

Earthbound Expeditions

North Sikkim Tour

5 days, from US$0 per person

Duration	Group size	Country
5 days	**No limit**	**India**

North Sikkim Tour Overview

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North Sikkim, the largest of the four districts of the Indian state of Sikkim, has some of the finest landscapes in the Himalaya and excellent views of the great Himalayan ranges. The region is known for its snow-capped peaks, waterfalls, fast-flowing streams, glacial lakes and rich plant and animal life, all largely unspoilt.

This five-day North Sikkim tour by Earthbound Expeditions takes you to Gangtok, the Seven Sisters Waterfall on the way to Lachen, the village of Lachen, and the Thangu and Chopta valleys. You also visit Gurudongmar Lake, one of the most sacred sites for Buddhists and Hindus, travel to Lachung village and the Yumthang Valley, which is covered with many species of rhododendron, orchids and other alpine flowers, and can bathe in the hot spring known for its healing effect on skin conditions.

The tour covers the main sights of North Sikkim in five days.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Bagdogra and drive to Gangtok

On arrival at Bagdogra airport, you are transferred to Gangtok via Rangpo, passing small roadside villages on the way. In the evening, take a short walking tour along MG Marg, a pedestrian boulevard, and browse the Lal Bazaar food and vegetable market. Overnight in Gangtok.

Altitude: 1,650 m On foot: None, 4–5 hr drive Night: Hotel, Gangtok Meals: None

Day 2

Drive from Gangtok to Lachen

After breakfast we drive towards Lachen. On the way we pass through Kabi Lungchok, Mangan, the Bhim Nala Waterfall and the Seven Sisters Waterfall. The Singhik viewpoint, about 4 km from Mangan on the way to Lachen, is surrounded by green hills with the Teesta river flowing below and offers a fine view. After a short break we continue to Chungthang, a small town in natural surroundings. Here the road divides, with one branch going to Lachung and the other to Lachen. We have lunch at a roadside restaurant in Chungthang and then continue to Lachen, arriving in the late afternoon or evening. Overnight in Lachen.

Altitude: 2,750 m On foot: None, 6–7 hr drive Night: Hotel, Lachen Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

Chopta Valley and Gurudongmar Lake, then drive to Lachung

After an early breakfast, we drive to Gurudongmar Lake through the Thangu and Chopta valleys. These alpine valleys are dotted with small wooden houses and grazing yaks. The valley is usually covered with snow from December to April, and in the summer months it is covered with wild flowers of many colours. After exploring the area, we continue to Gurudongmar Lake, which is considered one of the most sacred sites for Buddhists and Hindus. After the visit, we drive back to Lachen for lunch and then continue to Lachung. Overnight in Lachung.

Altitude: 5,183 m at Gurudongmar Lake On foot: None, 8–9 hr drive Night: Hotel, Lachung Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

Yumthang Valley and drive to Gangtok

After breakfast, we drive to the Yumthang Valley, also known as the Valley of Flowers. In spring the valley is covered with many species of rhododendron, orchids and other alpine flowers in full bloom. Depending on the weather, we spend time walking and enjoying the landscape, and then return to Lachung for lunch. On the way back, we can visit the hot spring, which is known for its healing effect on skin conditions. After lunch we drive back to Gangtok. Overnight in Gangtok.

Altitude: 1,650 m On foot: None, 7–8 hr drive Night: Hotel, Gangtok Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Departure

After breakfast, we drive to Bagdogra in time for your departure flight.

Altitude: 1,650 m On foot: None, 4–5 hr drive Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- Accommodation in the hotels listed above or similar.
- Breakfast only in Gangtok, and all meals in Lachen and Lachung.
- All private transfers and sightseeing in a Toyota Innova or Xylo SUV (2 people per vehicle).
- Monument and site entrance fees.
- English-speaking local tour guide.
- Bottled mineral water.
- All hotel taxes and service charges.

Not included

- International and domestic flights and trains.
- Personal expenses such as bar bills, drinks, laundry, telephone calls and shopping.
- Travel medical insurance.
- Anything not listed as included.

Photos, videos and reviews of this trip: earthbound.rajansimkhada.com/north-sikkim-tour