

Sikkim Kanchenjunga Trekking

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Sikkim Kanchenjunga trek is certainly a popular trek among the tourists from across the globe. It is because this trek offers superb views of high mountain peaks, a floral sight in summer, a spectacular wildlife sight and views of pristine forests.

Truly a heaven, Sikkim Kanchenjunga trek will take you along some of the beautiful forests of Sikkim. During the spring season, the beauty of this trail increases with Magnolias, Rhododendrons and other varieties of flowers. The Mount Kanchenjunga (8534 mts) is the third highest peak in the world. It is a part of Himalayan mountain range.

We offer an exclusive Sikkim Kanchenjunga Trekking Tour of 20 days to turn your dream of trekking on this challenging trek into a reality. You can closely watch Mount Kanchenjunga and have a lifetime experience by availing our exciting 20 days long Sikkim Kanchenjunga trekking tour. Starting from Delhi to Darjeeling, you will be taken to Yuksom in the western Sikkim. From here, you will pass through forests of orchids, pine and many other varieties of flowers to reach Dzongri. Continuing with the journey, you will visit Thangsing, Samity Lake, Goecha La, Thangsing and Tashiding, an isolated monastery in Sikkim. The tour will end at Gangtok.

On the way to Sikkim Kanchenjunga trek, you will be crossing many higher valleys and can see fields used for cropping by the local yak-herding Lepchas. Note that, you need to be physically fit for trekking on this trek since it is a tough and challenging trek to walk on. The best times for this trek are mid-March to early-May and October to mid-November

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive Delhi, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. (Hotel B&B)

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Day 02: Delhi – Bagdogra (by plane) – Darjeeling (2130m) by car. Darjeeling Views

A charming 4-hour journey, through Assam tea plantations and tiny villages takes us to Darjeeling. Built on top of a ridge, Darjeeling faces the Himalaya and is a popular destination for Westerners and Bengalis alike.

Day 03: Darjeeling - Pemayangtse (2080 m) in 5 h.

We visit Pemayangtse monastery, one of the oldest and most impressive gompas in Sikkim.

Day 04: Pemayangtse – Uttarey (1960) in 5 h.

Jeep ride to Uttarey, small village located near the Nepali border.

Day 05: Uttarey - Chewabhanjang (3200m) in 5 h.

Today is a steady climb up as we trek towards the international border of Sikkim and Nepal. We follow a good trail, heading through dense rhododendron forest.

Day 06: Chewabhanjang - Dhor (3750 m) in 7 h.

After a steep climb through the rhododendron forest, the path switches between Nepal and Sikkim with spectacular views down either side of the ridge. It is obvious why the trail clings to the ridge top, there is simply no way down on either side, so dense is the rhododendron forest!

Day 07: Dhor - Paharey Megu (3900m) in 5 h.

Spectacular views of the mountains ahead. We follow the ridge on a good path which once again switches from side to side along the ridge with many short ascents and descents. Camp on open grazing slopes.

Day 08: Paharey Megu - Camp before Daphe Pass (4100 m) in 5 h.

Steady climb on the west side of the ridge. The terrain becomes more open as we follow a wide valley, turning east, in the direction of a large waterfall. Camp by the holy lakes on the west side of the pass.

Day 09: Camp before Daphe Pass - Daphe Pass (4450 m) - Gomathang (3750 m) in 5 h.

Today is one of the most beautiful walks of the trek, as we cross a high mountain pass, offering spectacular views to the north, of the high mountains of Sikkim, including Kangchenjunga (8585m.), Kabru (7317m.) and Pandim (6691m.). We follow at first an easy trail which skirts the edge of two lakes, surrounded by prayer flags, then a steep zig-zag path that climbs to the pass. The walk down to the valley floor follows a good trail across open slopes at first and then down through the pine and juniper forest.

Day 10: Gomathang - Panding (4200 m) in 6 h.

Up and down through the rhododendron forest. After Yangshep (3900 m) we follow a steep path up to Panding.

Day 11: Panding – Dzungri (4020m) in 5h. Dzungri

We head towards the north-east, descending at first to a river we cross on a plank bridge. Then we start the climb to Dzungri where we meet the original "Sikkim and Kanchenjunga trek" itinerary.

Day 12: Dzungri – Thansing (3930m) in 4h.

We descend through rhododendron forest towards the the glacial Prek river. We establish our campsite on the grassy pastures of Thansing. The southern ridge of Kanchenjunga and the Onglakhing glacier are visible directly ahead and there are close-up views of Pandim.

Day 13: Thansing – Samity Lake (4200m) in 3h.

A pleasant walk below the west side of Pandim, through dwarf azaleas and rhododendrons to Zemathang. We take our first footsteps on the Onglakhing glacier, and climb up to the shores of the Samity lake, reputed to be the sacred source of the Prek river. Ringed by

prayer flags, the lake reflects Forked Peak, Kabru North, Gocha Peak and other snow-capped peaks.

Day 14: Samity Lake – Gocha La (4940m) – Thansing in 7h.

We have to leave quite early this morning, as fog and clouds descend on the pass shortly after sunrise. The track to Gocha La climbs steeply through moraines. From the pass, ringed with colorful prayer flags, we can see Kanchenjunga and beyond that, the Talung glacier.

Day 15: Thansing – Lam Pokhari (4230m) in 5h.

After a steep descent, we climb through alpine areas and pass by tiny lakes.

Day 16: Lam Pokhari – Kasturi La (4500m) – Kasturi Odar (3500m) in 6h.

A steep ascent leads to the pass, from where we descend through a luxuriant tropical forest.

Day 17: Kasturi Odar – Labdang (2000m) in 6h.

Today we will walk in the half-light of the undergrowth, through a dense forest, where lianas tangle and moss and orchids hide tree trunks.

Day 18: Labdang – Tashiding (1740m) in 5h.

An easy walk, in an atmosphere becoming more humid and heavier as we descend.

Day 19: Tashiding – Martam by car (4h).

We visit the Tashiding monastery, one of the most isolated in Sikkim, perched on the top of a hill set between two rivers.

Day 20: Martam – Gangtok by car (1h).

En route we visit Rumtek monastery, reputed for its religious Tibetan art. Visitors are welcome to attend prayers. Afternoon at leisure in Gangtok.

Day 21: Gangtok – Bagdogra (by car) – Delhi (by plane). (Hotel B&B)

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