

Singalila Ridge Trek



From Darjeeling hills where tea plantations stretch as far as the eye can see, to Sikkim, an ancient Himalayan kingdom of Tibetan culture, this trek offers breath-taking views of the Himalayan range from Cho Oyo to Kanchenjunga.

The Singalila range is one of the rare spots on earth where the view embraces five summits rising above 8000m, amongst them Everest, Makalu and Lhotse. On these 19th century English Lords trails, you will trek on easy narrow paths along the Indo-Nepali border, sometimes at the edge of the jungle, sometimes through rhododendron forests. The visit of the main Sikkim monasteries (Pemayangtse, Tashiding and Rumtek) provides a touch of culture and makes of this journey a rare venture.



Day 01: Bagdogra - Darjeeling

Upon arrival at Bagdogra airport meet our representative and transfer to Darjeeling by car through a lush green valley, tea garden and thick forest. On arrival check in to hotel. Evening free to explore the area with your own. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 02: Darjeeling - Tiger Hill (Full day sightseeing)

Early morning drive to **Tiger Hill** to for a singular experience of the first rays of the sun bathing the Himalayas. On the return visit the **Ghoom Monastery**. Built in 1875 the monastery which follows the Gelugpa sect, houses one of the largest statue of the Maitreya Buddha-"the future Buddha".

After breakfast drive to Darjeeling Railway Station (10 mins) and take the joyride on the famous heritage toy train till Ghoom. On arrival at Ghoom Railway station transfer to your vehicle and visit **The Himalayan Zoo** which houses the Himalayan fauna like the Red Panda, black bear, yaks, tigers, snow leopard etc. in their natural habitat, and the adjacent **Himalayan Mountaineering Institute** - a premier training centre for mountaineers and a museum detailing the ascent of the Mt. Everest by Tenzing Sherpa & Sir Edmund Hillary and numerous other expeditions. Also visit **Tibetan Self Help Centre**, a



centre of training young people in the intricate art of Tibetan handicrafts and handlooms. The sales emporium is open to visitors to pick up souvenirs. Overnight Hotel.

Day 03: Darjeeling - Manay Bhanjang (2134m. 1h 30) by car - Tonglu (3070m) in 4h.

Early morning drive from Darjeeling to trek point. The trail overlooks the Bengali plain south, and we have tantalising glimpses of Kanchenjunga ahead, as we zigzag through rhododendrons.



Day 04: Tonglu - Garibas (2620m) in 4h.

We take a mossy paved path that snakes through a succession of forests and hamlets, giving way, from time to time, to spectacular mountain sceneries.

Day 05: Garibas - Sandakphu (3640m) in 4.5 hr.

We steadily climb to join the ridge trail towards Kalpokhari. Afterwards we start a long and steep climb onto the Singalila ridge that leads us to Sandakphu. A remarkable 360 ° view from the top.

Day 06: Sandakphu - Phalut (3600m) in 6h.

We walk to a prominent viewpoint for the magnificent sunrise over the Kanchenjunga, Jannu, Everest, Lhotse, Makalu and Cho Oyo. Throughout the day, there are ever-changing views: yak herds, silvery pine forests, tiny lakes ringed with grass, and the snow-capped Himalayan range in the background.



Day 07: Phalut - Raman (2560m) in 5h.

A pleasant descent through the woods takes us to Gorkhey (2500m) then we climb up towards Raman.

Day 08: Raman - Rimbik (2280m) in 4h.

We pass through numerous villages and cross the Sri Kholu over a remarkable suspension bridge.

Day 09: Rimbik - Darjeeling by car (3h).

We have come to the end of our trek route and this morning we will drive to Darjeeling, a distance of about 60 km. Overnight at a hotel.

Day 10: Darjeeling - Bagdogra

In the morning after breakfast drive to Bagdogra airport to catch onward flight.

Trip & Services Ends Here

COST OF THE TRIP

USD 635/- per person* (for a minimum of 2-4 person)

* 4.9 % service tax extra

COST INCLUDES

- **Accommodation: Hotel at Darjeeling** with bed and breakfast basis. While on trek we will provide you **Dome/Alpine trekking tents** on twin sharing basis, Camping mattresses, camping stool, table, kitchen tent etc would be provided.
- **Transport: Toyota Qualis/Tata Sumo** from Bagdogra – Darjeeling, for trek point and back to Bagdogra Airport etc.

- **Meals:** In Darjeeling only breakfast will serve. While on trek, all meal. Meals will be freshly prepared and will be a mix of Indian, Chinese & Continental.
- **Yaks/Porters:** For carrying camping equipment, rations, vegetables and some amount of personal gear of the clients (one bag not weighing more than 15 kgs).
- **Professional local trekking guide** and **kitchen staff** would accompany the group for the trek.
- **Entry and Inner Line Permit (ILP) fee for trekking etc**

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Air Ticket
- Enroute meal
- Any charges for carrying still/video cameras etc.
- Alcohol, soft drinks, bottled water, beverages, etc.
- Personal expenses like tips, telephone calls, laundry, etc.
- Any meals/services not mentioned above
- Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.
- Travel insurance