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Sikkim

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How cool would it be to travel to a state that shares its borders with three other countries? Super cool, right? If you just got interested, we should tell you that it is possible if you plan to take a trip to Sikkim, which shares its border with Nepal, Bhutan and China (Tibet). Around 40 percent of the entire area is forested which makes it even more cool. Come here to get jaw-droppingly amazed at what nature can do to you.

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Sikkim is one of the most visited places in the eastern region of the country. And it has some solid grounds for being that. The natural beauty here is not something which can be fully enjoyed in just one trip. The state is accessible by foreigner tourists only with a Restricted Area Permit which is also known as the Inner Line Permit. The popular Rumtek Monastery is one place which is visited by people all around the world. The monastery is the main seat of the Karma Kagyu school of Tibetan Buddhism in Sikkim which makes it all the more important. The popular Nathula Pass is another feather in the state's cap along with the beautiful Tsongmo Lake. When it comes to impressing the foodie in you, Sikkim is no underdog in that department too. You cannot miss having some delicious momos when here. Also, worth mentioning is Phagshapa which is actually a strip of pork fat that is stewed with dried chillies and radishes. There is no way of entering the place other than by road from West Bengal as there are no airports or railway stations

the state's capital while in Sikkim. Rest assured, the state will amaze you beyond your belief.

What To SEE



5 Sights

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1 Gangtok

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.

2 Lachung



Lachung is a small village town in Sikkim, where Lachen and Lachung, the tributaries of Teesta river, converge. Literally a "small pass," Lachung was blocked to visitors and has only recently become a tourist destination, owing to the Indian Government's efforts to make it more accessible. This has kept its natural, verdant landscapes intact. Rich in Sikkimese and Tibetan culture, it houses the historic Lachung Gompa (monastery), which has some fascinating ancient inscriptions and murals. For trekkers and mountaineers, it serves as a base camp for the Rhododendron Valley Trek from Yumthang Valley to Lachen. Experience the kaleidoscopic beauty of nature and the tranquility of an ideal retreat destination in the true spirit of Sikkimese hospitality.

3 Pelling



Offering great views of the majestic Himalayan mountains and specifically Kanchenjunga, Pelling is essentially a laid back town of quiet monasteries. To soak in the tranquility of this atmosphere, one

should visit the Pemayangtse Monastery and the Sangachoeling Monastery. Tourists also undertake excursions to the nearby Sangay Waterfall and the Kchehepalri Lake which is hidden in dense forest cover and is sacred to Buddhists. The Rabdantsey Ruins are those of an erstwhile kingdom and worth checking out. Pelling also serves as a base camp to mountain climbers and trekkers who undertake the arduous journey into the Himalayan ranges. The town has been undergoing the process of development lately, providing good roads and better hotels to travellers.

4 Yuksom



Apart from being the first capital of Sikkim, Yuksom also holds the position of being a sacred site, symbolically representing the "third eye". This biodiversity hotspot offers you the chance to get close and personal with Mother Nature. Head for the trekking trails to Mt. Kangchendzongha, or visit the wildlife sanctuary or simply relax with a glass of bamboo drink and take in the beautiful landscape. Also, do not forget to take back home some of the local

handicrafts to show them off to your friends.

5 Lachen



Lachen has only recently been made available by the Sikkim government to tourists, and thus retains most of its unexploited, serene and pristine landscapes. This little hamlet will mesmerise you with its green and verdant surroundings, white snowy peaks and lofty, black cliffs. Must visit Lachen for the breathtaking Chopta Valley which is a photographer's delight, the Gurudongmar Lake which is open only to Hindus and Buddhists and the exhilarating annual yak race, "Thangu". Close to the Indo-China border, this town offers great opportunities for mountain treks and quiet nature trails.



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1 Cafe Live & Loud



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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.

MG Marg, Arithang, Gangtok, Sikkim
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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!

2 Parivar Restaurant



3 9'INE Native Cuisine



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

☎ +91-3592-205061

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.

Snow Lion Restaurant



📍 Paljore Stadium Road, Gangtok, Sikkim 737101, India

☎ +91-3592-202523

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, 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.



SIKKIM TOUR

DURATION 8 NIGHTS 9 DAYS

TYPE OF TRIP ROAD TRIP

START CITY JALPAIGURI

END CITY PELLING



DAY
1

NJP RLY STATION / IXB AIRPORT – GANGTOK (120 KM / 5 HRS)

On arrival in New Jalpaiguri Junction Railway Station/Bagdogra Airport, make your way to your hotel in Gangtok. The remainder of the day is free to explore this beautiful city. Stay and dinner at the hotel.

DAY
2

EXCURSION TO TSOMGO LAKE & BABA MANDIR

Early morning, post breakfast, embark jeep to reach Tsomgo Lake (12,400 ft), a high altitude sacred lake. It is located on the Gangtok - Nathu La highway and derives its water through the melting snows of the mountains enclosing the lake. Further, you will visit Baba Mandir (13,200 ft.), which is approximately 55 km from Gangtok. After a tiring sightseeing tour, return to the hotel for overnight stay and dinner.

DAY
3

GANGTOK – LACHEN (107 KM / 6 HRS)

Post breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Lachen, a tiny hamlet in the North Sikkim. During your journey, from Gangtok to Lachen, you will enjoy a small break at Naga Waterfall, The Confluence of Lachen Chu (River) & Lachung Chu (River) at Chungthang and Bhim Nala Waterfall. On arrival at Lachen, you will be transferred to hotel for overnight stay and dinner.

DAY
4

LACHEN – CHOPTA VALLEY – GURUDONGMAR LAKE- LACHEN

Today, follow the nerve wrenching hilly roads and head towards Chopta Valley, a relatively unexplored and untouched region in Northwestern region of Sikkim. After driving for few kilometer from Chopta Valley, you will visit Gurudongmar Lake, which is considered as sacred by both Buddhists and Sikhs. The best about the lake is despite its location it never freezes even in the peak of winter. Later, continue your ride back to Lachen hotel for overnight stay and dinner.

DAY
5

LACHEN – LACHUNG (45 KM / 2 HRS)

Post breakfast, leave for Lachung, which is 45 km from Lachen. Upon arrival at Lachen, you will be transferred to hotel for overnight stay and dinner.

DAY
6

LACHUNG – YUMTHANG VALLEY EXCURSION – GANGTOK

Post breakfast, drive to Yumthang Valley (12,000 ft), which is also known as the valley of flowers. On your way back to the hotel from Yumthang Valley, you will be visiting a hot spring, which is believed to have some medicinal properties. Head back to the resort for lunch, check out and head towards Gangtok. On the way if the weather is clear you may get to see Mighty Khangchendzonga from Singhik viewpoint. On arrival at Gangtok check-in to your hotel. Rest of the evening will be free for leisure. Overnight stay at Gangtok.

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