



# Sikkim Travel Plan – *Land of Mystical Mountains* (7–10 Days)



## Best Time to Visit Sikkim

- **March – June:** Pleasant weather, rhododendron blooms
- **October – December:** Clear mountain views, festivals
- **January – February:** Snowfall in higher regions
- **July – September:** Monsoon (lush but landslides possible)

**Permit Required:** Special permits for **Nathula Pass** and **Tsomgo Lake**

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## 1 Gangtok – *Gateway to Sikkim*

**Ideal Stay:** 2–3 days



## About

Gangtok is a vibrant hill city blending **Buddhist culture, Himalayan views, and modern cafés.**

## Top Attractions

- MG Marg – shopping & cafés
- Rumtek Monastery
- Enchey Monastery
- Ganesh Tok & Hanuman Tok
- Namgyal Institute of Tibetology

## Experiences

- ✓ Cable car ride
- ✓ Monastery visits
- ✓ Local market exploration

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## 2 Pelling – Kanchenjunga Viewpoint

Ideal Stay: 1–2 days



## About

Pelling is known for **panoramic views of Mount Kanchenjunga** and historic ruins.

## Top Attractions

- Pemayangtse Monastery
- Rabdentse Ruins (former capital)
- Kanchenjunga Falls
- Singshore Bridge

- **Sky Walk Pelling**

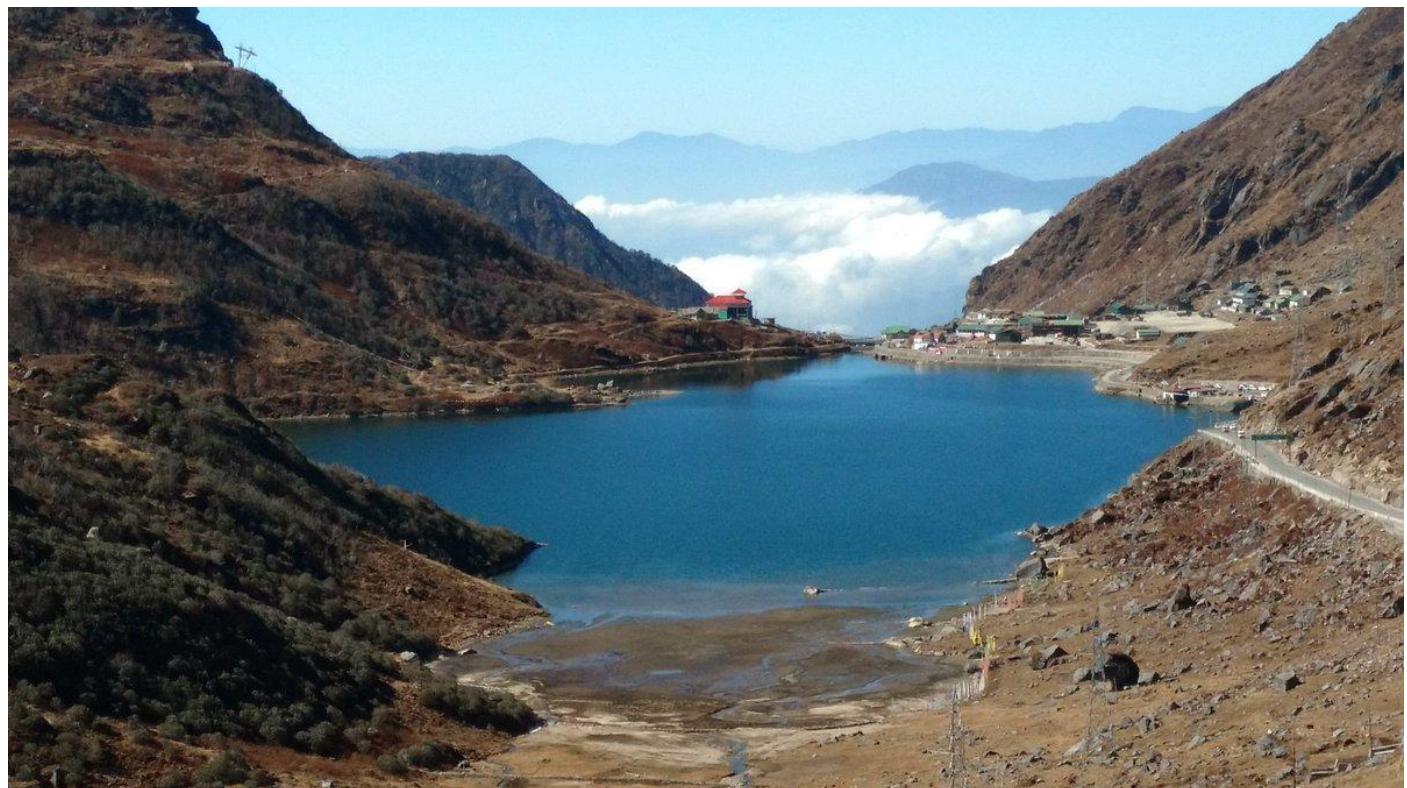
#### Experiences

- ✓ Sunrise mountain photography
- ✓ Heritage exploration
- ✓ Nature walks

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### 3 Tsomgo Lake – Sacred Alpine Lake

**Ideal Stay:** Half day



#### About

Tsomgo (Changu) Lake is a **high-altitude glacial lake**, sacred to locals.

#### Top Attractions

- Yak rides
- Snow views in winter
- Lakeside viewpoints

#### Experiences

- ✓ Snow photography
  - ✓ High-altitude sightseeing
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#### 4 Nathula Pass – *Historic Mountain Pass*

Ideal Stay: Half day



#### About

Nathula Pass is a **strategic Indo–China border pass**, part of the ancient Silk Route.

#### Top Attractions

- Indo–China border viewpoint
- Army memorials
- Snow-covered roads

#### Experiences

- ✓ Patriotic sightseeing
  - ✓ High-altitude adventure
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#### 5 Ravangla – *Peace & Spirituality*

Ideal Stay: 1 day



#### About

Ravangla is a peaceful town known for **spiritual sites and tea gardens**.

## Top Attractions

- Buddha Park (Tathagata Tsal)
- Ralang Monastery
- Temi Tea Garden

## Experiences

- ✓ Meditation & calm retreats
- ✓ Tea estate walks
- ✓ Cultural visits

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## ✚ Additional Must-Visit Places in Sikkim

### 6 Yumthang Valley

- Alpine flowers
- Hot springs

### 7 Lachen

- Gateway to Gurudongmar Lake

### 8 Lachung

- Waterfalls & valleys

### 9 Gurudongmar Lake

- One of the world's highest lakes

### 10 Namchi

- Char Dham complex
- Samdrupse Statue

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## 🗺️ Suggested 9-Day Itinerary

- Day 1–3: Gangtok
- Day 4: Tsomgo Lake & Nathula Pass
- Day 5–6: Pelling
- Day 7: Ravangla
- Day 8–9: Lachung & Yumthang Valley

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## 噇 Must-Try Sikkimese Food

- Momos
- Thukpa
- Phagshapa (pork dish)

- Gundruk & Sinki
  - Butter tea
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## Festivals & Culture

- **Losar** (Tibetan New Year)
  - **Saga Dawa** (Buddha's life celebration)
  - **Pang Lhabsol** (Kanchenjunga worship)
  - Traditional masked dances
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## Travel Tips

- Carry warm clothes year-round
- Permits required for restricted areas
- Travel slowly to avoid altitude sickness
- Respect monastery rules & photography restrictions