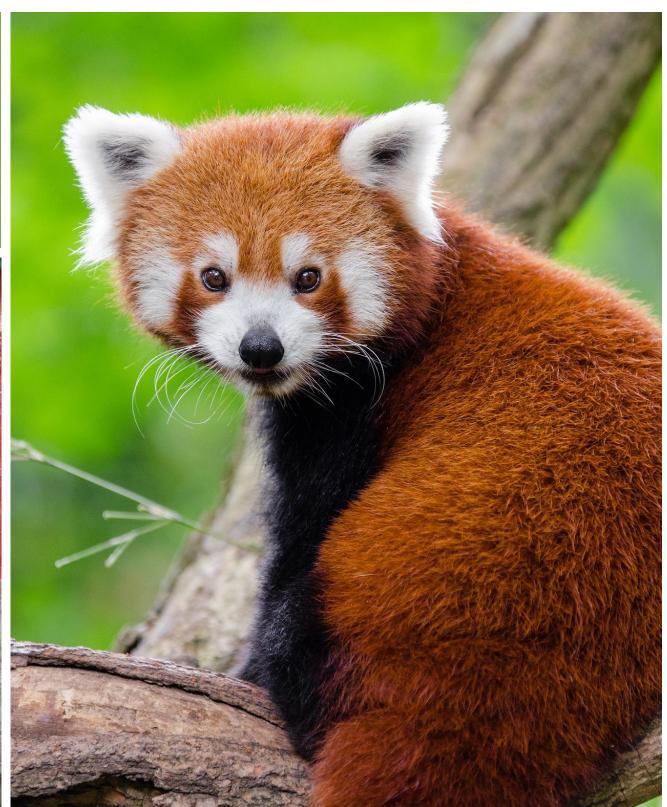
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About

This tour starts from Darjeeling in West Bengal and ends at Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim. A mix of mobility by both wheels and legs, the trek encompasses extra ordinary views of Mt.Kanchenjunga, the 3rd highest mountain in the world, up close.

Day 01 :: Delhi

Arrive Delhi. Met upon arrival and transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 02 :: Delhi / Bagdogra - Darjeeling (Flight/Car)

Morning after breakfast transfer to domestic airport to board flight for Bagdogra. Met upon arrival and drive to reach Darjeeling (2134 M) by covering approx. 110 kms in 4 - 5 hrs. The route winds its way through tea estates. There is a narrow gauge railway line running parallel and crisscrossing the road. Darjeeling is called the jewel in the crown. Upon arrival check into hotel for overnight stay.

Day 03 :: Darjeeling

Morning visit Tiger Hill to see the sunrise and also get the best view of the world's third highest mountain Kanchenjunga and other peaks. On the way back visit Ghoom Monastery Enshrining Maitreyee Buddha. After breakfast proceed for a ride in the famous toy train for half an hour. Visit Botanical Gardens, Observatory Hill, mountaineering institute to know the history and the equipment and used in the first conquest of Mt. Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norge. Visit Zoological Park to see the Siberian Tigers. Llamas, Himalayan Black Bear and Panda. Visit tea estates and Tibetan Refugee self-help centre for woolen carpet and leather products. Overnight stay in hotel.

Day 04 :: Darjeeling - Yuksom (Jeep/Car)

Morning after an early breakfast drive to Yuksum (1780 M) by covering approx. 123 kms in 7 hrs. Yuksum is the oldest capital of Sikkim where the first king was consecrated at 1642 A.D. It also has the oldest existing Monastery built during 1700 A.D. Overnight stay in hotel.

Day 05 :: Yuksom - Bakhim (Trek)

Morning after breakfast start the first leg of trekking to reach Bhakim (3035 m) by covering approx. 13 kms in 4 hrs. The track is a Gradual Ascent and descent through the dense Verdant semi-tropical forest following the Pairag Chu. Overnight stay in trekkers hut / camp.

Day 06 :: Bakhim - Dzongri (Trek)

Morning after breakfast start trekking to reach Dzongri (4030 m) along a well marked track by covering approx. 12 kms in 4 hrs. Initially the track climbs steeply. But as the track is through fascinating Rhododendron bushes running riot with color, one may no feel the climb. Arrive at Dzongri. Overnight stay in trekkers hut / camp.

Day 07 :: Dzongri

Full day at leisure to rest at Dzongri.

Day 08 :: Dzongri - Thangsing (Trek)

Morning after breakfast start trekking to reach Thangsing (3800 m) by covering approx. 8 kms in 3 hrs. One can have Fantastic view of Mt. Kanchenjunga. Mt. Pandim, Mt. Kabri etc. From the Dzongri pass. Continue to reach Thangsing. Overnight stay in trekkers hut / camp.

Day 09 :: Thangsing - Simiti Lake (Trek)

Morning after breakfast start trekking to reach Simiti lake (4200 m) by covering approx. 8 kms in 3 hrs. Simiti is one of the high altitude fresh water lakes found in the Bosom of mighty Himalayan ranges. This is also considered a very sacred lake. Arrive and camp by the side of the lake.

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Day 10 :: Simiti Lake - Gochala - Thangsing (Trek)

Morning after breakfast start trekking to reach Gochala (5000 m) by covering approx. 14 kms in 5 hrs. From the pass one can see the lofty and majestic Mt. Kanchenjunga, Mt. Kabru and Kabru Dome etc. Retrace the route back to Thanhsing. Overnight stay in trekkers hut / camp.

Day 11 :: Thangsing - Tsoka (Trek)

Morning after breakfast start trekking to reach Tsoka (3710 m) in about 5 - 6 hrs. The trek winds its way down upto Phedong, the start of the Rhododendron trail. Overnight stay in trekkers hut / tents.

Day 12 :: Tsoka - Yuksom (Trek)

Morning after breakfast start trekking to reach Yuksum by covering approx. 5 kms in 2 hrs. Rest of the day free to visit the oldest monastery and the surrounding area. Overnight stay in hotel.

Day 13 :: Yuksom - Pemayangtse - Gangtok (Jeep)

Morning after breakfast drive to Pemayangste (2085 m) by covering approx. 30 kms in 1 hr. Pemayangtse is one of the oldest and important Monasteries in Sikkim. Visit the Monastery, proceed to reach Gangtok (1810 m) by covering approx. 110 kms in 5 hrs. Arrive Gangtok and check into hotel for overnight stay.

Day 14 :: Gangtok - Kalimpong (Jeep/Car)

Morning after breakfast leave for excursion to Rumtek monastery, enroute visit the Institute of Tibetology. Proceed to Kalimpong. Short visit of Kalimpong. Overnight stay in hotel.

Day 15 :: Kalimpong - Bagdogra / Delhi (Car/Flight)

Early morning, transfer to Bagdogra airport in time to board flight for Delhi. Arrive Delhi, met upon arrival and transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 16 :: Delhi / Onward destination

Full day sight-seeing tour of Old and New Delhi. Await transfer to international airport for flight to onward destination.























