#### **DAY 1:**

## DATE 27.03.2024 SILIGURI NJP/IXB TO DARJEELING DROP

**DAY 2:** 

**DATE 28.03.2024** 

#### DARJEELING LOCAL SIGHTSEEN FULL DAY

As the chilly night continues to dominate over Darjeeling this day calls to wake up even before the sun to witness the stunning view of sunrise from the viewpoint along with a full day city tour Post breakfast. Early morning start the **Darjeeling Package Tour** & visit:

Tiger Hill Sunrise Point - An early morning visit to the tiger hill is perfect to witness the

unforgettable sunrise over the snow-covered peaks of the majestic Himalayas. As the sunrise beings, the dazzling snow cover peaks of Mt. Kangchenjunga gloriously enlightens with a magnificent view, and on a clear day glimpse of the World's highest peak, Mt. Everest is visible. This spot has earned international fame for the magnificent view of the sunrise over Mt. Kanchenjunga, and the great Eastern Himalayan Mountains.

**Batasia Loop** - The Batasia Loop is a spiral narrow-gauge railway track where the Toy Train negotiates a sudden sharp descent from Ghoom. This place provides a breathtaking view of the surrounding mountains, with a 360-degree view of the Darjeeling landscape in the backdrop of the majestic Kanchenjunga. The loop is decorated with grass, shrubs, and seasonal flowers, along benches laid inside the garden to enjoy nature while the Toy train enters, hooting its way to complete the spiral route.

**Ghoom Monastery** - Yiga Monastery or Old Ghoom Monastery is one of the oldest Tibetan monasteries in Darjeeling build in the year 1850 and below the Ghoom railway station. It follows the lineage of the Sakya Sect of Vajra yana Buddhism and also has a small philosophical institute. This monastery has the biggest and the oldest statue of Buddha in Darjeeling and is being bought from Tibet.

Japanese Temple and Peace Pagoda - Also known as Darjeeling Peace Pagoda, are on the Jalapahar hill. They build the Temple under the guidance of Buddhist monks from Japan in traditional Japanese style, and this place is the house of four avatars of Buddha. Close to it is the Peace Pagoda, where it showcases the four large avatars of Lord Buddha. The view from the top is magnificent, with the panoramic view of Darjeeling town and Mt. Kanchenjunga. During the visit, tourists can join for morning or evening prayers in the Temple, along with the monks.

Rangeet Valley Passenger Ropeway - Also known as The Darjeeling Ropeway, is the perfect spot to enjoy the breathtaking view of the valley below with the dreamy Darjeeling town, the lush green

tea plantations, dense forests, mountain streams in their full flow, waterfalls, and the impressive snow peaks the background.

You can also enjoy the UNESCO World Heritage famous Darjeeling railway or the Toy Train to Ghoom subject to track conditions. The evening is free to visit the Darjeeling Mall for shopping as this is the last spot to crack a great deal and grab something unique from this trip. **Overnight in the Hotel of Darjeeling** 

**DAY 3:** 

**DATE 29.03.2024** 

DARJEELING TO GANGTOK DROP

**DAY 4:** 

**DATE 30.03.2024** 

# GANGTOK LOCAL SIGHTSEEN FULL DAY GANGTOK LOCAL SIGHTSEEING

With the glittering rays of the sun spreading its golden hues on the little Gangtok city, the time has come to begin the day while feasting on some sumptuous breakfast before leaving for the **Gangtok Tour**.

**Tashi View Point** - Located in Tashi about 8 Km from Gangtok town built by Tashi Namgyal, which offers a panoramic view of Mt Kanchenjunga on a clear day with Binoculars, and Telescopes mounted at the viewpoint, which can get an unobstructed view of the mountains, and forest on the opposite side.

**Gonjang Monastery** - The monastery is situated 6 Km away from Gangtok near Tashi View Point. Established in the year 1981 and the founder is H.E. Tingkye Gonjang Rimpoche. He got recognition as an incarnation of Yolmo Terton Ngakchang Shakya Zangpo, a 15th-century Nyingmapa Terton. The monastery follows the Jangter tradition of the Nyingmapa school of Tibetan Buddhism.

**Do-drul Chorten** - The huge Stupa or monument built by the Venerable Trullshi Rimpoche, head of the Nyingma order of Tibetan Buddhism, in 1945. Inside the stupa, there is a complete set of Dorjee Phurba (Vajra Kilaya), a set of Kang Gyur relic (Holy Book), completes 'Zung' (mantras) and other religious objects. Around the Chorten, there are 108 Mani Lhakor (Prayer Wheels), all of which have mantras inscribed on them in Tibetan, and they consider this place as one of the important Chorten of Sikkim.

Namgyal Institute of Tibetology - The most prestigious research institute of its kind in the World NIT is a treasure of a vast collection of rare Lepcha, Tibetan, and Sanskrit manuscripts, statues, and rare Thankas (colorful tapestries used in Buddhist liturgy). Apart from an attractive museum, it has over 200 Buddhist icons and other prized objects of art, along with a majestic image of Manjushri (Bodhisattva of knowledge and wisdom) brought from Tibet.

**Hur Hurray Dara** - Also known as the Nam Nang view point provides a breathtaking view of the lush green forests and the beautiful valley. This serine area is less crowded, for which it is best for a morning or an evening walk with a pleasant view of the hills in the lap of nature.

**Tsukla Khang Monastery** - This monastery is located inside the complex of Tsuklakhang Royal Palace of the Chogyal's the former rulers of Sikkim, and is the most accessible monastery within the city. Built-in the typical Sikkimese style, there are exciting murals and images of the Buddhist pantheon.

White Memorial Hall - A two-storied structure with typical British architecture, the hall, was built in the year 1932. The hall gets its name not because they paint it white but as they construct it in the memory of Sir John Claude White, the first political officer of Sikkim. The hall has historical values and is situated on the ridge.

**Gangtok Ropeway** - One of the major attractions of Gangtok is the cable car ride at Deorali. The ropeway has 03 entry points or stops, with the lowest point being the Deorali market, Nam Nang as mid-point, and the highest point, is at Tashiling. This is a standing ride for everyone that offers a panoramic bird's-eye view of the mountains, the valleys, the flowing river along with the mesmerizing view of the Gangtok city and snow-covered Mt. Kanchenjunga.

As the sightseeing ends for the day back to the hotel, and evening is free to roam around the MG Marg where one can taste the Sikkim delicacies at local restaurants or spend some bucks in shopping handicrafts and other items. Overnight at the hotel in Gangtok.

#### **DAY 5:**

### DATE 31.03.2024 DAY EXCURSION TO CHANGU LAKE, BABA MANDIR AND NATHULA PASS

As the morning sores in, the warm rays of the sun knocks through the window to give a startup call for the second day. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel in its peaceful surroundings, and load the bags with dry foods before leaving for a full day trip to Tsomgo Lake with Baba Mandir / Nathula Pass Excursion.

**Tsomgo Lake (12400ft)** - Also known as Changu Lake is an oval shaped glacial lake which is only 40 km from Gangtok City, and almost about 1Km in length with 15 meters depth. The name Tsomgo is made of two words in Bhutia Language 'Tso' means 'lake' and 'Mgo' means 'head' in a short 'source of the lake'. This high altitude lake is surrounded by snow-capped steep mountains and remains frozen during wintertime. As summer beings to step-in, the glacier melts and the lake gets its origin. The locals consider the lake to be sacred, and it reflects different colors with the change in seasons.

New Baba Harbhajan Singh Mandir - The Baba Mandir was built in the Memorial of Baba Harbhajan Singh or the 'Hero of Nathula', a soldier in the Indian Army. It is situated at a distance of 12Km from Tsomgo lake, and 52Km from Gangtok city. Baba Harbhajan served as a part of border patrol force, and in the year 1968 while escorting a mule column he felts on a fast-flowing stream and got carried away by the powerful water current. Soldiers found his remains after 3 days and cremated with full military honor along with a shrine on his Samadhi built as per Baba's wish, which he expressed through his friend post-death. The original bunker of Baba Harbhajan Singh is located further up near the Gnathang valley which is the Old Baba Mandir but because of its difficult terrain tourist can't reach there so they build a New Mandir for easy access. This shrine believed to have wish-fulfilling powers along with that Baba is still guarding the international border between India and China. On Sundays, a 'Langar' runs at the temple, which provides free meals to the visitors.

**Nathula Pass** - A major mountain pass in the Himalayas in East Sikkim district, which is a corridor of passage between India and Tibet before it was closed in 1962 but reopened in 2006. Located around 56 km from Gangtok at an altitude of 14450 ft, the road to Nathula is the highest motorable roads, passes through the Tsomgo lake, and requires an entry permit to visit. The view from this international border is breathtaking and allows the tourist to get a glimpse of China on the other side along with their Chinese militants. On a clear day, the road winding down the Chumbi valley can be seen.

(Nathula Pass is closed on Monday / Tuesday and Permit depends on weather condition and thus it is not included in the package). Overnight at **Hotel in Gangtok**.

### DAY 06: DATE 01.04.2024 GANGTOK TO SILIGURI NJP/IXB DROP

CAB DETAILS		
Cab: 01 WAGON R SIMILAR		

COST-
Type of Rental: Point to Point Basis (Not on disposal basis).
Package Inclusion: Fuel, Toll, Parking, Waiting fee, Driver's flooding and accommodation, Changu lake permit.
Package Exclusion: E

**Note:** The above-given transportation is on point to point basis as per the itinerary. Extra charges will be applicable for sightseeing other than mentioned above.