

Gangtok

A prominent Buddhist pilgrimage site, Gangtok is nestled in the high peaks of the Himalayas and shelters the Enchey Monastery. This raw untouched beauty of northeast is situated in the Shivalik hills of the eastern Himalayas at an altitude of 1,700 meters.

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Famous For : City

This enthralling Himalayan city is the capital of Sikkim since 1894. It offers stunning view of Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak of the world. Gangtok has an amicable cultural fusion and people live peacefully in spite of the diverse ethnicity and religions. On a tranquil walk down the street in Gangtok, you can catch the whiff that comes from the lush tea plantations.



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When To VISIT


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Jan

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 8.399999618 Min: 3.0°C Rain: 15.0mm
530273°C

Feb

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 6.0°C Min: 2.400000095 Rain: 18.0mm
3674316°C

Mar

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 8.399999618 Min: 2.799999952 Rain: 24.0mm
530273°C 316284°C

Apr

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 7.699999809 Min: 8.600000381 Rain: 78.0mm
265137°C 469727°C

May

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 10.19999980 Min: 6.400000095 Rain: 90.0mm
9265137°C 367432°C

Jun

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 8.199999809 Min: 9.800000190 Rain: 246.0mm
265137°C 734863°C

Jul

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 12.10000038 Min: 11.39999961 Rain: 297.0mm
1469727°C 8530273°C

Aug

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 18.39999961 Min: 9.5°C Rain: 234.0mm
8530273°C

Sep

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 11.60000038 Min: 9.300000190 Rain: 294.0mm
1469727°C 734863°C

Oct

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.

Max: 13.80000019 Min: 10.80000019 Rain: 60.0mm
0734863°C 0734863°C

Nov

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 11.69999980 Min: 7.099999904 Rain: 30.0mm
9265137°C 632568°C

Dec

Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 12.30000019 Min: 5.599999904 Rain: 0.0mm
0734863°C 632568°C

What To SEE



5 Sights

<http://www.ixigo.com/places-to-visit-see-in-gangtok-ip-1050279>

1 Shingba Rhododendron Sanctuary



Yumthang Valley, North Sikkim District, Gangtok, Sikkim 737120, India

Shingba Rhododendron Sanctuary is perhaps the best place to spot 20 different species of rhododendrons in Sikkim, India. Located in the sublime Yumthang Valley, Shingba Sanctuary can be reached easily from Mangan in the northern part of Sikkim. Ranging between the elevations of 3048 to 4575 meters, Singba Rhododendron Sanctuary is a striking place to view flora and fauna in their full glory.

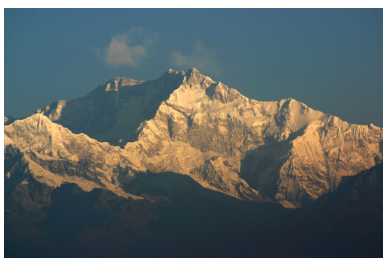
The spring season is regarded as the best time to visit, when rhododendrons blossom to their apex in the sanctuary. Shingba Sanctuary is enclosed by Chomzomei Tso broadening up to Lava pass in the west. To its south, Shingba Sanctuary is delimited by the angelic Yumthang Valley that is renowned for its alpine meadow and sublime beauty; whereas in the east, it is

bordered by Chuba - Sagochen mountain ranges.

The Sanctuary also embraces the Yumthang River that flows through its periphery. On the banks of river, one can trace long queues of Rhododendron trees and shrubs. Apart from Rhododendrons, the sanctuary also boasts of primulas, potentillas, gentians, saxifrages, poppies, aconites larch, juniper, maple along with rambling lichens. You can also see silver fir and well-groomed thick mat of moss shielding the soil.

Talking about the fauna, the sanctuary has a small populace of wildlife like Tigers, Civets and Blood Pheasants. Lachung is the last village that is to be found prior to Shingba Sanctuary. This is the only place, where you can accommodate yourself, in the vicinity of the Sanctuary. By and large, it can be said that Singba Rhododendron Sanctuary is a nice place to explore the vegetation and fauna in their natural habitat.

2 Kanchenjunga Mountain



North Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim 737116, India

Kanchenjunga Mountain is the third highest peak in the world, with an elevation of 8,586 m. In the Kirat religion of Sikkim, the mountain is regarded very sacred and in the local Limbu language, it is also called Sewa Lungma. The name Kanchenjunga means "The Five Treasures of Snow" in the local language, which aptly matches it because of its collection of five peaks, out of which four of are over 8,450 me high. Mt. Kanchenjunga can be viewed from many points of Gangtok. It is the charm of this place and the spectacular view of the mountain range that will be stored in your mind forever. Out of the many points in Gangtok from where you can have a spectacular view of the peak. When you're in Gangtok, the Goeche La trek in Sikkim is the standard base camp for trekking up the range.

3 Do-Drul Chorten Stupa



Near Tibetology Institute And

Gangtok Centre, Gangtok, Sikkim 737101, India

Constructed in 1945 under the leadership of Trullshi Rinpoche, head of the Nyingma order of Tibetan Buddhism, Do-Drul Chorten Stupa is the biggest and most important Stupa in Sikkim. Inside this stupa, there is a complete set of Dorjee Phurba, Kangyur relics (Holy Books) and other religious objects, while there are 108 Mani Lhakor or prayer wheels around the stupa. The devotees turn these prayer wheels to read and chant the 'mantra' of "Om Mane Padmane Hum" engraved on them.

4 Himalayan Zoological Park



Forest Secretariat, Deorali, Gangtok, Sikkim 737102, India

Welcome to Sikkim Himalayan Zoological Park, which is a perfect weekend getaway with your family. Located at Bulbulay, a picturesque hilltop in Sikkim, a visit to this park promises a lot of relaxation and that much-needed break from your regular city life. Home to a range of fauna and flora, the

place is a retreat for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts. The red panda is definitely one of the biggest attractions of this sanctuary. As you walk up and down the slopes of this park, you will get a glimpse of the rich and varied wildlife of the Himalayas. If you are lucky, you might spot the elusive black panther and the snow leopard! The park also houses a good collection of vintage trekking gear -- something mountaineering aspirants and enthusiasts would love.

5 Namgyal Institute of Tibetology



Deorali, Gangtok, Sikkim 737101, India

The Namgyal Institute of Tibetology houses a range of Buddhist manuscripts and books, stunning cloth paintings depicting Tibetan art, sacred objects and statuettes among others. Housed in a fantastic, Tibet-style mansion, the institute has a collection of artefacts

belonging to the Vajrayana Buddhism and Tibetan culture. It is a must visit for people who want to know more about the Tibetan culture that is an inherent part of this region. There is a lush green grove where the institute is situated, rendering it a serene aura.

Where To Eat



5 Places

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1 Cafe Live & Loud



Enchey Compound, Tibet Road, Power Secretariat, Gangtok, Sikkim 737101, India

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As the name suggests, Cafe Live and Loud is a happening night club that promises an awesome, fun night. It is the place to savour sparkling

drinks and yummy appetizers. The pulsating atmosphere at this peppy pub cum restaurant is highly infectious and it draws you into a comfortable, laid back mood. The city is known for its thriving nightlife, flashy lounges and live musical performances; this cafe lives upto this reputation. There is an open terrace where you can go when you wish to distance yourself from the music inside.

2 Parivar Restaurant



MG Marg, Arithang, Gangtok, Sikkim 737101, India

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Walk in any day at Parivar Restaurant, which is famous for its authentic South Indian and North Indian cuisines. Order filling Masala Dosas, piping hot Idlis, tasteful Sambhar with North-Indian thalis and rest be assured of a fantastic experience. Even though the restaurant remains crowded during peak hours, you could still give it a try if a craving for north-Indian vegetarian food strikes you. With a

cheerful staff and good service, you're sure to be all smiles here!

3 9'INE Native Cuisine



New Market, M.G Marg, Gangtok, Sikkim 737101, India

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Widely popular for its Tibetan cuisine, you'll find a variety of delectable dishes at 9'INE Native Cuisine. The specialties here includes momos, Sikkimese Set Meal with Chicken, Fermented Soybean, Dim sums and Mushroom Kachi, among a host of unique dishes that will tickle your taste buds. Patience is the keyword here as they prepare fresh food which might take 15-20 minutes. So be patient and you will be amply rewarded with the most delicious preparations.

4 Pub 25





M.G Marg, Gangtok, Sikkim 737101, India

Gangtok is every party animal's dream come true! The thriving nightlife means that there are a number of pubs, and one such place is

Pub 25. Located right in the heart of MG road, this upscale pub offers great drinks, tasty food and an amazing ambience. Food lovers should definitely try the malai tikka and sauteed mushrooms, which are hot favourites among the guests. Even though the price is higher as compared to the other pubs, it's definitely worth a visit. A very classic British ambience, this place offers a variety of cocktails and liquors that is well complimented with an equally impressive food menu. Open till 11 PM, it is best suited for anyone who wants to enjoy a hearty meal and a drink.

the restaurant is spacious and colourful. In terms of ambience, attention has been given to detailing and you can see trademark Tibetan motifs on the pillars and ceiling. The Chinese noodles and Momos will leave you with an everlasting flavour on your palate. And this exactly is the specialty of the restaurant - it offers many genuine local flavours in food, without compromising on their local authenticity.

5 Snow Lion Restaurant



Paljore Stadium Road, Gangtok, Sikkim 737101, India



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Step in at Snow Lion Restaurant, which is popular for its indigenous and lip-smacking Tibetan cuisines.

Located on the ground floor of Hotel Tibet,

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Accommodation

- F: Sikkim Villa Tosca - A Boutique Aparthotel
- G: Enchanted Forest Farmstay
- H: 2BHK Fully Furnished Service Apartment
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- J: Enchanted Forest Farmstay
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- M: Enchanted Forest Farmstay
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