

## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1:

#### ARRIVE BAGDOGRA - GANGTOK (125 KM / APPROX.5 HOUR'S DRIVE)

Welcome to your tour of 'Super Saver North East with Air' tour! On arrival at the airport in Bagdogra, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Gangtok.

Wreathed in clouds, Gangtok, the capital city of Sikkim is located on a ridge at a height of 5500 feet and offers spectacular views of Mt. Khangchendzonga.

The rest of the day is at leisure for independent activities.

Overnight in Gangtok.

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### Day 2:

#### GANGTOK

After breakfast, proceed on a half day city tour of Gangtok which includes visits to Rumtek Monastery, Drodul Chorten, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms and Flower Exhibition Centre.

The Rumtek Monastery stands as the largest monastery in Sikkim. The structure took four years to complete and was called the Dharma chakra Centre. The Rumtek Monastery offers scenic views of the area around.

Drodul Chorten is a stupa in Gangtok. Inside the stupa you will find sets of Dorjee Phurba i.e. the Bajra Kilaya, set of Kangyur relics i.e. the Holy Books, Zung which are mantras and ten Mani-Lhakor which are the prayer wheels.

Namgyal Institute of Tibetology comprising of a museum and a library, is intended to promote the rich and varied culture of Tibet which overlaps with that of Sikkim.

The Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom was started with an aim to preserve and propagate the traditional arts and crafts of Sikkim and train local artisans in related skills.

The Flower Exhibition Centre has an astounding collection of rare flowers. It conducts annual competitions and exhibitions of exotic plants and flowers.

Note: The Namgyal Institute of Tibetology and Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms remains closed on Sundays.

The rest of the day is at leisure to explore Gangtok.

Overnight in Gangtok.

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### Day 3:

#### GANGTOK

This morning, proceed for an excursion to Tshangu Lake. The cool water of the lake is perfectly attuned with the scenic beauty around. You can enjoy a yak ride around the lake on direct payment basis.

Note: An alternate sightseeing will be provided if Tshangu Lake is closed.  
The rest of the day is at leisure for independent activities.  
Overnight in Gangtok.  
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## Day 4:

### **GANGTOK - KALIMPONG (80 KM / APPROX. 3 HOURS DRIVE)**

Today, proceed to Kalimpong. At an altitude of 1250 m, Kalimpong is an ideal getaway. The clement weather has made Kalimpong orchids and gladiole well renowned.  
Later afternoon, proceed for a sightseeing tour of Kalimpong which includes a visit to Zong Dong Palri Fo-Brang Monastery, Tharpa Choling Monastery, Thongsa Monastery and flower nurseries.  
The Zong Dong Palri Fo-Brang Monastery was constructed by the Dalai Lama in Durpin Dara. Also known as the Durpin Monastery, it is situated at a height of 1,370 metres, atop the Durpin Hill.  
Tharpa Choling Monastery, perched atop a hill, is one of the oldest and most revered monasteries in Kalimpong known for its religious ambience and precious artifacts.  
Thongsa Monastery, popularly called Bhutanese Monastery, is the oldest monastery in Kalimpong and a perfect place for meditation.  
The rest of the day is at leisure for independent activities.  
Overnight in Kalimpong.  
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## Day 5:

### **KALIMPONG - DARJEELING (70 KM / APPROX. 3 HOURS DRIVE)**

After breakfast, proceed towards Darjeeling. Standing high in the Himalayas at an altitude of 2134 m, 'Dorje Ling', or place of the Thunderbolt, offers breathtaking views of snow-capped mountain peaks, with the Kanchendzonga rising higher than all the others.  
The rest of the day is at leisure to explore this beautiful town.  
Overnight in Darjeeling.  
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## Day 6:

### **DARJEELING**

Early morning, visit Tiger Hill to watch the spectacular sunrise and it's amazing effects on Mt. Kanchenjunga (world's third highest mountain). Visit Ghoom Monastery and Batasia Loop before returning to the hotel.

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of Darjeeling that takes you to Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre, Tenzing and Gombu Rock and Happy Valley Tea Estate(from outside).  
Note:

- Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park and Himalayan Mountaineering Institute are closed on Thursdays.
- The Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre is closed on Sundays.

The rest of the day is at leisure for independent activities.  
Overnight in Darjeeling.  
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## Day 7:

### **DEPART DARJEELING - BAGDOGRA**

Today, bid farewell to your 'Super Saver North East With Air' tour, as you are transferred to the airport in Bagdogra for your onward journey.  
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