

SPLENDOURS OF THE EAST

(07 Nights and 08 Days Tour)

DAY 1: BAGDOGRA / NEW JALPAIGURI TO DARJEELING (93 KMS IN APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS)

On arriving at the airport or railway station, you shall be received by our representative and get transferred to your hotel. Here's what's in store for you: Standing high in the Himalayas at an altitude of 2134 metres, 'Dorje Ling', or place of the Thunderbolt, offers breathtaking views of snow-capped mountain peaks, with the Kanchendzonga rising higher than all the others. Often referred to as the 'Queen of the Hills', Darjeeling remains just as alluring with its tiny waterfalls, little villages and a narrow gauge railway track. Surrounded by World Famous Tea Gardens and snow-capped mountains, Darjeeling remains one of the most exotic destinations. Graeme Westlake in his book 'An Introduction to Hill Stations on India' refers to Darjeeling as having "A view Scarcely Unrivalled on Earth". Spend the night at your hotel.

DAY 2: DARJEELING

This morning, get up early to visit Tiger Hill to witness a beautiful sunrise and Himalayan Ranges like Kanchandzonga and Mount Everest. On a clear day, you can see the horizon changing colors just before sunrise and then the entire Himalayan range turn golden. From there, proceed to Ghoom Monastery, which is the area's oldest Monastery, built in 1875. On your way back from Tiger Hill, you can see the 15 feet tall image of Mythey Buddha. Return to your hotel for a breakfast and proceed for a city tour visiting Himalayan Mountaineering Institute(closed on Thursday) which was started by Tenzing Norgay after he climbed Mt. Everest, Zoological Park (closed on Thursday), Tibetan Refugee Centre(closed on Sunday), Tenzing Rock, Gombu Rock and Tea Estate(from outside). Return to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay. **(B)**

DAY 3: DARJEELING – PELLING (75 KMS IN APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS)

After breakfast at the hotel this morning, drive to Pelling. Located at a distance of 120 kms from Gangtok Pelling is another serene, mountain village which lies in the western districts of Sikkim. This village is situated at an altitude of about 2000 metres and commands a spectacular view of Mt. Kanchenjunga. After this excursion, stay overnight in your hotel. **(B)**

DAY 4: PELLING

After breakfast at your hotel, proceed for a city tour visiting Pemayangste Monastery, Rabtense Ruins, Khechipalri Lake, Kanchenjunga Fall and Rambi Falls. All these sites are worth visiting, clicking and spending some peaceful time at. Later, return to your hotel in Pelling for an overnight stay. **(B)**

DAY 5: PELLING – GANGTOK (127 KM IN 5 HOURS APPROXIMATELY)

After a hearty breakfast at your hotel, drive to Gangtok. At 1750 metres above the sea level, Gangtok became the state capital in the mid 19th century and has undergone rapid development since then. The downtown area is dominated by huge government buildings decorated with traditional Buddhist symbols. Gangtok is also a resting ground for people travelling to North Sikkim. Surrounded by Monasteries and Orchids, Gangtok is truly a travellers delight. After reaching Gangtok, proceed for a city tour visiting Rumtek Monastery, Do Drul Chorten, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (closed on Sundays), Cottage Industry (closed on Sundays) and Flower Show Complex. In the evening, arrive at your Gangtok hotel for a comfortable overnight stay. **(B)**



DAY 6: GANGTOK

After breakfast at the hotel, go for a full-day excursion to Changu Lake which is 35 km from Gangtok, and at an altitude of 12,400 feet. The lake derives its waters from melting snows off the surrounding mountains. Legends have it that lamas could forecast the future by studying the colour of the lake's waters. Also visit Baba Mandir. Later, return to your hotel for an overnight stay. **(B)**

DAY 7: GANGTOK - KALIMPONG (83 KM IN APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS)

After Breakfast at your hotel, check-out and drive to Kalimpong. In the afternoon, go for a sightseeing tour of Kalimpong, visiting Zang Dog Palri Fo-Brang Monastery, Tharpa Choling Monastery, Thongsa Gumpa and Flower Nurseries. In the evening, arrive at your Kalimpong hotel for a comfortable overnight stay. **(B)**

DAY 8: KALIMPONG – BAGDOGRA/NEW JALPAIGURI (80 KMS IN APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS)

After breakfast at the hotel, pack your bags, check-out and drive to Bagdogra or New Jalpaiguri in time for your onward flight or train respectively. **(B)**

