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Sikkim Bike Ride - With Airfare

9 Days 8 Nights

Overview

The mountain kingdom of Sikkim is known for offering magnificent mountain vistas and unending greenery. On this trip, you will be able to discover the state's rugged terrain atop a motorbike. As you traverse over the winding roads that run through lush vegetation, you will be able to admire unparalleled views of the mighty Himalayas and enjoy the culture of the warm and welcoming Sikkim locals. So, what are you waiting for? Kick-start your bike and get ready for a truly wonderful adventure that takes you across the length and breadth of this glorious north-eastern state.



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Your Itinerary in Brief

Trip Highlights

- Ride across some of the most popular biking routes in India
- Camp under the stars and amidst lush greenery
- Admire spectacular views of the eastern Himalayan range, including views of Mount Kanchenjunga
- Visit popular Buddhist monasteries in Sikkim

 Days	 Description	 Distance	 Meals
Day 1	➤ Arrive Siliguri - Gangtok	-	Dinner.
Day 2	➤ Gangtok - Kabi - Lachen	120 km	Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Day 3	➤ Lachen - Gurudongmar Lake - Lachung	125 km	Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Day 4	➤ Lachung - Zero Point - Yumthang - Lachung	180 km	Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Day 5	➤ Lanchung - Gangtok	100 km	Breakfast and dinner.
Day 6	➤ Gangtok	105 km	Breakfast and dinner.
Day 7	➤ Gangtok - Nathu La Pass - Gnathang	-	Breakfast and dinner.
Day 8	➤ Gnathang - Zuluk - Gangtok	75 km	Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We will try our best to stick to the above itinerary. However, sometimes due to situations out of our control (political situations, weather conditions, excessive snowfall or others), we may have to amend it to ensure safety of the group.



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Day 9	➤ Depart Gangtok - Siliguri	120 km	Breakfast.

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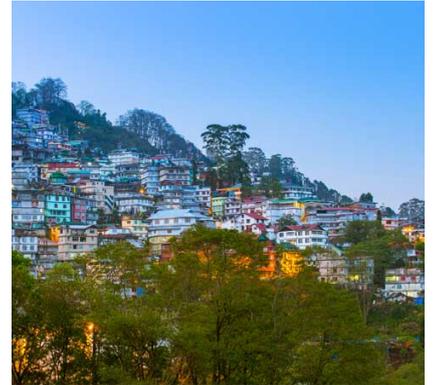
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Day 1 Arrive Siliguri - Gangtok

Welcome to the Siliguri. We have got a fairly long ride ahead of us, so it's best if we hit the ground running. Our journey today will take us along the Teesta River and offer us several opportunities to enjoy beautiful views of the mighty Himalayas. During our long journey, we will have enough time to get accustomed to our bikes and enjoy the fabulous scenery that lines our way.

Once we get to Gangtok, the beautiful capital city of Sikkim, we can relax for a while. We know that the beautiful sights are simply begging to be explored, but you might want to take the rest of the day to relax and properly acclimatise your body to the higher altitude.



Meals: Dinner.

Day 2 Gangtok - Kabi - Lachen

We will wake up to the fresh mountain air and gear up for another spectacular day of riding. Our first stop on today's journey is at Kabi Lungchok, a historic site that's around 17 kilometres away from Gangtok. This little town is surrounded by dense forests, gushing waterfalls and sparkling streams. After learning about the history of the Lepchas, we will continue towards Mangan, where we will stop for lunch and to stretch our legs.

Then, it's onwards to Lachen. The literal meaning of Lachen is 'Big Pass', and this gorgeous location offers a perfect retreat to relax and escape from our monotonous lives. Famous for its vast valleys, Lachen is the base camp for the two main trekking camps of Sikkim, Chopta Valley and Muguthang. If you're lucky enough to visit during the summer, you will get a chance to witness the yak race in the Thangu Valley. Must visit places in Lachen include Chopta Valley, which is a shutterbug's paradise, and the Gurudongmar Lake, which is open only to Hindus and Buddhists.



Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.



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Day 3 Lachen - Gurudongmar Lake - Lachung

Today, we will undertake one of the longest rides of this tour. Thankfully, our journey will take us along paths that offer unlimited beauty. We make our way from Lachen to the gorgeous Gurudongmar Lake. This magnificent water body, which is situated at an altitude of 5,430 metres and is one of the highest lakes in the world. The lake is named after Guru Padmasambhava, who was also known as Guru Rinpoche. He is credited as the founder of Tibetan Buddhism and is said to have visited the lake in the 8th century. The next section of our journey takes us down to Lachung, which is at an elevation of about 2,900 metres. This delightful town sits at the confluence of the Lachen and Lachung rivers. In fact, the British explorer Joseph Dalton Hooker described Lachung as the "most picturesque village of Sikkim" in The Himalayan Journal.



Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4 Lachung - Zero Point - Yumthang - Lachung

Our amazing journey today will take us to the end of civilisation in India. The first leg of our journey is to Zero Point, which is also known as Yumesamdong. Our ride will take us up the mountains, to an elevation of over 4,600 metres above mean sea level. Here, we will find ourselves amidst snow-clad mountains and grazing yak. It's important to remember that the air here is quite thin, so you will need to slowly acclimatise yourself to the changing air conditions. Zero Point is just a little distance away from the Indo-China border, so we will need some special permissions to explore the area. About an hour later, it's time to continue our journey. We head back to Lachung, but along the way we will stop to admire Yumthang, the Valley of Flowers. The gorgeous valley houses around 24 species of rhododendron, so it is home to the Shingba Rhododendron Sanctuary. Apart from the lush greenery, you can also see a thermal spring in the valley. After admiring the beauty of Mother Nature, we head back to our accommodation in Lachung for another night.



Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.



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Day 5 Lanchung - Gangtok

We are about half way through our tour now, and today, we will be riding back to Gangtok. We will leave the snow-capped mountains behind us and traverse across verdant green slopes. Our first stop for today will be at Mangan, where we will relish a delicious lunch. Then, as we continue our journey, we will have the gurgling Teesta flowing alongside for company. After we pass Dikchu, we will head across a few switchbacks before completing the last stretch that leads us to Gangtok. On arrival, we will be able to stretch our legs and perhaps enjoy a quick walk to explore our surroundings. Don't worry if you don't get to experience much of the city tonight, we have a whole day of sightseeing ahead of us tomorrow.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner.



Day 6 Gangtok

It's time to give ourselves and our bikes a break. We will spend the day exploring the many treasures Gangtok has to offer. If you are looking for some spiritual intervention, you can head to one of the many Buddhist monasteries in the city to learn more about the people of Sikkim and their way of life. You can also appreciate the beauty of nature at the Saramsa Botanical Garden and the Jawaharlal Nehru Botanical Garden. As you are wandering around the city, don't forget to feast on some traditional thukpa and momos.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner.



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Day 7 Gangtok - Nathu La Pass - Gnathang

We have got an exciting ride ahead of us. We will leave the city behind and ride past several waterfalls to the mysterious Tsomgo Lake. There aren't any tributaries that feed the lake, yet it continues to stand amidst the lush greenery of these mountains. We will stop here for a delightful lunch along the waterfront.

Then, we dust ourselves off and get ready to ride to the Nathu La Pass that connects Sikkim to Tibet. At a height of 4,310 metres above sea level, it isn't the easiest route to complete. We can click a few quick pictures here, but we will soon be back on track to the Gnathang or Nathang Valley. Our final destination for today is popularly called the 'Ladakh of East India', and is considered to be one of the most beautiful places on the Old Silk Route. Surrounded by snow-capped hills and mountain landscapes, the Chinese Watch Towers on Jelep La are clearly visible from the Gnathang Valley.



Meals: Breakfast and dinner.

Day 8 Gnathang - Zuluk - Gangtok

It's our penultimate day of riding, so we need to really make the most of it and enjoy as many sights and sounds as we can. We will head across the famous Zuluk loops, past several viewing points and make our way to Zuluk. Once we arrive, we will stretch our legs while we enjoy truly mesmerising views of Mount Kanchenjunga, the 3rd highest peak in the world. After relishing the beauty of our surroundings, we will head to Pakyong, where we will stop for a sumptuous lunch.

Once we have had our feed, we will climb back onto our bikes for our journey back to Gangtok. Before we quite reach the main city, we will make a quick detour to the Ranka Monastery. Also known as the Lingdum Gompa, it's one of the most peaceful and picturesque monasteries around Gangtok. The monastery houses a massive quadrangle that leads us to a main prayer hall that is five storeys tall. Within this hall you will find a gilded-metal statue of the Shakyamuni Buddha, along with statues of the 16th Karmapa and Guru Rinpoche. After our spiritual enlightenment, we will complete our short journey to Gangtok for our last night of the trip.



Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.



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Day 9 Depart Gangtok - Siliguri

It's our last ride together, and it's going to be brilliant. We are making our way to Siliguri to catch our transport back home, and we will cruise past gorgeous sceneries and mesmerising panoramic views of verdant greenery. It will take us 4 hours to complete the journey, and every second of it will be totally worth it.

Once we arrive at our destination, we will bid our trusty steeds and fellow travellers adieu before heading to the airport to catch our flights back home.

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Meals: Breakfast.



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Inclusions and Exclusions with Costs

Your Holiday Price

Hub	Twin Sharing Accommodation		Twin Sharing Accommodation		
	Rider	Pillion	Rider	Pillion	
Ex Mumbai	50,100	44,500	Ex Delhi	49,600	44,000

Note:

- Tour operates with a minimum of 14 adults travelling together.
- If you are looking to venture off the beaten path with your own gang, we will be happy to craft an exclusive adventure for you!

*All the services quoted are subject to availability and prices are dynamic and may change. If a service is not available, an alternative will be presented with a revised price.





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Inclusions and Exclusions with Costs

Your Holiday Price Includes

- Return airfare in economy class ex Delhi / ex Mumbai
- Royal Enfield 350 cc / 500 cc or similar.
- 08 nights accommodation on twin / triple sharing basis as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Transfers as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- English speaking Road Captain.
- Mechanic throughout the journey.
- Back up vehicle camper / tempo throughout the journey.
- Medical kit.
- Inner line permits / wild life charges.
- Travel insurance.

Your Holiday Price Excludes

- Fuel for mentioned Motorbikes.
- A reimbursable security deposit of INR 10,000 per motorbike (If bike is damaged, the amount required for the damages shall be deducted at the end of the tour). Client has to pay in case of damage to the vehicle by accident. Spare parts of any kind / engine oil of any kind. Upgrade to other motorbikes. Personal riding gears / helmets. If, the rider because of any circumstances leaves the ride in between then the charges for transporting the bike from the leaving point till end are chargeable from the rider.
- Water Bottles / Flask as North Sikkim is a strictly no plastic zone.
- Any transport to / from Siliguri. Your tour price starts ex Siliguri. (Remove)
- Train or bus fare from / to your originating city of stay, unless specified.
- Admission fees or guide charges to various monuments, temples, forts etc.
- Personal expenses, tips, laundry, telephone calls, personal medicines, alcoholic beverages. Costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances such as bad weather, landslides, road conditions and any other circumstances beyond our control. Any kind of insurance, such as accident, theft, medical, evacuation, etc.
- Any items / services not specifically mentioned under inclusions.
- Goods and Services Tax of 5%.



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Tips for Travellers

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Trip Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of Tour: Siliguri• End of Tour: Siliguri• Total days: 09• Riding days: 08• Rest days: 01• Total riding distance: 940 km• Average distance per day: 120 km• Route: Siliguri - Gangtok - Kabi - Lachen - Gurudongmar Lake - Lachung - Zero Point - Yumthang - Lachung - Gangtok - Nathu La Pass - Gnathang - Zuluk - Gangtok - Siliguri• Season: April to June and September to December
Generic Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is adviseable to have proper safety gears for rider and pillion.• Some areas are political tensed, so because of any such natural or human made calamity if, the tour is extended / diverted or terminated before the ending date then in such case Trip360 will not be responsible for it and any additional cost has to be paid by the clients.
Type of Accommodation	Our package includes a decent accommodation (hotel or resort or camp or homestay) depending on the place. The accommodation is on twin /triple sharing basis. However single accommodation can also be provided with additional cost.
Type of Food	The cuisine in Sikkim is known for being heavily influenced by Nepali cuisine. Most of the dishes are served with rice, and beef and pork are the main meats consumed here. Some delicacies you should try while you are here include dumplings or momos, a noodle soup known as Thukpa, a spicy, tangy pork dish known as Phagshapa, and a deep fried bread dish known as Sha Phaley.



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Clothes to Carry	<p>Appropriate equipment is a component of a successful journey! Travel lightly, try to stay under 45 lb (20 kg). BAGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sailor bag would be perfect, a walker's bag too (without steel bar). You can close it with a padlock if you want to (Don't forget to tag it before leaving with your address) • A small backpack of 20 litres is advised for daily necessities such as camera, sunscreen lotion <p>CLOTHES AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 light pants • 4 shirts (including some with long sleeves, to protect yourself from the sun) • 1 bathing suit • Sun glasses • Hat • Sport shoes or trekking shoes • 1 litre canteen (flask) and a flashlight (don't forget the batteries) • Some sweats and cereal bars <p>PERSONAL MEDICINE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun screen lotion • Lip balm • Broad-spectrum antibiotic • Paracetamol • Anti-diarrhoea • Elastoplast • Skin disinfectant • Bandages and special blisters bandage • Glucose
Equipment Checklist	<p>SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE CLOTHES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorcycle boots are strongly advised or ankle high shoes • Motorbike jacket (synthetic preferred) • Motorbike pant (synthetic preferred) • A rain suit (just in case!) • Gloves • Helmet • Bandana
Driving License	You need to have a standard Indian/International driving permit.
Optional Activities Available	<p>Day 01: Once you have checked in and settled down, you can head out to explore the markets in the town. M. G. Marg Market is dotted with colourful souvenir shops and quaint cafes. You can walk down this market picking up a few knick-knacks for your family back home and relishing the local cuisine - all without completely breaking the bank. If you like, you can also choose to explore Lal Bazaar, which is just below M. G. Marg. Here, you will spot local artisans selling their wares and haggling with the locals. Day 02: During your stay in Lachen, you should definitely check out the Lachen Monastery. This fabulous structure was initially a small hut believed to have been built by Lama Karchen Dorje Drak, and 8 monks help to construct the structure we see today. The monastery houses a state of Guru Padmasambhava and offers spectacular views of the surrounding areas. The entire area is shrouded in tranquillity and the fluttering of prayer flags will welcome you to the monastery. Day 03: If you have some free time in Lachung, you should definitely embrace the town's spirituality at the Samten Choling Monastery. The shrine is known for its breathtaking architecture and tranquil settings. As you make your way through the serene monastery, you will see monks praying and reading religious texts. If you are lucky, you may even have a chance to witness a mask dance, which will give you some insight into the vibrant culture of the state. Day 05: For a magnificent sunset, we would recommend Tashi Point, a well-known viewpoint in Gangtok. You will be completely entranced by the changing colours of the sky as the sun falls below the Himalayan peaks before disappearing beyond the horizon. You can also enjoy mesmerising views of the city and its surroundings from here. This tranquil location also has a few refreshment and souvenir stalls, so you can spend a couple of hours enjoying the view. Day 06: You have the entire day free to explore the city. If you would like to get an adrenalin rush, you can try paragliding over the mountain peaks. There are several operation centres in the city that offer you the chance to soar over the peaks and witness a stunning view of the city. On the other hand, if you would like to embrace the city's spirituality, you can head to one of the many monasteries here. The Tsuk La Khang can be found within the Royal Palace complex and offers mesmerising mountain vistas. You could also choose to visit the Phensang Sangag Choling Monastery, known to house the largest number of monks in Sikkim. If you like, you can choose to wind down your day at either the Saramsa Botanical Garden or the Jawaharlal Nehru Botanical Garden. Day 07: Nathang, or Gnathang, is a scenic little locale along the popular Silk Route. While you are here, you can embrace the beauty of Mother Nature at Eagle's Nest Bunker. This viewpoint will allow you to enjoy a 360 degree view of the valley. You will also be able to view the entire range of Mount Kanchenjunga, the plains of Bengal, West Bhutan, parts of China, and even the River Brahmaputra. There are also Hindu temples and Buddhist shrines that you can visit if you would like to spend a few quiet moments reflecting on life.</p>





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Our Crew	We will have a tour leader who will be guiding you on the tour. In addition to the tour leader, you will also have a bike technician who will assist you in case you have any trouble with your bike.
Flight Information	Bagdogra airport has easy connectivity options available from all over the world.
Medical facilities Available	Basic first aid available.
Luggage Info	Luggage will be carried in the luggage van.



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Books to Read	The Light of His Clan by Chetan Raj Shreshta - Kuldeep Chandanath is an ex-minister for the government of Sikkim, and as he inches towards the end of his life, he has a desire to fulfil his life's mission to uplift his people and improve their lifestyles. Follow Kuldeep as he faces opposition from those he calls family and fights the curse of time. Smash and Grab: The Annexation of Sikkim by Sunanda K Dutta Ray - This gripping book provides a historical glimpse into the annexation of the state of Sikkim into India and the steps it took to get there. This book was initially banned due to a defamation suit as it describes the political turmoil in Sikkim before the annexation and sheds light on how Sikkim actually became a part of India.
Approximate Group Size	14-15 adults.
Money to carry	Approximately INR 15,000.
Tipping	All tipping is optional and by no means mandatory. However, if you feel that your staff and drivers have performed at a good or excellent level, it is a great way to let them know you appreciate their efforts.



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Places to eat	There are plenty of food outlets available in Sikkim. However, in other places only small restaurants and dhabas are available.



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