

# Sikkim Darjeeling Bhutan Nepal Tibet Tour (Flight Option)

## 16 Days Exclusive & Personalized Journey

This tour covers the four most beautiful Himalayan countries of South Asia



## Destination Highlights

- **India (Sikkim & Darjeeling):** 4 Nights in Sikkim & Darjeeling with Rumtek Monastery, Tiger Hills (8364 Ft / 2550 m) sunrise tour, Ghoom Monastery, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Droul Chorthen & Research Institute of Tibetology, Rumtek Monastery.
- **Bhutan:** 4 Nights in Bhutan with Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), Paro Valley, Thimphu with weekend market and Punakha Dzong.
- **Nepal:** 3 Nights in Kathmandu with Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Pashupatinath, Boudhanath, Patan, Swoyambhu Stupa and local market.
- **Tibet:** 4 Nights in Lhasa, Tibet with Potala Palace, Drepung Monastery, Norbulinka Palace and Yamdrok-Tsho Lake excursion.

## Customizable Private Tour

Tailor Your Journey with Flexible Dates, Accommodations & Activities

1. Choose your own departure date
2. Select the comfort level of accommodation
3. Adjust activities to cater to special interests
4. Modify any aspect of the tour as needed
5. Flexible travel route (start from Sikkim and end to Kathmandu/Beijing/Bangkok )

## Trip Highlights

### Updated: 5th March, 2024

Currently, there is only one direct flight available to Lhasa from Kathmandu or vice versa which operates every Monday (by Himalayan Airlines) until March 25, 2024. According to informal reports, additional two flights are scheduled to operate direct flights starting from April 2024 resulting in daily flights which is good news. In the event that these flights are not scheduled, Travelers have two options at present either taking a flight to Kathmandu/Lhasa via Chengdu or an additional 4-day long overland tour. During an overland tour, Rongbuk Monastery/EBC with a view of Mount Everest, Shigatse, Gyantse, etc., are prime attractions.

- Sunrise trip of Darjeeling's Tiger hill or joy rail ride in the old town
- Sightseeing of cultural tour covering Rumtek Monastery in Sikkim
- Enjoy the delightful valley of Paro, Thimphu, Punakha and Wangdue Phodrang.
- Hike to Paro Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) in Bhutan.
- Enjoy the ancient world heritage sites of Kathmandu.
- Fly above Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet and admire the beauty of Himalayan range with Mt. Everest.
- Admire the view of Lhasa with Potala Palace of Dalai Lama.
- Visit Drepung Monastery, the biggest Monastery in Tibet and Norbulingka Palace.

## Trip Overview

**Sikkim Darjeeling Bhutan Nepal Tibet Tour** covers the four most beautiful Himalayan countries of South Asia: through Incredible India, Land of the Thunder Dragon (Bhutan), the land of **Mt. Everest**; the birthplace of Buddha (Nepal); and the roof of the world (Tibet).

This tour begins with the visits to the popular place to **Sikkim sightseeing** covering Droul Chorthen, Research Institute of Tibetology, Rumtek Monastery, Flower Show & Enchey Monastery and Directorate of Handicraft & Handloom (Closed on Sunday).

**Darjeeling Tours** to start from Tiger Hills (8364 Ft / 2550m. around 4:30 AM) to view sunrise over Kanchendzonga Peak (if weather is clear), Ghoom Monastery, Japanese Temple, Batasia Loop, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park & Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (Closed on Thursday) and panoramic view of Tea garden.

Journey to the Himalayan Kingdom of **Bhutan**, an institution of tradition, takes you back in time. Also, explore the pastoral back roads and see how people have not compromised ancient spiritual heritage for modern ways. Visit the capital city of Thimphu and Shangri-La setting of the Paro Valley, the Bhutanese town of Punakha.

The attraction of the tour is **Nepal's** capital city of Kathmandu. Here you find out the mix of different cultures, ethnicity, warm hospitality of the Nepalese people. The local markets and bazaars are the wealth of Hindu and Buddhist sites. Also, the historic 15th-century architecture of towns like Bhaktapur just adds on to your excitement and enthusiast alike.

In Lhasa, **Tibet's** capital city at 12,000 feet, visit the main monuments which include the gold-roofed, thousand-room Potala Palace. As well as you can hike up to ancient ridge-top monasteries, meet nomads and lamas, and enjoy the view of breathtaking mountain scenery.

In **Sikkim Darjeeling Bhutan Nepal Tibet Tour** you get expert local guides, private vehicles, and good hotels for your comfort. And also you are interested in seeing local ceremonies then please ask our drivers and guides to take you there. Festivals are based on lunar calendars and if interested to travel during this time please contact us now.

## Your Journey day by day

### Day 01 Fly to Bagdogra Airport via New Delhi/Kolkatta/Bangkok and drive to Darjeeling

Our representative will be waiting for you at the airport with a play card. Transfer to Darjeeling. Overnight in Darjeeling

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### Day 02 Darjeeling Tours

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## **Day 03 Drive from Darjeeling to Gangtok/ Sikkim**

Drive to Gangtok (5500 Ft /1677 Mts, 130 Kms ). Check in and overnight at Hotel.

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## **Day 04 Gangtok / Sikkim Tour**

After breakfast go out for visits to the popular place to Sikkim sightseeing covering Droul Chorthen, Research Institute of Tibetology, Rumtek Monastery, Flower Show & Enchey Monastery and Directorate of Handicraft & Handloom (Closed on Sunday). Overnight at Hotel.

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## **Day 05 Drive from Gangtok(Sikkim) to Bagdogra and fly to Bhutan and drive to Thimphu (B/L/D)**

Fly to Paro airport from Bagdogra. Our employee will meet you at the airport and take you to the hotel. Then drive to Thimphu (1 hour 15 minutes).



If time permits, on the way to the Paro-Thimphu highway, visit the 16<sup>th</sup>-century old Tachogang Lhakhang temple. The temple means the hill of the excellent horse. You need to cross an old bridge to visit the temple. From the bridge,

enjoy the scenic views of the villages.

Then, drive towards Thimphu. Today you can take rest or tour at the nearby place which depends on the time that you arrive. Overnight stay at Thimphu.

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## **Day 06 Thimphu tour (B/L/D)**

Today you will explore Thimphu more closely and a number of beautiful places are on the list. Sightseeing of National Library, Third King Memorial Stupa, Heritage Museum, paper factory, art school, and the biggest statue of Buddha, Takin's zoo, traditional medicine Institute and many more. You will get a chance to appreciate the local culture and meet the people and encounter the peaceful village and admire the lifestyle of the people. Overnight stay at Thimphu.

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## **Day 07 Thimphu to Punakha excursion- back to Thimphu (150 kilometers.) 7 hrs (B/L/D).**

After breakfast we start the tour of Bhutan, drive to renowned Dochula Pass (3102 meters) and see the view of great Himalayas. Then walk around 108 Stupas and you can take some beautiful pictures. Next, drive towards Punakha Dzong and visit the dzong and nearby the Bhutan's oldest Punakha Suspension Bridge if we have enough time then we can visit the temple of fertility through rice terraced fields. Drive back to Thimphu. Overnight stay at Thimphu.



## **Day 08 Thimphu to Paro(B/L/D)**

Today after breakfast we return back to Paro and walk to Taktshang or 'Tiger's Nest' famous monastery in Bhutan. It is located in the Cliffside of the upper Paro valley. It is one of the holiest monument for Buddhist. Paro Taktsang is the most famous among the thirteen Taktshang or "tiger lair" caves in which Guru Padmasambhava meditated.

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## Day 09 Paro to Kathmandu (B)

Fly to Kathmandu with an amazing view from the flight. After landing at Kathmandu airport you will have to process your Nepal Visa you will require USD 40 cash and 2 passport size photograph). Our representative will be waiting for you at the airport with a placard. He will then take you to the hotel and you will spend the night at the hotel.

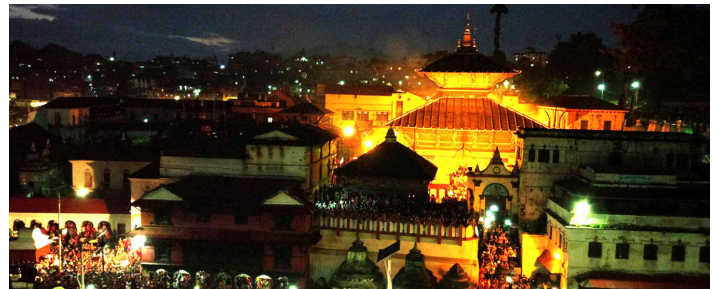
## Day 10 Kathmandu Sightseen (B).

Today we explore the Patan city, one of the cities among the three cities in the Kathmandu valley. It is well known for art and craft. You can enjoy the view of Durbar Square, beautiful sculptures in the old temples in Kathmandu. Next, you can see Tibetan refugee camp and industrial area of Patan. In the afternoon you can have fun buying souvenirs or walk around viewing more sights. Overnight stay at Kathmandu.



## Day 11 Kathmandu tour (B)

Your Tibet visa will be managed today with your original Passport and Photographs. Today you will explore the beauty and heritage of Kathmandu. You will start from Pashupatinath, the most divine and holy for Hindus around the world. Then we move to Boudhanath Stupa, giant Stupa in the world and Bhaktapur, the city famously known for art and culture. You will also view the traditional painting school and get a glimpse of Nepalese art. Tonight we spend in Kathmandu.



## Day 12 Flight to Tibet Lhasa (B)

At Lhasa Gonggar airport our guide will receive and take you to the hotel. Today you will move around in Lhasa (3550m/12000 ft.) positioned at the foot of Mount Gephel. Lhasa is famous for Dalai Lama's Potala Palace. You

can visit century-old Monasteries, Palaces and crowded Barkhor Street. The temperature is chilling most of the time so we would suggest getting your warm clothes.

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## Day 13 Lhasa Exploration (B)

Today you will admire the Legendary Potala Palace located at the hilltop and get a view of Lhasa city. Potala is divided into two parts, first is white and second red. The Palace built for meditation in the 5th century and later renovated by Dalai Lama is among UNESCO world heritage site. You will then visit chapels, gallery and formal Chapel of 14th Dalai Lama till 1959.

Then we move to Sera Monastery, a religious historic site, next Jokhang Temple - the spiritual center. The

beautiful temple is located in Barkhor Square, now a UNESCO world heritage site. Overnight we stay in Lhasa.

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## Day 14 Continue exploration of Lhasa (B)

Today we start our day from Drepung Monastery, the biggest Monastery in Tibet and shelter for thousands of Monks. Here you can see the prayer hall, meeting hall and cooking area for thousands of Monks. Next, you will visit Mentshikang (Tibetan medicine center) built in 1916. Then you proceed towards Dalai Lama's summer camp Norbulingka Palace. It also has a beautiful park around and is a UNESCO site. Overnight at Lhasa.

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## Day 15 Excursion to Yamdrok-Tsho Lake outside Lhasa (B)

After breakfast, we will drive to Yamdroktsho Lake where you can enjoy the view and in the evening drive back to Lhasa. It is one of the holiest lakes in Tibet. The road goes up to Kamba la pass (4800 meters), you can enjoy the great view of the blue lake from the pass. Overnight at Lhasa.



## **Day 16 Depart Lhasa to Beijing or Bangkok or Kathmandu.**

Last day in Lhasa and in Tibet after a most exciting and memorable time with interesting historical, cultural tour. As per the international flight our staff will transfer to international airport for the flight back home or to respective countries.

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## **Cost & Inclusion**

### **India;**

- Breakfast in India.

### **Bhutan;**

- Full meals in Bhutan.
- Processing Travel Permit and Entry Visa.

### **Nepal;**

- Breakfast in Nepal.

### **Tibet;**

- Breakfast in Tibet.
- Processing Travel Permit and Entry Visa.

### **Extras;**

- Airport pickups and drops service.
- Private ground transportation with A/C.
- Twin-sharing hotel accommodation.
- Local cultural tour guide with English speaking.
- Sightseeing entrance fees for museums and monuments.

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