

# Darjeeling Travel Itinerary



Darjeeling is a paradise for mountain lovers, known for its snow-capped peaks, lush green landscapes, and serene charm. While the usual tourist spots can be crowded, venture off the beaten path to discover the peace and tranquility that this hill station has to offer. Here's your ultimate guide to offbeat Darjeeling

## Budget-Friendly Stays

- Muscatel Bhumsang
- Tripoo Potola Palace
- Hidden Monkey
- Backpackers
- Pathi Bunkers
- Trippers Hostel
- Solo Stays

## Day-to-Day Schedule

- **Day 1:**

Start with a 3-hour drive from Siliguri to Darjeeling. Check into your homestay, explore the local market, and enjoy a relaxed evening.

- **Day 2:**

Watch the breathtaking sunrise at Tiger Hill, then head to Ghoom Monastery for a peaceful visit. Continue sightseeing at Batasia Loop, War Memorial, Padmaja Naidu Park, Tenzing Rock, and a tea garden tour. End the day with a visit to the Japanese Temple and Peace Pagoda.

- **Day 3:**

Head to Mirik and visit Bokar Monastery, Mirik Lake, Don Bosco, and Tamang Monastery. Explore Pashupati Market, enjoy a horse ride and boating, then return to Darjeeling in the evening.

- **Day 4:**

Visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and after lunch, enjoy a tea-making tour and tasting session at Happy Valley Tea Estate. Dinner at a cozy local restaurant to wrap up the day.

- **Day 5:**

Take a scenic ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (Toy Train). Conclude your trip with shopping and an evening stroll at Chowrasta Square.

# Adventurous Activities

- River Rafting in Teesta River
- Trekking to Sandakphu
- Shopping at Chowrasta
- Traveling in the Darjeeling Ropeway
- Savoring Authentic Darjeeling Food
- Toy Train Ride
- Witnessing the Sunrise at Tiger Hill
- Strolling in Happy Valley Tea Estate

# Tourist Places

- Tiger Hill
- Darjeeling Himalayan Railway
- Batasia Loop
- Padmaja Naidu Zoological Park
- Peace Pagoda
- Tea Gardens
- Himalayan Mountaineering Institute
- Observing Hill & Mahakal Temple
- Rock Garden
- Ganga Maya Park

# Local & Instagram-Famous Cafés

- Keventers
- Glenarys
- Revolver
- Kunga Restaurant
- Sonam's Kitchen
- Gatty's Café
- Himalayan Java Café
- Ara by Bellevue
- Shangri-La
- Roadside Momo Corner

## Secret Tips

- Book your flight with Skyscanner and your stay via Booking.com for the best deals.
- Get a window seat on your flight to catch a glimpse of Everest and the Sleeping Buddha range during the descent.
- Don't miss Darjeeling's momos and hot Darjeeling Red Tea (without milk) available everywhere.
- Tea lovers? Nathmull's offers great variety for tea tasting.
- Get ready for a lot of walking, as Darjeeling is a hilly town.
- Avoid touristy packages, and bargain for better deals when booking local tours.

## Best Time to Visit

- While the summer months (April to June) are ideal, visiting Darjeeling during the off-peak months allows you to enjoy the beauty and tranquility away from the crowds.

## Phone Connectivity

- Airtel, Vodafone & Jio work well in Darjeeling.
- Connectivity can be patchy in remote areas.

## Must-Pack Essentials

1. Warm sweaters and jackets (even in summer, evenings can get chilly).
2. Comfortable walking shoes for trekking and exploring.
3. Lightweight clothing for daytime warmth.
4. Rain gear (it rains frequently in Darjeeling).

# Roadmap

