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Hello, travellers! This comprehensive ***Tag Along Travel Guide*** *is designed to help you explore Sikkim, understand its essence, and plan your trip with ease through our services.*

Get an idea of Sikkim's routes, places & topography !



TIBET (CHINA)

Teesta
Tso-lhamu
Gurudongmar lake
Muguthang
Sanglapuh lake
Kala pathar
Lashar valley trail
Zero point
Lohnak lake
Thangu
A.David-Neel cave trail
Yumthang valley
Mt. Katau
Green lake trail
Lachen
Lachung
Mt.Kanchendzonga 8586 m
Zemu glacier
NEPAL
Chungthang
Toong
KANCHENDZONGA NATIONAL PARK
Kishyong lake trail
TIBET (CHINA)
Mangan
Goechala (Kanchendzonga base camp)
Dzongu
Toshar lake trail
NEPAL
Rangit
Teesta
Dzongri trail
Chewabhanjyang
Rateychu trail
Tag Along
GANGTOK
Tsomgo lake
Nathula
Paanch pokhri trail
Tinjure trail
Khedi trail
Memencho lake
Uttarey
Bajre Dara trail
Yuksom
Kupup, Elephant lake
Chumbi Valley
Kecheopalri lake
Bhaleydunga
Cable car (Yangang)
Rumtek monastery
Pakyong airport
Gnathang valley
Pelling
Kalang-Borong
Rinchenpong
BHUTAN
Rolep
Zuluk loop
Ravangla
Temi tea
Soreng
Rangit
Tendong hill trail
Namchi
Rangpo
Rongli
Rachela hill trail
Barsey Rododenron Sanctuary
Melli
Jorethang
Triveni
Sandakhpoh trail
DARJEELING
KALIMPONG
Parengtar Kholey Dai Festival
Kurseong
Mirik
SILIGURI (North Bengal)

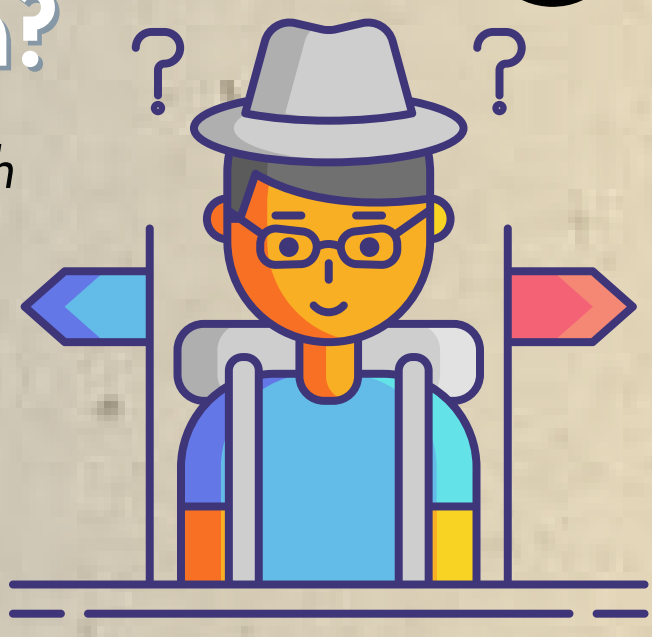
Map of Sikkim & North Bengal

Kakarivitta (Nepal border)
Bagdogra airport
Njp railway
Jalpaiguri

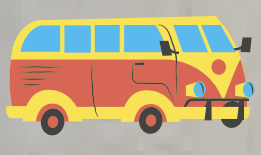
Interesting facts of Sikkim :

- Sikkim was a kingdom until 1975, ruled by the Namgyal Dynasty.
- Gangtok became the 4th capital of the erstwhile Kingdom in 1894.
- Mt. Kanchenjunga was believed to be the highest mountain in the world until 1852; it is now the 3rd highest.
- It is the only fully organic state in the world.
- The Silk Route of East Sikkim (Zuluk-Jelep) dates back to the 11th century, serving as a trading route connecting the Bay of Bengal to Tibet.
- It is the 2nd smallest and least populous state in India.
- Famous must-try local beer: Tongba (fermented millet).
- Communities: Lepcha, Bhutia, Nepalese, and Business community (Marwari,Bengali,Bihari,etc)
- Common languages: Nepali, Hindi, and English.

How to reach Gangtok, Sikkim?



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Here are pointers on how to reach Gangtok:

- **By Air :**

Bagdogra Airport (IXB), located in Siliguri, is about 124 km from Gangtok. From there, you can hire a cab or take a shared cab from SNT Bus Station, Champasari More, or 2nd Mile (approx. 5 hours). You can also avail pre-booked car aggregator luxury shared services from Bagdogra/Siliguri. (www.wizzride.com/www.sikkimcabrental.com/)
Pakyong Airport (if open): Located 29 km away from Gangtok (approx. 1 hour).

- **By Train:**

The nearest railway station is New Jalpaiguri (NJP), around 120 km from Gangtok. You can hire a taxi or take a shared cab from NJP to reach Gangtok (approx. 5 hours).

- **By Road:**

You can reach Gangtok by bus from SNT Bus Station, taxis from the SNT depot, or shared cabs from places like Champasari More or 2nd Mile.

- **By Bike:**

Bike rentals are available in Siliguri. You can hire a bike and enjoy the scenic drive to Gangtok.

- **By Helicopter:**

If you're in a hurry or have time constraints, there is a helicopter service from Bagdogra to Gangtok and back. It takes about 20 minutes to reach Gangtok.
Book at : http://www.sikkimstdc.com/

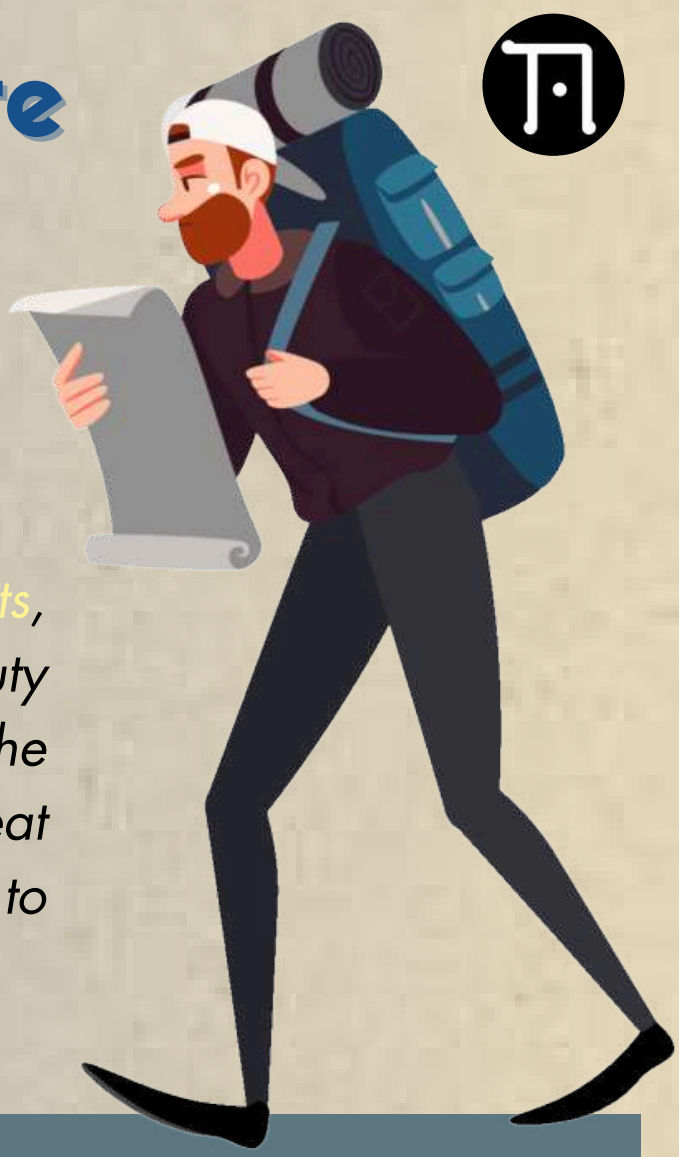
Within Gangtok:

You can hire a private taxi, take a shared taxi, or commute using rented bikes within the city.

Note for foreign travelers:

The border towns of Rangpo, Melli, and Jorethang issue the Inner Line Permit (ILP) for foreign travelers. It is mandatory for all foreign nationals to acquire an ILP when entering Sikkim.

No idea, where to travel in Sikkim?



Travel, Tag Along Way:
Sikkim is divided into six districts, each with its own unique beauty and stories. We recommend the most popular, best, and offbeat places from each district for you to explore.

Gangtok :

Gangtok, the capital and main administrative hub of East Sikkim, has evolved over the past few decades into a modern, bustling city while maintaining its historical and cultural charm. Well-connected to all regions of the state, Gangtok offers a wide range of activities, including visits to historical monasteries, Buddhist centers, royal sites, vibrant city life experience, day hikes, and a diverse food scene.



Map of Gangtok town

Gangtok, Tag Along way!! Part 1



Skip the regular touristy spots and explore these unique experiences in Gangtok:

1. Monastic Tour/Monastery hopping:

- Explore the peaceful and tranquil atmosphere of Gangtok's monasteries, including Enchey Monastery and Chorten Stupa within the city, as well as Lingdum and Rumtek Monastery on the outskirts.
- Witness morning prayers, rituals, and learn about Buddhist culture, history, and architecture.

1. Tashi Viewpoint:

- Enjoy a breathtaking sunrise over Mount Kanchendzonga from this popular viewpoint. Visit early in the morning for the best view.

2. Ganesh tok:

- Capture panoramic aerial views of Gangtok city from Ganesh tok;

3. Himalayan Zoo:

- Spend around two hours walking through the Himalayan Zoo, spotting rare fauna like the Red Panda, Snow Leopard, and Black Bear, etc.

4. Ropeway, Deorali:

- Take a scenic ride on the Ropeway for valley views of the city and its surroundings.

5. Handlooms & Handicrafts, Zero Point:

- Visit Zero Point to discover locally made handlooms and handicrafts, showcasing traditional Sikkimese art.





Gangtok, Tag Along way!! Part 2



7. Tibetology Museum, Deorali:

- Learn about Sikkimese/Tibetan culture and history at the Tibetology Museum;

8. Rachna Book Store, Development Area:

- Visit the highly rated Rachna Book Store, an independent bookstore with a unique collection.

9. Royal Tshuklhakhang Palace Square:

- Explore the Royal Tshuklhakhang Palace Square, a historic and cultural landmark that offers insights into the royal heritage of Sikkim.

10. MG Road & Local Markets:

- Enjoy a leisurely walk along MG Road, explore vibrant local shops at Lal Bazaar, and indulge in local eateries and café hopping.

11. Outdoor Adventures:

- Day Hikes:
    - Fambongla Wildlife Sanctuary (Tinjurey)
    - Radio Dara
    - Rateychu Jungle Trail
- Day Cycling:

Rent a cycle or bike and take a scenic ride through Ganeshtok- Bulbuley-Tashi Viewpoint-Ranka-Rey-Rumtek-Martam-Sang paddy field. or Ganeshtok - Tashiviewpoint - Kabi - Phodong countryside route.

12. Gangtok Night View from Upper Luing:

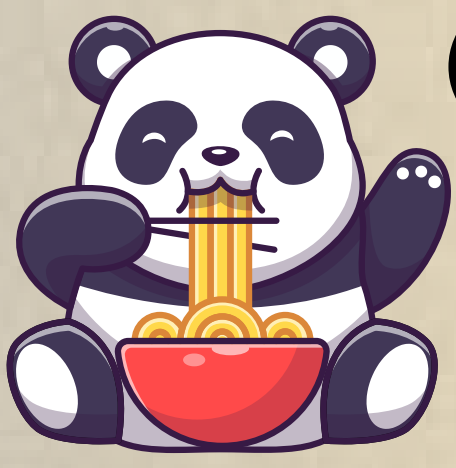
- Enjoy a stunning view of Gangtok's city lights from Upper Luing during the evening.

13. Pottery class at Studio Zeyma, Ranka

Getting around in Gangtok:

- Group Travel: Hire a local taxi for the day.
- Solo Travelers: Opt for a bike or scooty rental for a more flexible, independent experience.

Food joints in Gangtok !



Sikkim offers a delightful mix of diverse cuisines, ranging from Tibetan noodles, momo, and Nepali thalis with a local flavor, as well as Western dishes.

Here's a guide to some of the best food joints and cafes in Gangtok:

Food Platter/ Thali :

- Wholesome Breakfast : The Travel cafe, Cafe fiction, Local cafe, Coffe shop,
- Sikkimese/ Nepali thali : Nimtho, Hamro Bhansa Ghar,
- Newari Thali : Lhasa Newar
- Bhutanese Thali : Kundey at Deorali.

Cuisine specific :

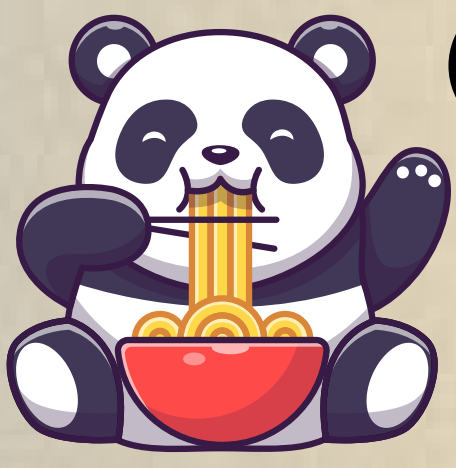
- Tibetan cuisines like Gyathuk, Thenthuk, momo, Thukpas, etc. : Taste of Tibet, Potala, House of Bamboo, Orthodox.
- Indian food : Osm, Apna Dhaba, Amba residency, Sher-e-punjab, Tashi Delek rooftop;
- Italian , Continetal cuisines : Coffee shop, The Travel cafe, The Square cafe.
- Korean food : Kelly's cafe, local cafe, Sikkim coffee, Aro Cafe.
- Chinese & Japanese, Oriental : The Dragon Wok, Noodle house.
- Bakeries : Blue and Yellow, Simsar, Bakingmagic, Triptis, Dzongri cafe, Loafing around, The travel cafe;.
- Tea and coffee house : Syuo cha, Sikkim coffee, Golden tips.

Food specific :

- Falafal wrap, Hummus keema pita, Wrap, Chicken burger, Carrot cake, Brownie, New york cheese cake : The Travel cafe;
- Tandoor (BBQ) : Tag along 2.0, Osm;
- Momo : The travel cafe, Taste of Tibet, Potala;
- Laphing (tibetan street food) : Local cafe, Kellys cafe, Sikkim coffee;
- Butter tea and Faley (Tibetan bread) : Kellys cafe and Local cafe.

Live music : The Travel cafe, Lazy chef, Gangtok groove;
Dancefloors : After Darkk, Rooftop, Phoenix, Beat, Basement.
Great Cocktails : The Travel Cafe, Rabbit Hole

Local flavors, u must try !



In local stays of Sikkim, look out for these foods:

- Kinema (Fermented soya), Gundruk (dry spinach)
- Stingy Nettle soup, Datchi (Bhutanese soup dish),
- Ferns, Naakima (nutritious one of a kind wild flower veggie) & local seasonal veggies like Chayote (Iskus), Chayote leaves & roots,
- Millet & Buckwheat roti,
- Churpi chutney (local cottage cheese), Ghorkhey chutney,
- Corn rice, Tuber
- Selroti, Khayapse, Zeroh & khuri (local nepali,bhutia,lepcha food)

- Wachipa (Rice pulao with chicken feather and meat) : Tag Along 2.0
- Ting-mo (soft bun) with aloo-dum & beef loha : at Mansarovar
- Kaudi (Local style hot soupy pasta) at Taste of Tibet, Orthodox, House of Bamboo, Tag Along 2.0
- Churpi (Hard cheese): Chew it for hours
- Hot spicy chilly: Dalley (cherry shaped spicy flavorful chillies)
- Pickels : Meat pickles, Dalley-Bamboo shoot
- Aloo chewra (street snacks): Outside Lal market, Tibet road's Chacha
- Tongba (Organic local beer made of fermented Millets) : Tag along 2.0 , Fat Mom
- Popular local beer brands : Hit, Danseberg.







East-Sikkim, Tag Along way!!
Part 1



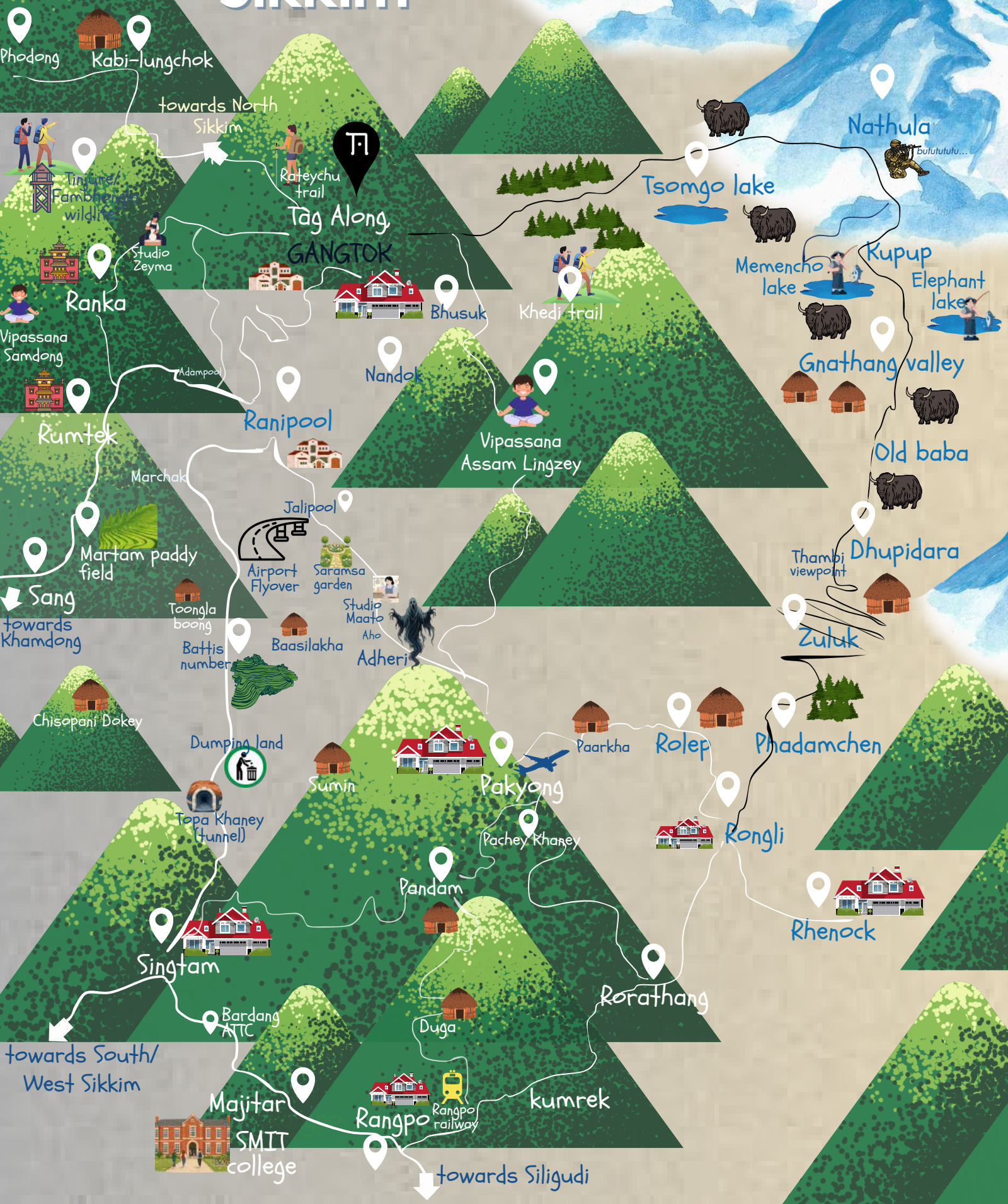
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East Sikkim :

The eastern part of Sikkim, bordered by the majestic Chola mountain range and its high passes with Bhutan & Tibet(China), is a region of breathtaking natural beauty and historical significance. This area was once part of the ancient Silk Route, connecting India's ports to Tibet and China.

Due to its strategic location, it is a border-sensitive area, and travelers are required to obtain prior permits to visit

Map of East Sikkim



East-Sikkim, Tag Along way!! Part 2



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Places to See for Domestic Travelers:

1. Tsomgo Lake (3750m), serene high-altitude lake surrounded by snow-capped mountains during winter.
2. Nathula Pass (Indo-China border, 4400m), the Indo-China border post, a key historical and strategic point.
3. Kupup village, a picturesque high-altitude village by the Elephant Lake
4. Gnathang valley, a small, scenic village, perfect for those seeking peace and natural beauty.
5. Old Baba Mandir, a shrine dedicated to Indian Army legend Harbhajan Singh, also serves hot snacks with tea.
6. Zuluk, famous for the iconic 32 hairpin bends, providing panoramic views of Kanchendzonga and the surrounding mountains & morning sunrise at the top.

Activities & Adventures:

- Yak Ride and Cable Car Ride at Tsomgo Lake
- Camping at Memencho Lake (requires special permit from Forest department)
- Cycling/ biking through the historic Silk Route
- Sunrise at Zuluk Top and Thambi Viewpoint
- Do not miss view of Mt. Kanchendzonga between Gnathang valley and Old baba mandir road stretch.

Travel Tips to East Sikkim (Domestic travelers)

Transport:

- Travelers can hire a taxi or bike to explore the region
- Shared cabs are available on a daily basis Vajra/ Chanmari Stand
- You can opt for a day trip or extend your stay for 1-2 nights, or a 3-day trip.

East-Sikkim, Tag Along way!! Part 3



Where to Stay:

- **Gnathang Valley**
- **Zuluk or Zuluk top**
- **Kupup Village**

Permit requirements:

- Documents: Voter ID, Driver's License, or Passport, along with one passport-sized photo.

Permits are issued on the day of travel only through a registered travel agent. Depends upon road accesibility due to weather conditions (snows & rains)
Note: Nathula Pass is closed to visitors on Mondays.

For Foreign travelers:

- Foreign travelers are allowed to travel only up to Tsomgo Lake, and cannot go beyond that.
- A minimum of two foreign travelers is required to apply for a permit. Solo foreign nationals are not issued permit.
- A local guide is mandatory for foreign visitors and must accompany them during the trip.

Documents required for Permit for Foreign Travelers: Passport, Visa, Inner Line Permit (ILP), one photo.

Activities for Foreign Travelers:

- Visit Tsomgo Lake
- Yak Ride and Cable Car Ride at Tsomgo Lake



Iconic Zuluk loop (Silk route)

North-Sikkim, Tag Along way!! Part 1



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North Sikkim :

North Sikkim is the highland region of Sikkim, where the vegetation and topography gradually evolve into a unique experience to behold. From the deep gorges carved by the mighty Teesta River to the picturesque valleys of Lachung, Lachen, and Thangu, and the pristine Gurudongmar Lake, North Sikkim is home to snow-covered peaks that blend towards the vast Tibetan plateau to the north. This region offers some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the state.

Prior permits are required to visit North Sikkim, as this region is a border-sensitive area.



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Places to visit in North Sikkim:

Kabi-Lungchuk-Phodong : A historic location where the Lepcha and Bhutia chiefs, representing two ethnic groups, came together to sign the Treaty of Brotherhood.

Labrang and Phodong Monasteries: These 18th-century monasteries, located just an hour's drive from Gangtok, are of great historical significance.
You can hire a private taxi, bike, or scooty from Gangtok, or even cycle around to explore the area.

Mangan: Known as the gateway to North Sikkim, Mangan serves as the district headquarters. It's a great place to explore nearby villages like Singhik, not to miss view of Mt. Kanchedzonga from Singhik. you can also apply for permits to visit North Sikkim and Dzongu here.

Lachen: A heritage village and home of the Lachenpas, Lachen is located at 2,700 meters. It's the gateway to Thangu Valley and the pristine Gurudongmar Lake.

Thangu Valley – Kala Pathar – Chopta Valley: Thangu, situated near an Indian army camp and a perennial river, is the last village in the region at 3,900 meters. You can explore the nearby Chopta Valley, take a day hike to Deothang Cave, and visit Kala Pathar, one of the highest points in the area.



Pang Lhabsol festival, Thangu valley

North-Sikkim, Tag Along way!! Part 3



North Sikkim :

Gurudongmar Lake: At 5,400 meters, Gurudongmar is considered one of the highest lakes in the world. Due to the low oxygen levels, it is important to take health precautions while visiting.

Lachung: A serene village situated by the Lachung Chu River. With Lachung as your base, you can explore:

- Yumthang Valley: Known as the "Valley of Flowers," this area is a vibrant burst of wildflowers during bloom season.
- Hot Spring: Enjoy a therapeutic bath at the natural hot springs, offering relaxation and a unique experience.
- Zero Point: The highest point in the region accessible to travelers, situated at 4,900 meters.
- Sangalpoh Lake: A newly opened sacred lake that is a must-see for travelers.

Permits requirements:

Voter ID, Driver's License, or Passport, along with one passport-sized photo



Gurudongmar Lake, 5400 m

North-Sikkim, Tag Along way!! Part 4



Travel Tips to North Sikkim (Domestic travelers)

Transport:

- Travelers can hire a taxi or bike to explore the region
- Shared cabs are available on a daily basis from Vajra Stand
- Min. 3-day trip can cover Lachen & Lachung area.

Where to Stay:

- Lachen & Lachung
- Thangu valley
- Mangan-Singhik

Permits are issued on the day of travel only through a registered travel agent and depend on road accessibility due to weather conditions such as rain and snow.

Activities to do:

1) Hot spring dip at Zero point
2) Walk by the Gurudongmar lake
3) Lachung village walk
4) Explore Thangu valley, Chopta valley, Muguthang
5) Hike to Alexandra David-Neel cave
6) Trek to Lashar-Zachu valley, Toshar lake

For Foreigners:

A minimum of two foreign nationals, along with one local guide, is required to visit North Sikkim's Lachen, Thangu Valley, Lachung, Yumthang Valley, Zero Point, and the hot spring in pvt. car only. Foreigners are not permitted to visit Gurudongmar Lake or any area beyond Thangu Valley due to its proximity to the China border.

Documents required for Permit for Foreign Travelers:
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Lashar & Zachu valley

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Dzongu:

Dzongu is a reserved area inhabited by the indigenous Lepcha tribe of Sikkim, which is divided into two areas: Upper and Lower Dzongu. Indian travelers are required to obtain prior permits to visit this region.

The Lepchas share a deep connection with nature and have lived in harmony with it for centuries, revering Mt. Kanchendzonga as their guardian deity.

In recent years, several homestays have emerged in Dzongu, offering travelers the chance to directly contact the hosts for bookings. Staying here provides an opportunity to experience, learn about, and appreciate the Lepcha culture, lifestyle, and the breathtaking land they call home. Travelers can hire a pvt. cab to reach Dzongu taking a prior permit from driver.

For Foreigners:

A minimum of two foreign nationals, along with one local guide, is required to visit Dzongu.

Documents required for Permit for Foreign Travelers: Passport, Visa, Inner Line Permit (ILP), one photo.

Activities you can do :

1. Visit Lingdem hot spring
2. Experience the indigenously built local suspension bridge
3. Visit pristine waterfalls and the Kanaka & Teesta rivers
4. Take a forest and village walk
5. Food: Khuri, Tongba (local beer)
6. Trek to Tholung monastery & Kyishongla lake



Upper Dzongu homestay

Map of Dzongu, North-Sikkim



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Kyishong lake

Tholung monastery

Pentong

Bey

Lingzya

Lingzya falls

Lingdem hotspring

Suspension bridge

Mantam lake

Tingvong

Upper Lingthem

Lower Lingthem

Passingdang

Towards North Sikkim

MANGAN

Sankalang bridge

Hee-Gyathang

Dickchu

Phidang bridge

Towards Gangtok

South-Sikkim, Tag Along way!!



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South Sikkim:

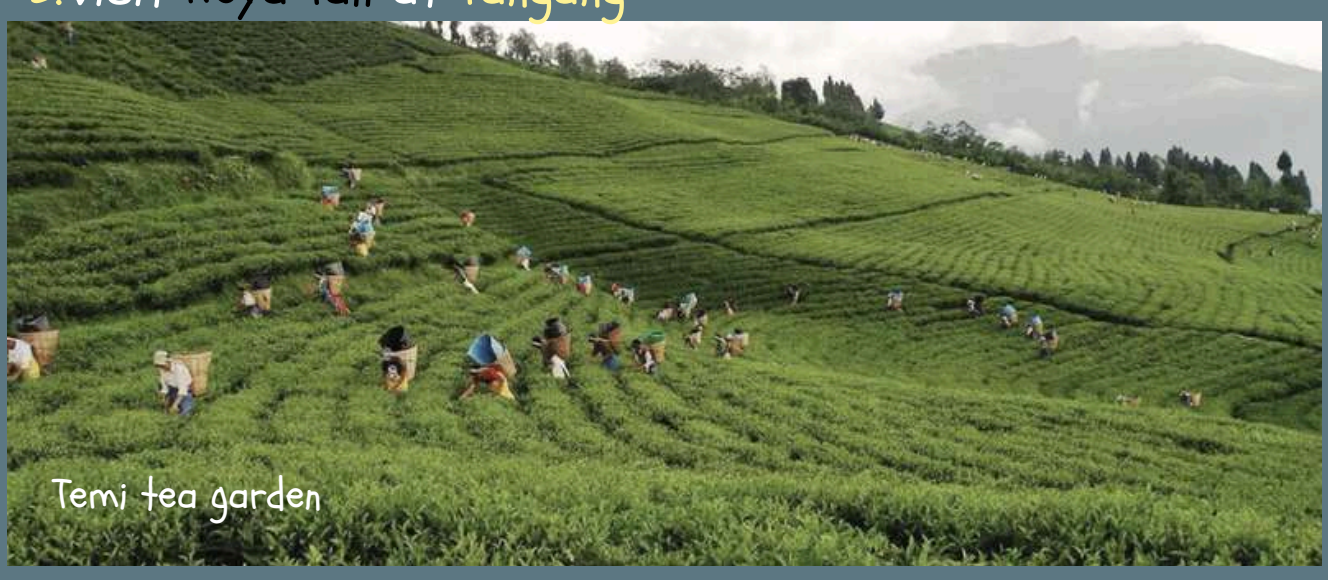
It is the smallest district, with Namchi as its main town. Home to Sikkim's only organic tea estate, Temi Tea, South Sikkim offers attractions such as the mesmerizing Buddha Park, Namchi Char Dham, Samdruptse, and the quaint village of Yangang, as well as the hot springs at Borong and Ralang. The Maenam Hills and Tendong Hills are the highest points for trekking and hiking in the region.
No permit is required to visit this region. Foreigners are required to carry an Inner Line Permit (ILP) for the duration of their stay in Sikkim

Places to Visit in South Sikkim:

- Temi Tea Garden – Sikkim's only organic tea estate, offering tea tasting sessions.
- Buddha Park – one of the tallest Buddha statue, set against Mt. Kanchendzonga range in Ravangla.
- Namchi – The administrative hub. Char Dham, Samdruptse Statue, and Tarey Bhir/cliff can be visited.
- Explore quaint villages like Yangang, Temi, Chalamthang, Damthang, Kewzing, Phongla, Borong, and Ralang.

Activities to do:

1. Soak in the Borong-Ralang or Legship hot springs.
2. Thrill of Bhaleydhunga ropeway and upcoming skywalk.
3. Cycle through Temi Tea Estate-Damthang-Ravangla and Namchi-Tarey bhir
4. Hike/trek to Tendong and Bhaleydhunga (the highest point of South Sikkim at 3100m)
5. Visit Neya fall at Yangang



Temi tea garden

South-Sikkim, Tag Along way!!



Map of South-Sikkim

Paanch Pokhari
Borong hotspring
Ralang monastery
Bhaleydhunga top / Maenam (3100m)
Skywalk
Towards West Sikkim
Legship hotspring
Ravangla Buddha Park
Bhaleydhunga Cable car
Kewzing
Rayong busty
Lingey
Tinkitam
Dappar
Neya fall
Towards Gangtok
IHCAE, Chemchey
Damthang
Ben
Simkharkha
Tarku
Yangang
Dhuni stay
Teesta
Singtam
NHPC dam
Sirwani
Temi tea garden
Tendong hill (2550m)
Tanak
Mangley
Teesta
Samdruptse
Ganjung
Dalep Zero
Towards West Sikkim
Char Dham
NAMCHI
Pabong
Daring
Namphing
Chalamthang
Bardang
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Towards West Sikkim
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Teesta

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West Sikkim:

West Sikkim is home to ancient historical sites as well as thrilling trails that lead into the Kanchendzonga National Park. Yuksom and Rabdentse, both former capitals of Sikkim, reflect the region's rich socio-political heritage. While the Pelling-Yuksom circuit is the most popular, the region also boasts offbeat places worth exploring.
No permit is required to visit this region. Foreigners are required to carry an Inner Line Permit (ILP) for the duration of their stay in Sikkim

Places to Visit in West Sikkim:

Keeping Pelling, Kecheopalri Lake, and Yuksom as a base, one can explore the following places in West Sikkim:

- Yuksom – A quaint, picturesque village, first capital of the erstwhile Sikkimese kingdom and serves as the gateway to the 10-day trek into Kanchenjunga National Park (Goechala).
- Dubdi Monastery – located near Yuksom, oldest monastery in Sikkim, commemorating the establishment of Sikkim as a kingdom under its very first Chogyal/king.
- Norbu Gang Chorten – A significant historical site, the coronation throne of the Sikkimese Kingdom
- Kecheopalri Lake – A sacred and serene lake surrounded by lush forests
- Darap village – explore this peaceful Subba village
- Pelling Skywalk – Experience the Pelling Skywalk against a towering Chenrizeg statue, one can behold a panaromic view of Mt. kanchendzonga.
- Rabdentse ruins, 2nd capital of Sikkim, 20-min jungle trail through Sidekeong Tulka bird park
- Rimbi falls-Kanchenjunga Falls – Tashiding

South-West Sikkim, Tag Along way!! Part 2



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West Sikkim:

One can also explore the lesser-known towns and villages of West Sikkim by bike, car, or cycle.

Uttarey-Singshore Bridge-Dentam-Hee Bermiok-Rinchenpong-Kaluk-Sreebadam-Soreng-Daramdim-Sombaria-Okhrey-Hilley offers a chance to experience the region's scenic villages and countryside.

Along this route, travelers will discover the quaint village of Sreebadam, the expansive paddy fields of Daramdim, and the gateway to the Rhododendron trails of Barsey sanctuary starting from Hilley.

Travelers can stay at one of the many cozy, family-run homestays along this trail for a cozy and authentic experience

Treks in West Sikkim:

West Sikkim is home to a variety of treks that take you through lush rhododendron trails, alpine forests, and the stunning glacial landscapes of Kanchenjunga. Some of the popular treks include:

1. Goechala Trek from Yuksom - A challenging 10-day trek that takes you to the base camp of Kanchenjunga.
2. Dzongri Top Trek - A 5-day trek offering spectacular views of the surrounding peaks and landscapes.
3. Barsey-Chewabhanjyang Trail - A scenic 5-day trek through the heart of West Sikkim's natural beauty.
4. Bajre Dara Trek - A shorter, 3-day trek that offers an immersive experience in the region's breathtaking terrain.

Travel Tips to South/West Sikkim

Transport:

- Travelers can hire a taxi or bike to explore the region
- Shared cabs are available from West/South Sikkim taxi stand, Deorali.
- One or two cabs run on a daily basis, always reach the stand at 7am to book a cab

Map of West-Sikkim

Kanchendzonga range

Chewa Bhanjyang Pass

Towards Eastern Nepal

Goechala base camp

Dzongri top

Uttarey

Singshore Bridge

Bajre Dara trek

Kancehdzonga National park

Skywalk

Pelling

Darap

Kecheopalri lake

Yuksom

Dentam

Bird Park

Pemayangste moanstery

Kanchendzonga fall

Rabdentse ruins

Sakyong

Gangyep

Dubdi monastery

Geyzing

Tashiding

Towards Kewzing-Ravang

Hee-Bermiok

Daara pari stay

Kaluk

Rinchenpong

Legship

Hotspring

Azing farm

Mangalbari

Sre Badam

Rangit

Reshi

Soreng

Chakung

Barsey Rododenron Sanctuary

Buriakhop

Keechu dumra

Hilley

Ohkrey

Towards Namchi

Sombaria

Zoom

Jorethang

Towards Melli-Siligudi

Daramdin

Towards Darjeeling

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Since 2016, Tag Along has been redefining tourism in Sikkim—creating authentic, immersive, and community-driven experiences that connect travelers with the land, its people, and its stories.

✔ Explore beyond the ordinary – Our curated tours take you deep into Sikkim's rural, cultural, and natural landscapes.

✔ Stay with purpose – We launched Sikkim's first backpackers' hostel, designed for meaningful connections and offbeat adventures.

✔ Authenticity recognized – Featured in Lonely Planet India, Better India, WhatsApp Business promotional video, and Dutch TV (3 OP Reis).

✔ For adventure seekers – Started the first cycling tour to Nathula Pass with Ride The Silk, recognized as one of India's top cycling routes.

✔ Learn from the land – We work closely with local communities, supporting cultural preservation and responsible tourism.

✔ Guided by experience – Conducting tourism training for the Government of Sikkim, shaping the future of travel.

✔ Growing sustainably – Part of Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women at IIM Bangalore, learning how to scale with impact.

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EVENTS



Tag Along is a creative hub where artists connect through curated events. Tag Sessions at The Travel Cafe showcase independent musicians, while our art, craft, and wellness workshops foster collaboration and learning. With pop-up stores for artists and a spirit of sharing, we're grateful to be growing this evolving community.

TAG ALONG'S CURATED TRIP

We craft raw & unfiltered journeys that uncover off-beat destinations and forge authentic connections. Through stories, people, and nature, we revive the spirit of travel—one that nurtures creativity, sustainability, and lasting friendships, leaving every traveler with a heart full of experiences and a soul enriched by Sikkim.



RIDE THE SILK

A 10-day, 160-km ride along Sikkim's historic Silk Route takes you through the iconic Zuluk loops, Gnathang Valley, and Nathula Pass (14,140 ft). Featured in Lonely Planet Magazine India as a top 5 cycling route, it's the ultimate test of endurance with breathtaking views of Mt. Khanchendzonga.



LASHAR VALLEY

Experience the world of the Drokpas during the vibrant Drukpa Tsheshi festival, where sacred rituals and the deep bond between the Lachenpas and Drokpas come to life. Traverse the untouched Lashar Valley, home to the serene Ox Bow Lake of Zha Chu, vast grasslands, and vibrant native flora. Amidst this breathtaking biodiversity, witness the Drokpas' traditional way of life, herding yaks and seeking blessings for all.

TAG ALONG'S CURATED TRIP



PANG LHABSOL

Experience Pang Lhabsol, Sikkim's unique festival honoring Mt. Khanchendzonga, at Thangu Monastery. Trek through the scenic Kalep Valley to Dewthang, immerse yourself in Lachenpa culture at Yathang. Complete the journey with a visit to the breathtaking Gurudongmar Lake (5,400m)—a true exploration of the untouched and the sacred.



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- Small, intimate groups (personalized experience)
- Offbeat, lesser-explored locations
- Meaningful interactions with locals
- Slow, immersive travel style
- Sustainable & respect for local culture

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