

Kolkata to Darjeeling

11 days | Starts/Ends: Kolkata



PRIVATE TOUR: From bustling Kolkata, India's vibrant capital of culture, to the astounding beauty of Darjeeling and surrounding Sikkim, with its verdant tea plantations, Himalayan vistas and Buddhist monasteries - take the road less travelled on this captivating 11 day journey.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Darjeeling - Scenic hill station with Himalayan backdrop, Tiger Hill, Ghoom Monastery and a tea estate
- Pelling - The Pemayangtse Monastery
- Cultural Kolkata - The famous Victoria Memorial, historic Indian Museum, colourful Howrah Flower Market and Hooghly River
- Kalimpong - Remote and scenic hill station
- Gangtok - Home to the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology

What's Included

- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners
- 9 nights SUPERIOR hotels. STANDARD and DELUXE hotel options are also available upon request.

Accommodation rating - See Trip Notes for details

- 1 overnight train New Jalpaiguri to Kolkata on the Darjeeling Mail train in a air-conditioned 1st class sleeper (no meals)
- Touring and excursions as itinerary
- Visit to Tea Estate in Darjeeling
- Toy train journey Darjeeling to Ghoom Monastery
- Drive to Tiger Hill in Darjeeling
- Entrance fees for all included sightseeing
- Services of English-speaking Indian specialist guides at some sites
- Economy class flight: Kolkata to Bagdogra
- An airport arrival transfer day 1 and a departure transfer day 11
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern Chauffeur driven air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - An entirely personal gesture

your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Kolkata or relax at the hotel.

Overnight - Kolkata

Day 2 : Kolkata

The graft of a European city imposed on an Asian landscape lends Kolkata a bewitching blend of colour, charm and excitement. The city is a compelling medley of ancient and modern with its skyscrapers and Raj-era architecture. It's colourful, effervescent and overflowing with life and tradition.

Enjoy a city sights tour including a visit to the imposing Victoria Memorial. Opened by the Prince of Wales in 1921, this vision in marble is often called the "Taj" of the British Raj. We also visit the New Market - a bazaar on Chowringhee Road, the stately Indian Museum founded in 1814 and the oldest and largest in India, St Paul's Cathedral and the extraordinary Marble Palace which houses paintings by Rubens, Titian and Reynolds. **Overnight - Kolkata (B)**

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Kolkata

Once you arrive into Kolkata you will be met at the airport and transferred to

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Day 3 : Kalimpong



Kolkata - Kalimpong. Early this morning enjoy a visit to the famous flower market near Howrah Bridge, followed by a boat ride on the Hooghly River. Later, fly to Bagdogra. From here, a drive to Kalimpong - a remote hill station set among the rolling foothills and deep valleys of the stunning Himalayas.

Kalimpong's attractions include three monasteries including Tharpa Choeling, Tongsa and Zong Dog Palri Fo-Brang, a handful of ancient churches and a colourful bazaar area known as Tenth Mile bulging with Tibetan and Buddhist curios and handicrafts. Kalimpong is also renowned for its horticulture, with some 50 nurseries devoted to orchids and many other flower varieties.

Overnight - Kalimpong (B, L, D)

Days 4-5 : Gangtok

Kalimpong - Gangtok. We drive north to Gangtok. Owing to its proximity to the Tibetan border, the capital of Sikkim is steeped in Tibetan culture. Characterised by mists, fluttering prayer flags, painted roofs and pagoda-styled houses, a rich cultural heritage, friendly people coupled with excellent views of the entire Kanchenjunga Range from many points in the city, Gangtok is scenically beautiful.

On day 5, enjoy an excursion to the Rumtek Monastery followed by a sightseeing tour of Gangtok, including the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology. The afternoon is free to relax or explore.

Overnight - Gangtok (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 6 : Pelling



Gangtok - Pelling (Pemayangtse). Continuing to Pelling via Tashiding, enjoy an afternoon visit to the lofty heights of the hallowed Pemayangtse Monastery - one of the principal monasteries in the state of Sikkim. Founded in the 17th century, the monastery, which has been reconstructed several times, is the main centre of the Nyingmapa sect, established in the 8th century AD. The followers of the sect wear red caps rather than the yellow ones worn by monks in other monasteries. Near the monastery, there are the traditional austere dwellings of the monks. Breath-taking scenery can be witnessed from the vantage point; carpets of alpine vegetation and numerous waterfalls lining the hillsides which are sometimes covered with a blanket of snow. **Overnight - Pelling** (B, L, D)

Days 7-9 : Darjeeling

Pelling - Darjeeling. The journey continues to Darjeeling. Home of Darjeeling tea and with a panoramic backdrop of the awesome Himalayan snow-clad peaks. Early on day 8, enjoy a drive to Tiger Hill to witness sunrise over the snowy peaks of Kanchenjunga; followed by a visit to Ghoom Gumpa (monastery), sightseeing back in town and a visit to a real tea estate.

Day 9 is free for you to explore Darjeeling your way. See some Buddhist monasteries or visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, a training school for mountain climbers. Its museum features memorabilia from the first ascent of Everest. It is also

worthwhile taking a stroll through town. Owing to Darjeeling's proximity to Tibet, the town also has a Tibetan Refugee Centre comprising care for the young and old and craft workshops that produce carpets, leather work and other Tibetan curios, hunt for a bargain or simply go trekking!

Overnight - Darjeeling (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Day 10 : Kolkata



Darjeeling - Kolkata (via New Jalpaiguri). Later this morning, the journey continues to New Jalpaiguri, from here you board the Darjeeling Mail train to Kolkata - in air-conditioned first class sleepers, travel in style. **Overnight - Train** (B)

Day 11 : Kolkata

On arrival, enjoy a transfer to our hotel where a day-use room is available for your comfort. The remains of the day is at leisure. Included evening transfer to airport.

If you'd like to extend your stay, we offer a variety of hotels, short stays and add-ons for you to choose from. Please read our best places to visit or [\[\[best things to see each month|126647\]\]](#) for suggested places to visit on your holiday. If you can't find what you're looking for, please let us know so we can accommodate your request.

For information about visas, top travel tips, best time to travel and much more, browse our [\[\[travel guide|126581\]\]](#).

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Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single Room' price is applicable when a single room is required, based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults.

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Date	Twin Share	Single
06 Oct	USD 3,265	USD 4,815
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