

DARJEELING TREK AND KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

- DURATION – 14 days
- DEPARTURE – Flexible
- PRICE share twin price available on application
- INCLUDES – Kolkata (Calcutta), Darjeeling, Tonglu, Kala Pokhri, Sandkphu, Phalut, Gorkhey, Rambik, Kalimpong, Guwahati, Kaziranga National Park.

This rewarding itinerary includes one of the most scenic treks in the India Himalaya. Trek amongst picturesque terraced fields, orchards, rhododendron and magnolia forests. The tour includes fine game viewing at Kaziranga, one of the India's finest national Parks. Best time to visit is mid March to mid- May (flora and fauna) and mid Oct to Dec.(mountain views). The trek requires a moderate level of fitness

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata:

Early transfer to Hotel. Sightseeing to Balur Math Temple and Victoria Memorial. Late evening transfer to railway station for overnight train to New Jalpaiguri.

Day 2: New Jalpaiguri to Darjeeling

Arrive 8.40am, transfer for drive to Darjeeling (4hrs) The route is through rice fields, teak and tea plantations, before climbing into the foothills of the Himalaya. Darjeeling straddles a ridge at 2200m, interlinked by steep stairways, featuring Victorian Gothic architecture and stunning mountain views of Kanchenjunga (8580m) This afternoon visit Dali Monastery, the seat of the Drukchen Rimpoche

Day 3: Darjeeling-Tonglu Camp: (Trek 11kms/6hrs).

After an early breakfast, visit the famous toy train and Ghoom Monastery. Two hour drive to Maneybhanjang (2134m), to commence our trek through the pine forest to Chitray and a lunch stop. Continue through the meadow and forest passing a few tea shops, ascending 1000m to the ridge-top settlement of Tonglu. As we zig-zag up through the rhododendrons, we will get views Kanchenjunga. Overnight camp site

Day 4: Tonglu -Sandkphu : (19kms/9-10hrs)

The day starts with a downhill walk, through a Nepalese village, where we will have a tea stop before continuing down through the Singalila National Park and a steep climb to Kali Pokhari (3100mts) for a lunch stop. After lunch a short but challenging climb for 4kms - rewarded with a breathtaking panoramic view of Kanchnjunga, Makalu, Everest, Lhotse and the other smaller peaks of Sikkim and eastern Nepal. Camp tonight at Sandakphu (3620m). Spectacular sunrise and sunset views of Everest, Makalu, Chamlang and Kanchnjunga.

Day 5: Sandkphu-Phalut: (20kms/8-9hrs)

After breakfast we begin the most spectacular walk with fantastic views of the Himalaya, trekking thorough the silver fir and rhododendron forest to Sabarkum where we stop for lunch. Continue another 7kms through extensive alpine meadow to our camping place at Phalut (3560mts).

Day 6: Phalut to Gorkhey: (16kms/5-6hrs).

After breakfast a few kms gradual descent and then a steep descent through the mixed forest of Pine, chestnut, bamboo and fir. In March/April Orchids will be flowering. After lunch follow the lower trail to Gorkhey Village (2380mts), and our camp site close to the village just above the Raman River.

Day 7: Gorkhey- Kalimpong: (18kms/ 5-6hrs trek)

This morning continue downhill, through farmland, scattered villages and forested terrain, to the crossing over the Siri Khola. Then an uphill climb to the village of Rimbick (2290mts) – the end of our trek. After lunch drive through the rolling hills/ tea garden/ dense forests and villages to Kalimpong.

Day 8: Kalimpong

A day to relax and sightsseeing of Kalimpong. Visit the monastery with views of distant Himalaya, and drive to Lave to see the wildflowers..

Day 9: Kalimpong-Bagdogra-Guwahati

Drive to the airport (4hrs) for flight to Guwahati. Transfer to Hotel.

Day 10: Guwahati- Kaziranga

After breakfast drive to Kaziranga for three nights at the jungle resort.

Day 11/12: Explore Kaziranga

Two days to visit Kaziranga National Park including an elephant ride to see the Bengal Florican. The Park is home to Rhino, Water Buffalo and Swamp Deer and wide range of bird and plant life.

Day 13: To Kolkatta (Calcutta):

Transfer to Guwahati for evening flight to Kolkatta. Transfer to Hotel.

Day 14: Departure

Transfer to airport for departure flight.