

Darjeeling

India
Extension



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India's Himalayan Retreat

The quiet remoteness of the Himalayas is so addictive that it's hard to leave. So we say don't.

Add our Darjeeling extension to your Bhutan trip, and take full advantage of the rare chance to explore this part of the world. Located in India's West Bengal state, Darjeeling is world-famous for its namesake tea – but it's also the mountaineers' gateway to the world's tallest peaks and a garden spot of the first order. Our unforgettable visit includes three glorious nights at a luxury tea estate.

DAY 1

GLENBURN

- Fly Paro to Bagdogra
- Transfer to the luxury Glenburn Tea Estate
- Cooking instruction

You'll rediscover the long-lost thrill of looking out of your airplane window as you make the scenic flight from Paro to Bagdogra along the edge of the Himalayas. Glenburn, your luxury estate hotel for the duration of your visit, is just a three-hour drive away at the far northeastern tip of India, just across the River Teesta from Sikkim. After settling, the balance of the evening is yours to relax.

Overnight: Glenburn

Meals: D

DAY 2

DARJEELING

- UNESCO World Heritage "Toy Train" through the Himalayas
- Visit a Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and Tibetan Refugee Center
- Afternoon tea tasting session

After breakfast, your hosts at Glenburn show you around their lush, hilly tea plantation. Depending on the season, you may see the tea pickers moving through the fields, hand-selecting the leaves. At a Tea Tasting Session, you discover the differences in aroma, flavor and appearance of tea manufactured in different ways, at different times of the year.

Don't be fooled by the nickname: The "Toy Train" is an engineering marvel with UNESCO World Heritage Status. With rails that are just two feet apart, it's the narrowest of narrow gauges, and its route through the foothills of the Himalayas makes for a stunning journey. We'll also arrange visits to the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and the Tibetan Refugee Center where the shopping for traditional crafts is especially fine.

Tonight: another elegant dinner in the hotel's fine restaurant.

Overnight: Glenburn

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

BORA GAON / SIKKIM

- Morning walk to Bora Gaon village into Simbong Forest
- Explore River Rungeet with a walk across Manjitar Suspension Bridge
- Enter the Indian state of Sikkim

After breakfast, you're off for a lovely downhill walk through the lush terrain. Your naturalist guide will lead you to Bora Gaon village and into the Simbong Forest. It's a habitat rich with birds and butterflies. Your gradual 3,000-foot descent ends at the River Rungeet where you can go fishing, paddle in the rock pools or get in some croquet or beach cricket.

And we love the spectacular walk across the Manjitar Suspension Bridge. Two hundred feet across and 100 feet over the river, it's an adventure all its own. Even better, at the far end, you can enter the Indian state of Sikkim – and if you love to "collect" destinations, the chance to say you've set foot on its remote soil is a real treasure.

In the evening, you're invited to a cooking instruction in the gourmet restaurant's open kitchen.

Overnight: Glenburn

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

DEPART

- Your India visit ends at breakfast
- Transfer to Bagdogra for flight to Bangkok

After breakfast, your transfer to Bagdogra for your flight to Bangkok.

DAILY ITINERARY
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Please note: the internal flight is included.

Overnight: None

Meals: B



Tour Hotels



Glenburn Tea Estate

This tea plantation retreat lies in an estate with 1,000 acres of forest. Suites are in gracious, colonial-style bungalows that overlook the grounds. It's a stunning setting with rolling tea fields, rivers and snow-capped Himalayas in the distance.

OVERNIGHT: Bagdogra | **NIGHTS:** 3

Tour Dates & Prices

To see the full list of dates and prices for this tour, go to our website by clicking [here](#).

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH	4 Days, 3 Nights
START	Lobby of Glenburn Tea Estate, Darjeeling, India
END	Lobby of Glenburn Tea Estate, Darjeeling, India
TERRAIN	Easy to moderate on good trails. An average of 2 to 3 hours of walking per day (transfer days are less)

What's Included

- All breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners
- Guided activities on a sharing basis
- Admissions to historic sites and scheduled events as detailed in the daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- Privileged Access Events

READY TO BOOK?
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ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

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HANDCRAFTING TRIPS OF A LIFETIME.



At the end of the day, we fundamentally believe that every guest on every departure of every trip should have a trip of a lifetime. We're fortunate to play the role of well-connected friend, linking our guests with amazing guides, artisans, winemakers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, naturalists, and too many others to list here.

That's what motivates me and our team — in our La Jolla HQ and around the world — every day. Join Us!

Franklin
President & Founder



You can expect the highest standards:



Luxurious Lodgings:

Ours include coveted properties that appear in "World's Best" and "Gold List" rankings.



Included Activities:

You'll never be surprised with add-on fees on your activities that include snorkeling to cooking lessons.



Local Guides:

Your guides are locals who are always at your side like well-connected friends.



Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



Amazing Cuisine:

From Michelin-starred restaurants to lunch in a farmhouse kitchen, you'll have a seat for the region's signature dishes.



Unmatched Value:

"Excellent value" and "unbeatable access" are two of the reasons that Travel + Leisure has consistently voted us a World's Best Tour Operator.

You'll enjoy these handcrafted travel experiences in India...

"I never felt like a tourist."

-Elizabeth C., New York, NY