

## Queen of the Hills 05 Nights 06 Days

### Bagdogra – Darjeeling – Gangton – Bagdogra

#### Day 01 Bagdogra – Darjeeling

Arrive at Bagdogra Airport, meet and greet, your private driver shall escort you to Darjeeling (approx. 100km / 03hrs), stop by **Mirik Lake** and the **Nepal Border** on the way.



**Mirik Lake**

**Mirik Lake**, also known as Sumendu Lake, is about 1.25km long and has a long arch footbridge across called Indreni Pull. Mirik is a quaint sleepy hill town, the drive to the Nepal border offers scenic tea gardens and beautiful mountain landscapes.

Hotel transfer, overnight Darjeeling

#### Day 02 Darjeeling

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, embark on your full day City Tour covering **Padmaja Himalayan Zoological Park** (closed on THU), **Himalayan Mountaineering Institute** (closed on THU), **Ropeway**, **Tenzing Rock**, **Gumbu Rock**, **Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center** (closed on SUN), **Tea Estate**, **Lebong Race Course**, **Peace Pagoda** and **Ganga Maya Park**.

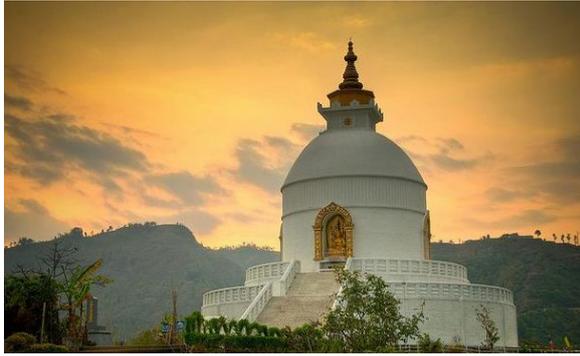
**Padmaja Himalayan Zoological Park**, also known as Darjeeling Zoo, was opened in the late 50s and is the largest high altitude zoo in India. Specializing in successful breeding programs for the Snow Leopard, the endangered Himalayan Wolf and the Red Panda.



**Padmaja Himalayan Zoological Park**

**Tenzing Rock** is an enormous natural rock named after the first man who climbed Everest along with Edmund Hilary in 1953, Tenzing Norgay.

Opposite you will find **Gombu Rock**, named after Nawang Gombu, nephew of Tenzing who was the first person to climb Everest twice. Both rocks are used for rock climbing training by the **Himalayan Mountaineering Institute**.



**Darjeeling Peace Pagoda**

**Darjeeling Peace Pagoda** is one of the Peace Pagodas designed to provide a focus for people of all races to unite them in the struggle for world peace. Construction took three years, housing four avatars of Buddha, located on the slopes of Jalapahar Hills.

Hotel transfer, overnight Darjeeling

### Day 03 Darjeeling – Gangtok

Early morning visit to **Tiger Hill**, **Ghoom Monastery** and **Batasia Loop**. Afterwards you will be escorted back to your hotel for breakfast.

Experience a wonderful sunrise from **Tiger Hill** which offers a view of the colossal Kanchenjunga accompanied by many snow clad eastern Himalayan peaks. See the blaze of ever fast changing colors of the snow peaks as sunlight spreads across as you begin your day at the highest point in Darjeeling Hills.



**Tiger Hill**

Check-out and enjoy a ride on the **World Heritage Toy Train** from Darjeeling to Ghoom and back. Later proceed to Gangtok (approx. 100km / 4.5hrs), hotel transfer, check-in and relax.

Overnight Gangtok.

### Day 04 Gangtok



**Tsomgo Lake**

We recommend a hearty breakfast your guide will lead you on your full day tour of **Thshangu Lake** also known as **Tsomgo Lake**. The journey itself allows you to appreciate nature, located around 40km from Gangtok town on a route known as Jawaharlal Nehru Road which leads all the way to Nathula Pass.

This glacial lake is referred to as *Tsomgo* which literally translates to *Source of Water*. Experience one of the few high altitude lakes India has to offer, a beautiful sight is when the reflections of the surrounding hills can be seen on the water.

Hotel transfer, overnight Gangtok.

### **Day 05 Gangtok**

Hotel breakfast, your final full day sightseeing includes **Do Drul Chorten, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Cottage Industry and Enchey Monastery.**

Visit **Do Drul Chorten** a huge monument located a short walk from **Namgyal Institute of Tibetology** on a hillock.

The Chorten is clearly visible by the unique golden top which can be seen from various places in Gangtok, locals believed the entire place was haunted by evil spirits and in 1946 the celebrated lama of Tibet Trulshig Rinpoche built this structure to drive away the spirits.



**Do Drul Chorten**



**Enchey Monastery**

Your final stop will be **Enchey Monastery**, located at a higher altitude next to the towering TV Tower.

This structure is famous for the Chinese Pagoda style design, founded in 1840. Considered one of the most recognized monasteries in the whole of Sikkim.

Hotel transfer, overnight Gangtok.

### **Day 06 Gangtok – Bagdogra**

After breakfast at your hotel, airport transfer (approx. 130km / 03hrs), depart Bagdogra Airport for your onward flight.