

## North Sikkim Tour Itinerary

(Day 1): Gangtok → Lachen (Altitude: 2,750 m | Distance: 120 km | Time: 6-7 hrs).

Begin your journey at Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim, and proceed to the lovely village of Lachen. The drive will take you on narrow mountain roads, through dense forests as well as gurgling waterfalls ranging from Seven Sister Falls to Naga Falls. Lachen The quirky little village at an elevation of 8,858 ft serves as the gateway to the stretch out for the much precious Gurudongmar lake - some place that looks like Jesus turned water into a wine glass wonder. The road is approximately 120k and takes about 6-7 hours, with lots of beautiful stopping points for photos and rest. Arrive and your Hotel or home stay, and Enjoy the tranquility of the Snow filled environment. Cold and given to early dinners. Try and get a good night of sleep because next day really begins with the first lights of dawn and an excursion to one of the highest lagoons in the world.

(Day 2): Lachen → Gurudongmar Lake (5,430 m) → Lachung (Distance: Around 190 km | Travel Time: 9-10 hours).

Early morning drive to Guru-dongmar Lake: 5,430 meters & Gurdwara Located right next to the lake; and Lachen. It is a drive of 65 kms. (2-3) hours of Mountain and snow driveways. It is a sacred lake for Buddhists, Sikhs and Hindu's filled with bright turquoise water that feels a lot more daunting even thousands of feet above! Relax a bit in this magical beauty and return back to Lachen for breakfast. Then head on to Lachung, yet another scenic village located at an elevation of 2,700 meters at approx 95kms. The road to Lachung (4-5 hours) will pass rhododendron forests and alpine valleys. Retire for the night in your cosy homestay and prepare yourself for an adventure to the beautiful Yumthang Valley tomorrow.

(Day 3): Lachung → Yumthang Valley (3,564 m) → Zero Point (4,724 m) → Lachung (Total Distance: 50 km approx. | Travel Time: 6 - 7 hr approx).

15hrs After breakfast, proceed to Yumthang Valley which is known as the Valley of Flowers. At a height of 3,564 meters, the valley adorns itself in shades of reds and pinks with rhododendrons and alpine flowers in spring. It is 1.5 hours drive from Lachung. Further from Yumthang proceed to Zero Point (Yumesamdong) Another 23kms and higher at an altitude of 4,724 meters. Here, you will find the year round snow clad valleys and it is one of the favourite places for the tourists. Lachungside zero point to lachung will require 6-7 hours in total. Back to Lachung in the evening and shop at the local market or simply enjoy the peace and calm.

(Day 4): Lachung → Gangtok (Altitude: 1,650 m | Distance: 120 km | Time taken: 5–6 hrs).

On your last day, bid farewell to the northern ranges and return to Gangtok. It's a 5-6 hours 120 km drive with awesome sights of the Rivers, terraced fields and the hilly forests. Stop at Singhik View point on the way and get enchanted by the mystical exquisiteness (subjected availability) majestic Kanchandzonga. Down the base continue towards the alpine begins to change to Gangtok's balmy sultry weather. According to few reports Tarku Lachen may be better to stay than Lachen because of its peaceful environment. Get here in the afternoon or evening and cap off a journey (and a day trip from North Sikkim) of mountain lakes and verdant valleys and Land of the Snows. This Himalayan schedule is one of those memorable sojourns in which the trip blends with just as much of nature, spirituality, and adventure.