat

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: car, Guide

28.10.24

Rumtek - Kalimpong

85 km / 3,5 hrs.

Drive to Kalimpong, the bustling small town with an eventful past. Start with the sightseeing, which continues the following day: Gandhi Ashram School, Thongsha Gompa, Nature Interpretation Centre, Mangal Dham Temple, Lepcha Museum, Deolo Hill etc.

Accommodation: Holumba Resort

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: car, Guide

29.10.24

Kalimpong

Continue sightseeing in Kalimpong

Accommodation: Holumba Resort

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: Guide, entrance-fees

30.10.24

Kalimpong – Bagdogra - Delhi

Transfer to the airport, flight to Delhi, pick-up from the airport and drive to your accommodation



Accommodation: Rockwell Plaza

Meals: breakfast

Others: car

31.10.24

Delhi

On own. Evening Transfer to the airport

Accommodation: Rockwell Plaza

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Others: Transfer to airport

01.11.24

Delhi - Deutschland

Abflug nach Hause

Offer:

2.115,- Euro per Person

215,- Euro per Person Flight Delhi-Bagdogra-Delhi

Incl.

all mentioned transfers, accommodation in 1 double room with bathroom (homestay partly shared bathroom) and meals as mentioned, English speaking guide and entrance-fees (also not mentioned), cooking class, bird watching tour, Dzongu-Permit

Excl.

Internat. flights, other Meals, other activities, Visa, Tipp

Notes

Photography is prohibited in the monasteries.

Check in/check out is 12:00 noon

The programme is flexible and can be arranged with the guide on site. Sightseeing tours not listed are also included - activities are only optional and can be paid for by yourself if it is something larger (but will also be communicated on site in advance).