

# Darjeeling Singalila Trek



Days: 13  
Price: 1485 USD  
International flight not included  
Comfort: ★★★★★  
Difficult: ★★★☆☆  
📌 Trekking

## MYSTIC MOUNTAINS, THRILLING TRAILS

This is a must-do, bucket-list trek that offers the most stupendous and celestial view of Kanchenjunga (8,586m), the world's third highest mountain as it forms 'The Sleeping Buddha', revered by locals; The profile of a man's head on the left and towards the centre, his folded hands on this chest.

From Delhi we fly to Bagdogra and drive into the hills to Darjeeling, a hilly town famous for its tea and its 'toy train' as the narrow gauge railway is called. A two-night stay gives us an opportunity to enjoy the local sights before we drive to the trail head at Dhotrey. Gradually, we ascend past the dramatic landscapes of Singalila Ridge. Trekking high above the valleys through forests of rhododendron and magnolia, we are treated to a spectacular Himalayan panorama at Sandakphu (3,636m), the highest trek; point where Kanchenjunga (8,586m) awaits. Further ahead, lay three more of the world's five highest mountains: Everest (8,848m), Lhotse (8,512m) and Makalu (8,462m). We pass through friendly villages, experiencing the life and culture of local people, following ancient paths on this beautiful circular trek. Descending through Samaden and Rimbick, large Sherpa settlements, we travel by road to Kalimpong and its bustling bazars where our trek ends.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The only Indian trail that offers clear views of Everest, Kanchenjunga, Makalu and Lhotse
- Darjeeling – known for its tea gardens and the narrow gauge railway
- Rimbick and Ramam- popular descents from Singalila
- Sandakphu – the highest point on the Singalila Ridge
- Tonglu – one of the peaks with great scenic beauty
- Kalimpong – a hill station in the Mahabharata Range

## Day 1. Traditional Welcome on arrival



Delhi 📍

- Arrive at the **International airport** of Delhi. After the traditional welcome, transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

🏠 Accommodation

Ashok Country Resort

## Day 2. Fly to Bagdogra and drive to Darjeeling



### Delhi - Bagdogra

- Today, we will be transferred to the airport for boarding our flight to Bagdogra.

### Bagdogra - Darjeeling

- Upon arrival at Bagdogra, we drive through jungles, tea estates and pleasant hillside villages to beautiful Darjeeling experiencing a drastic change from hot and humid Delhi to this serene and cool town. The road winds its way up into the hills through Kurseong(1,458m), a village whose name comes from the Lepcha word

Delhi 📍  
✈️ 1114km - ⌚ 2h  
Bagdogra 📍  
🚗 95km - ⌚ 3h 20m  
Darjeeling 📍

for a small white orchid that grows prolifically in this area. Surrounded by tea estates it is the southern terminus for the steam-powered trains of the **Darjeeling Himalayan Railway**. The final 32km stretch of our route follows the tracks of the famous Toy Train, once the normal mode of transport to the famous hill station. We arrive in Darjeeling and check into the hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore.

🍳 Breakfast	Ashok Country Resort
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
🍷 Dinner	Hotel Pink Mountain Darjeeling
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Pink Mountain Darjeeling

## Day 3. Exploration of Darjeeling



Darjeeling 📍

- After the breakfast, we take a sightseeing tour of some of the attractions in and around Darjeeling. We visit the Ghum Monastery that boasts of a large gilded statue of the Maitreya Buddha. Also on the itinerary is a visit to the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) which has a superb collection of memorabilia from the early days of Everest exploration. Next door to the HMI is the Darjeeling Zoo, where the star attractions are red pandas and snow leopards. Later we visit the Tibetan Refugee Center where local handicrafts are available at good prices. In the evening, we have free time to explore Darjeeling's many colourful bazaars.

🍳 Breakfast	Hotel Pink Mountain Darjeeling
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
🍷 Dinner	Hotel Pink Mountain Darjeeling
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Pink Mountain Darjeeling

## Day 4. Drive to Dhotrey and trek to Tonglu



Darjeeling 📍  
🚗 45km - ⌚ 2h  
Dhotrey 📍  
5km - ⌚ 3h  
Tonglu 📍

### Darjeeling - Dhotrey

- In the morning, we drive to Dhotrey, **the starting point of our trek** on the **Singalila Ridge**.

### Dhotrey - Tonglu

- Dhotrey is a picturesque village from where while following a wide trail through rhododendron forests and meadows with great views all along the way of **Kanchenjunga** we get to meet the villagers along the trail. Continuing our trek towards the crest of the ridge, we arrive at a small but spectacular settlement of Tonglu(3,036 m) that overlooks the **Singalila Ridge** and the **Kangchenjunga**.

**Duration of Trek: 3 Hrs**

**Distance: 5 Kms**

🍳 Breakfast	Hotel Pink Mountain Darjeeling
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	camping

## Day 5. Trek to Kalipokhri (3186m)



## Tonglu - Kalipokhri

Tonglu   
15km - 6h  
Kalipokhri

- After the breakfast, we leave **Tonglu** on an easy, broad track down to **Tumling**. Continuing with a leisurely descent we cross into Nepal and the **picturesque village of Jaubari**. We follow the ridge line where views across both India and Nepal are astounding. We continue descending to the village of **Gairibas at 2,538m** from where we start to climb gently to **Kanya Katta** and further on to Kalipokhri. We are walking relatively short days just to acclimatize before moving up to Sandakphu.

**Duration of Trek: 6 Hrs**

**Distance: 15 Kms**

Breakfast	Made by your team
Lunch	Made by your team
Dinner	Made by your team
Accommodation	camping

## Day 6. Trek to Sandakhphu (3636m)



Kalipokhri   
6km - 3h 20m  
Sandakphu

### Kalipokhri - Sandakphu

- Today we begin with a long climb up on to the **Singalila Ridge**. As we leave the camp we can guess the distance, we have to walk for the day. We start with a gradual ascent to **Bikhebjhanjyang**, progressing through forests of rhododendron and magnolia with some chance to spot a good variety of birds. From here the trail climbs steadily up to Sandakphu, **the highest point of our trek**. The views from here are truly amazing - the towering slopes of **Kanchenjunga** lie ahead, **Everest, Lhotse** and **Makalu** come into view. The rest of the day is free to explore further viewing points and adjust to the thinner air and cooler temperature.

**Duration of Trek: 3-4 Hrs**

**Distance: 6 Kms**

Breakfast	Made by your team
Lunch	Made by your team
Dinner	Made by your team
Accommodation	camping

## Day 7. Trek to Sabargam (3425m)



Sandakphu   
17km - 6h  
Sabargam

### Sandakphu - Sabargam

- Today we have a short day on this most spectacular section of the **Singalila Ridge**, the border between **Nepal and India**. We walk alternatively between the two countries for a long distance. The trail undulates following the ridge through forests of chestnut, oak and silver fir, with commanding panoramic views of the snow-capped Himalaya, all day. Tonight we have a spectacular wild camp at **Sabargam** from where the views of sunset and sunrise over **Kanchenjunga, Everest, Lhotse** and **Makalu** are truly stupendous. In the evening, we enjoy the views and take in the scenery.

**Duration of Trek: 6 Hrs**

**Distance: 17 Kms**

Breakfast	Made by your team
Lunch	Made by your team
Dinner	Made by your team

## Day 8. Trek to Samaden (2480m)



Sabargam 📍  
14km - ⌚ 7h  
Samaden 📍

### Sabargam - Samaden

- In the morning, we start early as it is a longer day today. We trek to the end of the ridge at **Phalut (3,600m)** from where continue to trek northwards to a high point at the prayer-flagged summit known as **Singalila Peak (3,695m)**. From here, after enjoying great views of Kangchenjunga we can sight the Sikkim border that meets the ridge at Chiwabhanjang. Here we retrace our steps to Phalut and continue descending to **Samaden**. The trail is glorious and takes us through forests of oak, conifers, pine and rhododendrons. Tonight we camp in the beautiful village of **Samaden (2,480m)**, a small village with excellent views.

**Duration of Trek: 7 Hrs**

**Distance: 14 Kms**

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍽️ Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	camping

## Day 9. Trek to Rimbick (2286m)



Samaden 📍  
16km - ⌚ 6h  
Rimbick 📍

### Samaden - Rimbick

- Today is the last day of our trek. The trail winds through some of the small **settlements of Rais, Sherpas and Tamangs**. We pass through rich farmland to the **village of Ramman** and then descend to **Srikhola** after which we cross a suspension bridge. We continue further through more villages to **Rimbick (2,286m)**, a large Sherpa village set amongst the forest landscapes of the Singalila National Park. Most of the walk today is downhill and ends at the large village of Rimbick.

**Duration of Trek: 6 Hrs**

**Distance: 16 Kms**

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍽️ Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	camping

## Day 10. Drive to Kalimpong



Rimbick 📍  
🚗 110km - ⌚ 5h  
Kalimpong 📍

### Rimbick - Kalimpong

- In the morning, we bid adieu to our trek staff and depart for the long drive to **Kalimpong**. We leave Sikkim at Rangpo and drive through the wild Teesta Valley. Kalimpong was once an important trading centre, strategically located at crossroads among Sikkim, Bhutan, Tibet and the plains of Bengal. One of the principal commercial enterprises of the town today is flower cultivation in extensive nurseries. Upon arrival, here we visit the most important Hindu Temple.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant

🍴 Dinner	The Sood's Garden Retreat
🏠 Accommodation	The Sood's Garden Retreat

## Day 11. Sightseeing of Kalimpong



Kalimpong 📍

- Today is a free day to explore Kalimpong. The day begins with a sunrise view of Kangchenjunga (on a clear day). In the morning, we have a short sightseeing trip that includes visits to Durpin Monastery, a paper factory, flower/cactus nurseries and an intriguing Catholic church built in the style of a Tibetan Monastery. The afternoon is free to relax at the hotel with an option to explore the bustling bazaar in the evening.

☕ Breakfast	The Sood's Garden Retreat
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
🍴 Dinner	The Sood's Garden Retreat
🏠 Accommodation	The Sood's Garden Retreat

## Day 12. Drive to Bagdogra and Fly to Delhi



Kalimpong 📍

🚗 75km - ⌚ 3h

Bagdogra 📍

✈️ 1114km - ⌚ 2h

Delhi 📍

### Kalimpong - Bagdogra

- After the breakfast, we drive to Bagdogra and then transfer to the airport to catch our flight to Delhi.

### Bagdogra - Delhi

- Upon arrival in Bangalore, we will be transferred to the hotel for check-in. Officially known as **Bengaluru** this city is the capital of Karnataka. With a population of about 8.42 million this city is known for its pleasant climate throughout the year. Its elevation is the highest among the major large cities of India. Bangalore is known as the '**Silicon Valley of India**' because of its role as the nation's leading information technology (IT) exporter. It is also home to a large number of prominent Indian and multinational institutions apart from being the house of **Kannada Film Industry**.

☕ Breakfast	The Sood's Garden Retreat
🍴 Lunch	Restaurant
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Jivitesh

## Day 13. Departure



Delhi 📍

- Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the **International airport** or any point of convenience for onward journey to respective countries.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Jivitesh
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# Itinerary map



## Individual price per person

2-2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12
2515 USD	2040 USD	1810 USD	1595 USD	1485 USD

## Included

- Accommodation for 10 nights on Full board in camp/tent/Hotel on double sharing basis
- 02 nights in Hotel on double sharing basis on breakfast basis in Delhi
- All ground transportation included in the program using private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver
- Trekking equipment and materials including food (excluding personal equipment)
- Trekking guide for 06 days during trekking (D:04 till D:09)
- Professional English speaking tour leader throughout the trip
- First aid kit
- Govt. Taxes

## Not included

- International flights tickets
- Domestic flight tickets for the sector: (Delhi - Bagdogra and Bagdogra - Delhi)
- These rates will not be valid for peak season from 20 December 2019 to 10 January 2020, Christmas and New Year's extra supplement cost will be charged during this period
- Travel insurance
- Lunch and Dinner in Delhi
- Tips for Local guide, trek guide and other trek staff
- Rescue and evacuation services
- Miscellaneous Expenses - drinks, souvenir, personal expenses etc.
- The cancellation and baggage insurance, assistance and repatriation
- Indian Visa
- Other services not mentioned in 'Inclusion'