

## 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.

**Region:** Sikkim Himalaya

**Best Season:** Mid Feb - June & Aug - Mid December

**Max. Altitude:** 3640 mts/11940 ft

**Duration:** 9 days

**Grade:** Easy to Moderate

**Day 01: Delhi - Bagdogra - Darjeeling** (124 kms/3-4 hrs)

In the morning after early breakfast transfer to domestic airport and from here catch an internal flight for Bagdogra airport. Upon arrival at Bagdogra airport met our representative and drive



towards Darjeeling through a lush green valley, tea garden and thick forest. On arrival transfer into hotel. Evening free to explore the surroundings. Overnight



stay in the hotel.

**Day 02: Darjeeling - Manay Bhanjang (2134m. 1h 30) by car - Tonglu (3070m) in 4h.**

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 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 03: Darjeeling - 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 04: 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 05: 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 06: Phalut - Raman (2560m) in 5h.**

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

**Day 07: Raman - Rimbik (2280m) in 4h.**

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

**Day 08: 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 09: Darjeeling - Bagdogra**

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

**Trip & Services Ends Here**



## **COST OF THE TRIP**

**USD 585/- per person\* (for a minimum of 2-4 person)**

**INR 23500/- 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 **tea house** on twin sharing basis, Camping mattresses, camping stool, table etc would be provided.
- **Transport:** **Tata Sumo/Mahindra Max** 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

<b>Trekking Equipments List</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trekking shoes or Regular sports shoes Nike or Adidas</li><li>• One warmer (jacket or equivalent with hood)</li><li>• One wool shirt or sweater, Two cotton shirts/T-Shirts</li><li>• One pair cotton trousers or shorts</li><li>• One pair shorts or calf-length skirt for women</li><li>• Three pairs of regular underwear</li><li>• Long underwear - thermal or wool</li><li>• Wind- and rain-gear with hood, Sun hat, Cotton socks 4 pair</li><li>• Personal first-aid kit including medication for common ailments</li><li>• Flashlight with extra batteries, Sunglasses</li><li>• Water bottle, preferably wide mouthed, with at least one liter capacity</li><li>• Pocket knife, Camera, Note book with pens and pencils</li><li>• Plastic bags - small size for books, film etc., larger bags for clothes</li><li>• Sun cream lotion</li><li>• Personal toiletries</li></ul>