

HIMALAYAS ON WHEELS

8 Days Darjeeling & Sikkim - Part 10

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Himalayas on Wheels to Darjeeling: Nestled between the rolling mountains with the glistening Mt Kanchenjunga towering over the azure sky, Darjeeling fondly called "Queen of the Hills" provides a perfect gateway for those seeking to be in harmony with nature. This is the land of the muscatel flavored Darjeeling tea revered by connoisseurs across the globe and the land of the world heritage. Darjeeling Himalayan Railway where the century old miniature steam engine still chugs uphill vying for space with the fast disappearing Land Rovers. The varied culture of the town reflects its diverse demographic milieu consisting of Nepalese, Tibetan, Bengali and other ethno-linguistic groups.

Himalayas on Wheels to Sikkim: Small but beautiful, Sikkim is situated in the eastern Himalayas. The state is spread below the *Mount Khanchendzonga* (8534 m), the third highest mountain in the world, and revered by the Sikkimese as their protective deity. With an area of 7,300 sq km and measuring approx. 114 km from the north to south and 64 km from east to west, the elevation ranges from 300 meters to over 8540 m above sea level. Amidst the grandeur of the mountain peaks, lush valleys, fast flowing rivers, hills, Sikkim offers her visitors a rare and singular experience. Within a matter of hours one can move from the subtropical heat of the lower valleys to the cold of the rugged mountain slopes that reach up to the area of perpetual snow.

Namchi is a major tourist attraction and pilgrimage center. The best places to visit include 130 feet Lord Buddha Statue at Buddha Park of Ravangla, also known as Tathagata Tsal, before reaching Namchi, 118 feet Guru Padmasambhava on top of Samdruptse hill, 87 feet statue of Shiva and replicas of four Dhaams at Siddhesvara Dhaam and Sai Temple.

Trip Highlights:

Darjeeling

Tiger Hill
Darjeeling Tea Garden
Steam Engine Train
Ghoom Monastery
Tibetan Refugee Centre

Gangtok

Capital of Sikkim
Rumtek Monastery
Tsomgo Lake

Namchi

130 ft Lord Buddha & 118 Feet
Guru Padmasambhava Statues

Kalimpong

Toy Train Steam engine &
Darjeeling Tea

ITINERARY

Day 01: ARRIVE KOLKATA

NO MEAL

Arrive Kolkata airport. On arrival, met with your Odyssey Manager and transfer to Hotel.

Day 02: KOLKATA – BAGDOGRA – DARJEELING

Domestic Flight & 94 km, 3-4 hours

B L D

Early morning transfer to the airport to board your scheduled domestic flight to Bagdogra. On arrival at Bagdogra Airport meet and greet by your Odyssey Manager and drive through picturesque tea gardens to the world renowned hill station Darjeeling at an altitude of 2134 m. Darjeeling is set amidst a majestic backdrop of the great Himalayan peak of Kanchenjunga (3rd highest peak in the world at 8586 m) and is regarded as the Queen of East India. After dinner, enjoy your free and easy time browsing at the local bazaar.

Day 03: DARJEELING SIGHTSEEING

B L D

Set off early morning before sunrise between 4-6 am, drive to Tiger Hill (2685 m) to experience the panoramic view of the spectacular snow-clad mountain peaks of the High Himalayan Range where sun rises from this highest point in town. On our way back we visit the Ghoom Monastery, built in 1850 by Lama Sharb, which enshrines a 15ft. Statue of Maitreya Buddha. After visiting the monastery, we drive back to the Hotel for breakfast and spend some time relaxing before we take a walk through vegetable and meat market and then to the train station to board the Joy Ride Train to Ghoom. Visit the Ghoom Museum on arrival. After our lunch in Darjeeling, continue our visiting tour to the Tibetan Refugee Centre and the Tea Gardens, before returning to town around 1700 hour. On arrival, spend your free time exploring or shopping around the market for shopping till 1900 h before returning to our Hotel.

Day 04: DARJEELING - GANGTOK

100 km, 3.30 hours drive + 2 hour lunch permit

B L D

After breakfast drive to Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim. The journey is an exhilarating experience along the Tista River and through green forest and picturesque landscape. Gangtok – the capital of Sikkim, tucked away in the clouds. Gangtok is spread out on a ridge 1520m above sea level, and looks something out of a fairy tale with houses precariously balanced on the slopes of steep hills apart from the

gorgeous view of deep valleys, waterfalls and snow-capped mountain ranges that separate from neighbouring Tibet, Bhutan and Nepal. On arrival, check in to hotel and relax for the rest of the evening.

Day 05: GANGTOK - TSOMGO LAKE (3 HRS) - GANGTOK B L D

After breakfast, drive to Tsomgo Lake, also known as The Source of the Lake (3,780 m). Warm clothing is needed for this place. The lake derives its water from melting snow from the surrounding mountains, which is one of the famous sacred lakes in Sikkim, situated near the borders of Tibet. Observe the array of scenery on the spectacular drive back to the hills. Take your time to explore around the lake before driving back to Gantok. Spend the rest of your afternoon relaxing or shopping in the market.

Day 06: GANGTOK – RUMTEK – RAWVANGLA – NAMCHI 140 km, 3-4 hour drive and 3 hours visiting time) B L D

After breakfast drive to visit Rumtek monastery. Rumtek served as the main seat of the Karma Kagyu lineage in Sikkim for some time. But when Rangjung Rigpe Dorje, 16th Karmapa, arrived in Sikkim in 1959 after fleeing Tibet, the monastery was in ruins. Despite being offered other sites, the Karmapa decided to rebuild Rumtek. On completion drive to Singtam for Lunch. After lunch drive Rawangla to visit Tathagata Tsal also known and Buddha Park. It was constructed between 2006 and 2013 and features a 130-foot high statue of the Buddha as its centerpiece. The site was chosen within the larger religious complex of the Rabong Gompa (Monastery), itself a centuries-old place of pilgrimage. After visiting Tathagata, drive to Namchi and transfer to Hotel. Namchi commands panoramic view of the snow-capped mountains and vast stretches of valley. It is also headquarters of South Sikkim district.

Day 07: NAMCHI - KALIMPOING 50 km 2.30 hours B L D

After breakfast drive to Samdruptse - the world's largest statue (at 118 feet) of the Buddhist Padmasambhava, also known as Guru Rinpoche, the patron saint of Sikkim, is on the Samdruptse hill (The Wish Fulfilling well) opposite Namchi. It was completed in February 2004. It is also said that the Samdruptse hill is actually a Dormant Volcano. Myths say that the buddhist monks have been going on top of the hill and offering prayers to the volcano to keep it calm. On completion drive to visit recently inaugurated (November 2011) Siddhesvara Dhaam where you can view 87 ft statue of Lord Shiva and replicas of four Dhaams of the country at one place at Solophok hilltop in Namchi. The four most revered Dhams of the Hindus Jagannath, Dwarika, Rameshawaram, Badrinath. After visiting we drive to visit Sai Temple. Return to Hotel for Lunch. After lunch drive through picturesque tea gardens to the world renowned hill station Kalimpong. After dinner, enjoy your free and easy time browsing at the local bazaar.

Day 08: KALIMPONG – BAGDOGRA – KOLKATA – FLY HOME 75 km, 2.30 hours B L

After breakfast, we drive to Bagdogra. On arrival, we enjoy our lunch at the airport before boarding your scheduled flight to Kolkata. On arrival, shop around Kolkata. After dinner transfer to airport to board your scheduled flight to Singapore.

Hotels Envisaged:

Hotels	Kolkata	Darjeeling	Gangtok	Namchi	Kalimpong
Superior	Pride Hotel	The Elgin	The Eligin	Summit Sobralia Resort	Elgin Silver Oak
Standard	Dee Empresa	Seven Seventeen Hotel	Hidden Forest		Holumba Haven

Hotels Subject to availability

ALL IN COST IN SGD Valid till 31st March, 2017(Except 24 Dec 16 – 03 Jan 17):

Hotels	6 Par and above Pax	3-5 Pax	2 Pax	1 Pax	CWB	CNB	SRS
Superior	1688	1778	1988	3288	1278	828	570
Standard	1278	1388	1588	2578	978	698	296

SRS: Single Room Supplement, CWB: Child With Bed, CNB: Child No Bed.

Land Tour Cost Includes	Land Tour Cost Excludes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Airport transfers at Delhi on arrival and departure in chartered transport. 5 passengers per MPV from Bagdogra airport to Bagdogra airport. Hotels as indicated in the itinerary with all meals provided in hotels and restaurants. 1000 ml of bottled water per person per day. Sikkim entry permit and entry permit to Tsomgo Lake and North Sikkim. Entrance charges to the places of interest as mentioned in the itineraries. One local phone with local SIM with Rs.100/- value added in the mobile with all important numbers feed in phone. Manager* at Delhi airport for transfers & from Bagdogra airport to Bagdogra airport. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> International and domestic airfare, fuel surcharge and airport taxes. All expenses of personal nature like drinks, telephone calls etc. Indian visa, travel, medical & evacuation insurance, medical and evacuation expenses if any. And any other expenses paid due to any change in dates and itinerary.

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