

## **GHOOM MONASTERY - YIGA CHOELING MONASTERY**

### **Ghoom, Darjeeling, West Bengal, India**

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#### Interesting Facts

In front of the Buddha's statue two huge oil lamps keep burning all the time and all through the year.

#### Best Season To Visit

The best season to visit the temple is Winter season. The best months to visit are September to February.

#### Weather

Highest - April to June (45°C during day and 35°C during night) Average - May (35°C during the day and 25°C during night) Lowest - December to February (26°C during day and 21°C during night) Monsoon season - August to October

## Dress Code

For men the dress code is Shirt & Trouser, Dhoti or Pyjamas with upper cloth.

For women the preferred dress code is saree or half-saree with blouse or chudidhar with pyjama and upper cloth.

Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

## Do's & Dont's

Do bathe and wear clean clothes before you enter the temple.

Do respect ancient customs and co-pilgrims while at temple.

Smoking and drinking is prohibited in this temple.

Chewing betel leaves, tobacco, gutka and spitting inside temple is strictly prohibited.

transport connections

Name

Distance

Contact Number

Siliguri & Takdah Bus Stand

7 KM

033-25443542

Naksalbari Railway Station

67.4 KM

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Bagdogra Airport

65 KM

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