

INDIA & BHUTAN – HIMALAYAN TRIANGLE 2008

Absorb the old world charm of India's colonial hill station, step into the gentle beauty of Sikkim and peer into the magic that is isolated Bhutan, all the time against a backdrop of the mighty Himalayas.

- Colonial perspectives of Darjeeling Hill Station
- Explore the enchanting, remote landscapes of Sikkim
- Glimpse the Shangri-la Kingdom of Bhutan

Himalayan Triangle: **\$6245** per person (twin share)* **\$1080** Single supplement*
Departs: Land Only (Day 2) **4 April, 3 Oct, 7 Nov 08** Starts & Ends in Calcutta

***Includes:** 16 nights' accommodation in India in twin/double-bedded en-suite rooms. Full Board from breakfast on arrival to dinner on day of departure. All internal flights. Services of local guides and a Walks leader. Walks, sightseeing and entrance fees for the itinerary as described, Travel by comfortable Jeeps & train*

***Not Included:** UK Flights, Airport transfers (these can be pre-booked at extra cost – please ask for details when booking).*

Day 1: Those clients coming from the UK depart – THIS IS NOT INCLUDED FOR AUSTRALIAN CLIENTS.

Day 2: Our 'Land Only' clients arrive Calcutta to join the tour - 1 night

Days 3 & 4: Darjeeling – 2 nights

We fly on to Bagdogra and transfer to the historic hill station of Darjeeling. This charming town is laced with reminders of the colonial era and has Himalayan vistas dominated by the summit of Kanchenjunga. We explore the many intriguing facets of this quintessentially Indian resort including walks through the abundant forests and tea estates, a ride on the world famous Darjeeling Railway and a visit to Tiger Hill to witness sunrise over the mountains.

Days 5 & 6: Pemayangtse - 2 nights

Drive to Sikkim and the town of Pemayangtse from where there are spectacular views of the surrounding villages and Mt Pandim. Our walks take in the Tibetan-inspired Buddhist monasteries of Sanga Choeling and Pemayangtse, the oldest and most important in Sikkim respectively.

Days 7 & 8: Martam - 2 nights

We move on to Martam, a beautiful village situated in a large valley. Walking through rice terraces and the fringes of the forests we can visit remote communities and get a real feel for the local way of life.

Days 9 & 10: Kalimpong - 2 nights

Our route continues to Kalimpong in West Bengal. This airy retreat may be less famous than Darjeeling but is equally enchanting and our walk provides a contrast along the villages paths, terraced hillsides and small hamlets.

Day 11: Phuensholing - 1 night

Travel to the mountain kingdom of Bhutan and the frontier town of Phuensholing.

Days 12 & 13: Thimpu - 2 nights

Continue to the secluded, relaxed capital, Thimpu, from where we walk the trail to Tango monastery with excellent views of the beautiful valley below.

Day 14: Punakha - 1 night

Our route takes us over the Dochula Pass (10,230ft) for spectacular views of the eastern Himalayas on our way to Punakha with its remarkable 'dzong', a fortress set at the confluence of two rivers and once the seat of power in Bhutan.

Days 15 & 16: Paro - 2 nights

Travel to Paro where we have time to soak up the bucolic atmosphere of this most private of countries and from where we visit Taktsang, the 'tigers lair' perched on the very edge of a rock face.

Day 17: Calcutta - 1 night

Fly to Calcutta for a leisurely afternoon prior to departure.

*** Cost is subject to exchange rate fluctuations.**



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