

# Northeast Tour With Sikkim

KOLKATA – SHILLONG – KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK – GUWAHATI – BAGDOGRA – DARJEELING GANGTOK – TSOMGO LAKE – GANGTOK – KALIMPONG – BAGDOGRA – KOLKATA

# 15 days trip starting from \$2055 per person

North east India is an amalgamation of undulating hills, rolling valleys and tranquil hamlets, consists of commonly called seven sisters states. Their history, culture and traditions are varied and deep routed in the past. Every destination is a slice of paradise and warm locals awaits to Welcome visitors !

This unforgettable journey starts from the largest city of India, Kolkata which has a wonderful fusion of modern and ancient time – named City Of Joy. Fly to Shillong – its erstwhile capital of undivided ASSAM, present of Meghalaya and home to the KHASI highland tribe famous for weaving cane products which last about 20 to 30 years. Move onto Kaziranga National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to some of India's largest mammals. It's not only the home of one-horned rhinoceroses but also a bird watcher's paradise and home to some 500 species of birds including many migrants. Onto Guwahati, capital of Assam and Kolkata to connect the charming hill station of Darjeeling from where one can watch the sunrise over Mount Everest from tiger hill - one of the most impressive in the Himalayas, the legendary Darjeeling teas are cultivated here, and Toy train is a memorable experience. Sikkim is renowned for its flora and has a large number of Buddhist monasteries, including Rumtek with their fine collections of paintings and relics. Cocooned for centuries by the great mountains, its forests have over 500 varieties of orchids. Sitting pretty on the erstwhile trade route between India and Tibet, Kalimpong has a diverse and rich heritage coming from the various people that inhabited it. It offers the visitor a glimpse into the rich culture of the Bhutanese, the Nepalese, the Tibetans & the Lepchas!

#### DAY 01: ARRIVE KOLKATA

Arrive at Kolkata International airport & meet our representative to transfer to hotel. Check-in at the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel. Kolkata, capital of West Bengal is the nerve centre of intellectual and human values where many modern movements began in literature, Art, Cnema, Theatre, Science, Politics and Industry.

# DAY 02: KOLKATA

After breakfast, full day city tour of Kolkata visiting Howrah Bridge - a major landmark that denotes the city of joy. This hanging bridge is an architectural marvel of the country. The recently built Vidyasagar Setu, another architectural marvel, connects both the banks of the Hooghly River, onto Victoria Memorial built of White Marble. It was opened by Prince of Wales in 1924 and has a statue of Queen Victoria, with other exhibits. Visit the Indian Museum and drive past Dalhousie Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, National Library, Shaheed Minar, Eden Garden, Fort William and city centre. Optional visit to Mother Teresa's home of Charity. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### DAY 03: KOLKATA – SHILLONG (BY AIR)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport to catch flight for Shillong. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel. Check in at the hotel. Time to relax. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### DAY 04: SHILLONG – MAWLYNNONG – SHILLONG (85 KMS – 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> HRS PER WAY DRIVE)

After breakfast, excursion of Mawlynnong Village – the cleanest village in India. This cute and colorful little village is known for its cleanliness. Besides this picturesque village, this route offers many interesting sights such as the Living Root Bridge and another strange natural phenomenon of a boulder balancing on another rock. Visit Dawki, it is along the Indo-Bangladesh border. You can enjoy boating in the crystal clear waters of the Umgnot River. Evening, return to Shillong. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 05: SHILLONG – CHERRAPUNJI – SHILLONG (65 KMS – 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> HRS PER WAY DRIVE)

After early breakfast, excursion of Cherrapunji. This is the 2nd wettest place in the world. Visit Eco Park, Dainthlen Falls, Nohkalikai Falls, Nohsngithiang Falls (Seven Sisters Falls), Mawsmai Cave, Thangkharang Park. Evening, return to Shillong. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 06: SHILLONG – KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK (250 KMS – 06 HRS DRIVE)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Kaziranga National Park. Upon arrival, check in at the lodge / hotel. Time to relax. Evening you may visit Orchid Park and the nearby Tea Plantations. Overnight stay at the lodge / hotel. Kaziranga National Park is a World Heritage Site, where more than 75% of the world's total population of the great Indian One Horned Rhinoceros can be found. It lies on the southern bank of the Brahmaputra River and is one of the oldest parks of Assam. About 500 species of birds are found in Kaziranga National Park.

#### **DAY 07: KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK**

Early morning, explore Kaziranga National Park on back of elephant. Apart from world's endangered One Horn Indian Rhinoceros, the Park sustains half the world's population of genetically pure Wild Water Buffaloes, over 1000 Wild elephants and perhaps the densest population of Royal Bengal Tiger anywhere. Kaziranga National Park is also a bird watcher's paradise and home to some 500 species of Birds. The Crested Serpent Eagle, Palla's Fishing Eagle, Greyheaded Fishing Eagle, Swamp Partridge, Bar-headed goose, whistling Teal, Bengal Florican, Storks, Herons and Pelicans are some of the species found here. Back to the lodge / hotel for breakfast. Afternoon, proceed for a jeep safari. Evening, come back to the lodge / hotel. Overnight stay at Kaziranga National Park.

# DAY 08: KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK – GUWAHATI (175 KMS – 04 HRS DRIVE)

After breakfast, check out from the lodge / hotel and leave for Guwahati. Upon arrival at Guwahati, check in at the hotel. Time to relax. Afternoon, visit the local market and in evening take a River Cruise on the mighty River Brahmaputra. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 09: KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for flight to Bagdogra via Kolkata. Arrive at Bagdogra airport and leave for Darjeeling. Arrive at Darjeeling and check in at the hotel. Time to relax. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 10: DARJEELING

After breakfast, sightseeing of Darjeeling -

Darjeeling (2123 m) is popularly known as the Queen of the Hills. It is the jewel in the crown of Eastern Himalayas and a perfect destination for nature lovers and trekkers. Early morning visit Tiger Hill to view Sunrise Over Kanchenjunga and the great Eastern Himalayan mountains. Even Mt. Everest, the world's highest peak, is visible from here. Tiger Hill is situated at an altitude of 2590 meters (8482 ft.). Return via Ghoom Monastery. It is one of the oldest Buddhist Monastery where manuscripts written on birch bark are preserved. Enjoy Toy Train Ride between Ghoom & Darjeeling (subject to operation) which has been awarded world heritage status by UNESCO. Afternoon half day city tour visiting Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and the Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center where you can see Tibetan Craftsman making traditional items like carpets, woolen boots, carvings and leather goods. Onto Tea Gardens & Factory (within 20 kms radius). Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 11: DARJEELING - GANGTOK (100 KMS - 04 HRS DRIVE)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Gangtok. Arrive at Gangtok and check-in at the hotel. Afternoon, visit the famous Rumtek Monastery of great significance. The head of Kagyupa sect of Buddhism from Tibet was given refuge in Sikkim. He was granted land to build the monastery and finally raised Rumtek in 1960s. It is replica of the Taruphu monastery in Tibet, the residence of His Holiness and also the headquarters of the Dharma Chakra Religious Centre. Overnight stay at hotel.

# DAY 12: GANGTOK

After breakfast sightseeing of Gangtok -

Tsomgo Lake located at the height of 12,000 ft. that legend says is the lake of Gods. Feast your eyes on the most beautiful flowers like RHODODENDRONS. Afternoon, visit Du-drul Chorten, the Research Institute of Tibetology, the most prestigious one of its kinds in India. Visit the Orchid Sanctuary where it is possible to see almost 500 varieties of Orchids. Evening, visit Cottage Industries and explore Bazars for souvenirs. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 13: GANGTOK – KALIMPONG (80 KMS – 03 HRS DRIVE)

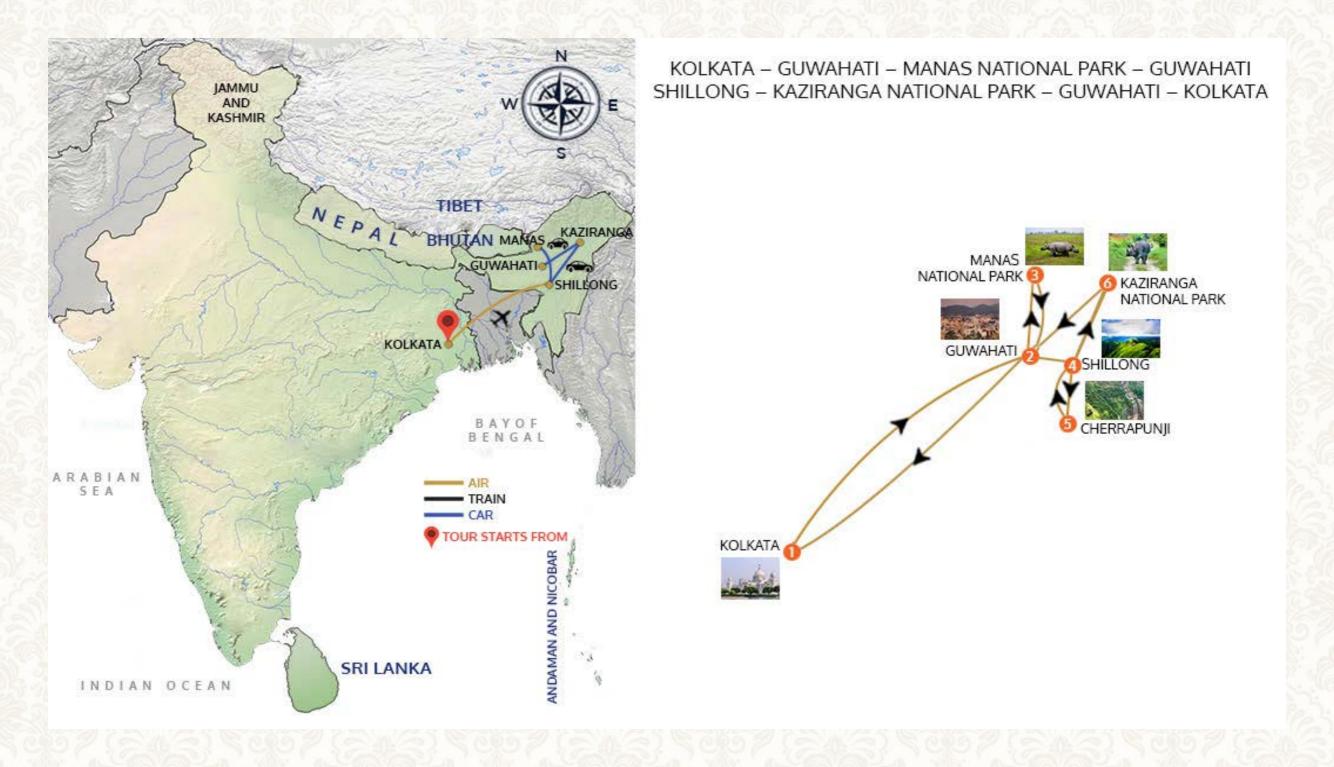
After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Kalimpong. Arrive at Kalimpong and check-in at the hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

# DAY 14: KALIMPONG

After breakfast, visit Dr. Graham's Homes School and the Tong Dog Palri Fo-Brang Monastery. Also visit Seri Culture and Institute on Silk Production. Afternoon, take an Orchid Tour to neighbouring areas by Jeeps and partially by trek. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### DAY 15: KALIMPONG – BAGDOGRA (80 KMS – 03 HRS DRIVE) – KOLKATA (BY AIR)

After early breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Bagdogra for flight to Kolkata. Arrive at Kolkata airport and in evening flight to fly back home \ onward destination.



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