

# India Sikkim Kanchenjunga Ridge Trekking

## A Remote Route to the World's Third-Highest Mountain

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## **Small Groups**

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





## Leading the Way

### World-Class Local Guides

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# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

MT Sobek is a legendary outfitter in the Himalayas, offering pioneering cultural and hiking adventures since 1969.

## REASON 2

Our team of local guides are true experts, with over 20 years of experience in the region.

## REASON 3

This exploratory adventure takes intrepid travelers to a less-visited part of Sikkim, staying true to MT Sobek's heritage.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Strenuous hiking on mountain paths, covering 2-7.4 miles per day on rugged terrain at a maximum elevation of 14,470'.



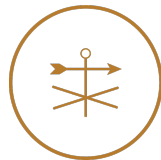
### LODGING

Camping in tents, with a few nights in scenic mountain accommodations on either end of the trip.



### CLIMATE

Daytime temperatures in October will range from 46°F - 54°F and in November from 30°F - 54°F. Nighttime temperatures will range from 23°F-27°F. The weather is usually clear and crisp and is frosty in the mornings.



### KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

*"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.*



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## A Remote Route to the World's Third-Highest Mountain

Get up close to Kanchenjunga, the world's third-highest mountain. Begin your epic adventure at Uttarey and ascend Singalila ridge towards Goechala. Enter dense forests of pine and rhododendron trees in rhapsodic bloom, passing prayer flags, yak herders, and local Sherpa villages scattered throughout the valley. A remote route, this trail to Kanchenjunga's ridge does not see many other trekkers. Join the rarified few who have braved the border straddling Nepal, Sikkim, and West Bengal. Take in the majesty of sacred, high-altitude lakes and sunrises with striking Himalayan views.

## 20 Days

**Start:** Delhi, India

**End:** Delhi, India

**Departing:** October, November

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking, Adventure Camping

**Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels, Luxury Hotels,

Comfortable Camping

**Group Size:** 6-14 Guests

### ACTIVITY:



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*“We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek.”*

- Dennis G.

# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Arrive in Delhi

Arrive in Delhi late tonight. Your guide will be waiting to greet you and transfer to a nearby airport hotel. Settle into a good night's sleep after a long journey.

**MEALS:** Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 15-minute private van transfer

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DAY  
02

## Fly to Bagdogra & Travel to Darjeeling

Transfer to the airport with your trip leader and board a domestic flight to Bagdogra. Travel to Darjeeling by car, while stopping at Kurseong, the "Land of White Orchids" for tea and snacks. Enjoy a welcome dinner in Darjeeling before turning in for the evening.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2.5-hour flight to Bagdogra, 3.5-hour transfer to Darjeeling

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DAY  
03

## Discover Darjeeling

After breakfast, awake in the Darjeeling hills and visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) Everest Museum, established in 1957, the Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Center, and the Happy Valley Tea Estate, where tea is still produced in the traditional way since 1854. Spend the afternoon roaming the bustling alleyways of Darjeeling's colorful bazaars.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 35-minute private van transfer

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DAY  
04

## Drive to Pemayangtse

Rise for an early breakfast and set off by jeep for Pemayangtse (7,380'), or "Perfect Sublime Lotus" in northeastern Sikkim. In the late afternoon, take a short walk through the forest to the ruins of Rabdentse. This fort, which was the second capital of Sikkim under Chogyal II, highlights the glorious history of Sikkim. The Nepalese invasion in the 18th century destroyed the palace and capital and only these ruins remain today. Visit Pemayangtse Monastery, the second oldest in Sikkim, built in 1705 by Lama Lhatsun Chempo. Spend the night at a local hotel.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3.5-hour private van transfer

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## Trek to Archaley

After breakfast, take a scenic drive through the tea plantations to Uttarey in west Sikkim. Follow the River Rangeet, which originates in the Himalayas, and embark on your first walk through local Sherpa villages, gradually climbing, then trekking through forests to Thumki. Climb to Uttarpani (8,720') and continue uphill for views of Kanchenjunga and Pandim, setting up camp at Archaley (9,450'), a tranquil meadow surrounded by peaks.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 4.5 hours/3 miles hiking with 3,050' elevation gain

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## Camp in Kalizar

Begin your morning ascent through rhododendron forests to Hangeypani. Continue uphill before descending to Thulo Dhap. Follow the trail through forests with great mountain vistas, and climb steeply for an hour to Khardak Danda, passing abandoned shepherd huts, and later, to camp at Kalizar (11,320'). Breathe in staggering views of Kumbakarna (25,295'), Koktang (20,170'), Rathong (21,915'), Kabru South (24,000'), Kabru North (24,240'), Talung (24,110'), Kanchenjunga (28,208'), Simvo (22,350') and Pandim (21,950').

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5.5 hours/3 miles hiking with 1,870' elevation gain

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## Take in Himalayan Views & Climb to Major

Get up early and trek to the viewpoint at Phoktey Dara for sweeping sights of Nepal's high Himalaya, including Mera Peak (21,830'), Chamlang (24,010'), Baruntse (23,690'), Nuptse (25,850'), Lhotse (28,120'), Makalu (27,825'), Chomolonzo (25,640'), and the Sikkim Himalayas' 3 Sisters, Janu, Kanchenjunga and Pandim. Spot Bhutan in the far distance or the nearby villages dotting the rolling hills. Descend to Chiwabhanjang and climb to your camp at Major (10,790').

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/3 miles hiking with 1,000' elevation loss

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## Walk the Ridge Between Sikkim & Nepal

Continue on an ancient path past prayer flags at 11,480'. Descend to 10,825' and traverse Sikkim and Nepal while clinging to the narrow ridgetop. The dense rhododendron forests in spring are in full bloom, adding color to this inspired walk. Stop for lunch before heading to camp at Dhor (12,200'). Spend the evening on the Nepal side of the ridge, with a sunset panorama of the iconic peaks of Makalu and Everest.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6 hours/6 miles hiking with 4,090' elevation gain and 2,100' elevation loss

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DAY  
09

### Watch the Sunrise on Kanchenjunga

Wake up early to catch the sunrise on Kanchenjunga, the world's third tallest mountain. Spend the day going uphill and downhill against a stunning backdrop of native flora and fauna, prayer flags, and peaks, before arriving at camp in Paharay Megu (12,895').

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/5 miles hiking with 2,250' elevation gain and 1,665' elevation loss

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DAY  
10

### Visit Sacred Lakes Around Lampokhari

Experience closer mountain views today. Follow a wide valley, passing by a waterfall and the holy, emerald boot-shaped lake at Lampokhari, an important pilgrimage site for the Sikkimese who visit during the monsoon months. Begin your ascent along a winding path to Kangla Pass (13,780') and Danfe Bir, taking in the Kanchenjunga and Padim mountains before camping lakeside by Jumlay Pokhari (14,600').

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6-7 hours/5 miles hiking with 2,300' elevation gain and 860' elevation loss

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DAY  
11

### Trek to Yangseb

Enjoy sunrise just footsteps from your tent. After breakfast, descend through forests of juniper and pine to Gomathang near the river. Have lunch and climb to camp at Yangseb.



**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5 hours/5 miles hiking with 2,290' elevation gain and 3,500' elevation loss

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DAY  
12

### Journey to Panding

Trek the hillside and cross a small river, climbing to reach a small pass with views looking back towards the mountains. You've made it this far—soak it all in and head for camp at Panding (14,025').

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5 hours/3 miles hiking with 2,370' elevation gain and 1,300' elevation loss

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DAY  
13

### Cross Tegyapla Pass & onto Dzongri

Head to Tegyapla and its ancient shepherds' huts, crossing the river to climb to Tegyapla Pass (14,270'). Descend to Shabchu stream, and gradually ascend to the expansive meadows of Chaurikhang (13,520') and Dzongri.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6 hours/7 miles hiking with 984' elevation gain and 2,132' elevation loss

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DAY  
14

### Rest Day at Dzongri

Spend a leisurely day among alpine meadows as you acclimate to the elevation. Relax at camp surrounded by snow-capped mountain peaks or explore on a light hike.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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DAY  
15

### Descend to the Praig Chu & Camp at Lamune

Set off early for a majestic sunrise on Kanchenjunga and the neighboring peaks of Rathong (21,925'), Kokthang (20,180'), Kabru Dome (21,670') and Forked Peak (20,060'). Follow a scenic ridge and descend down for lunch along the banks of the glacial Praig Chu. Climb to Thangsing, an open campsite with the southern ridge of Kanchenjunga, the Oglathang Glacier and Pandim directly in view. Walk to camp at Lamune (13,660'), the thrill of towering peaks looming overhead.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6-7 hours/7 miles hiking with 2,625' elevation gain and 2,175' elevation loss

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## DAY 16

### View the Eastern Wall of Kanchenjunga & Camp at Thangsing

Head out early for Samiti Pokhari, a sacred lake surrounded by snow-capped peaks. Climb to see the sunrise again on Kanchenjunga, every angle anew. Follow the lake and ascend a series of moraine ridges on the eastern edge of the Oglathang Glacier. View the stunning eastern wall of Kanchenjunga, including five principle summits of the massif and the stunning Kabru and Rathong peaks. Return to camp and continue descending to reach Thangsing.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6-7 hours/7 miles hiking with 1,425' elevation gain and 2,205' elevation loss

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## DAY 17

### Descend to Tsokha

Backtrack on your journey where you'll take another return route, towards the quaint Tsokha in Sikkim, descending through forests of tall rhododendrons and magnolias.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6 hours/7 miles hiking with 1,200' elevation gain and 4,500' elevation loss

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## DAY 18

### End your Trek in Yuksom

Continue downhill through forest trails and rhododendrons to the historical town of Yuksom, where the first king of Sikkim was coronated. Walk to Dubde Monastery, or visit the sacred, serene lake. Overnight in a local hotel.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5 hours/7.5 miles hiking with 1,960' elevation gain and 5,900' elevation loss

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## DAY 19

### Drive to Kalimpong

In the morning, drive to Kalimpong in the Himalayn foothills above the Teesta River. An important trading hub among Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim, Kalimpong is home to colonial-style buildings, landscaped gardens and sacred Buddhist scriptures. Spend the evening regaling your fellow trekkers with sights and stories at a farewell dinner to conclude your epic tour of Sikkim and the Kanchenjunga ridge.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 5.5-hour private van transfer

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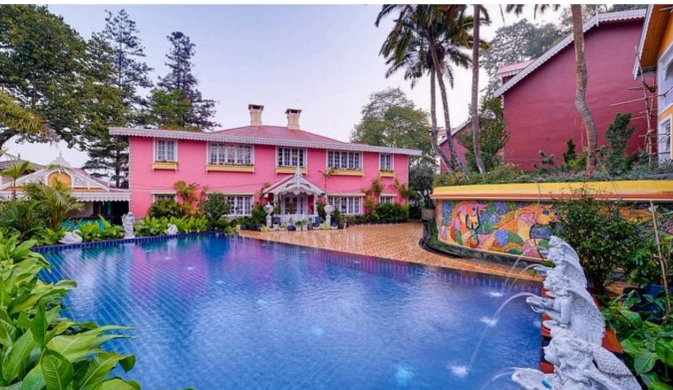
## DAY 20

### Drive to Bagdogra & Fly to Delhi

Transfer to Bagdogra and board a flight to Delhi for connection to departing international flights.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer & flight to Delhi



# Where You'll Stay

**These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.**

## **Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport**

Ideally located minutes from Indira Gandhi International Airport off the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway, the Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport hotel offers modern accommodations with convenient access to the airport and city for transiting travelers.

## **Holiday Inn Aerocity**

Just minutes from IGI New Delhi Airport in Aerocity and its T3, this convenient airport hotel provides complimentary airport transfers, concierge service to Delhi's tourist attractions, guest rooms outfitted with contemporary amenities, a fitness center, and outdoor pool.

## **New Elgin**

Formerly the summer residence of the Maharaja of Cooch Behar, the Elgin Darjeeling is a 125-year-old heritage property in the heart of Darjeeling town in the Himalayan hills. With colonial-era charm and fully-restored interiors of Burmese teak furniture, oak panelling, fireplaces and objets d'art, the hotel centers around a lush garden, with eclectic rooms featuring mountain and valley views.

## **Windamere**

The Windamere is a landmark property dubbed "One of the three jewels of the Raj." Once a boarding house for English and Scottish tea planters, the heritage hotel rests on Observatory Hill, with well-appointed cottages, villas, and a central house frequented by notable guests throughout history.



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## **Mayfair**

The Mayfair Darjeeling is a heritage property with old-world charm in a serene hillside setting, featuring spacious family rooms and suites, sunset views, fitness facilities, and a restaurant bar.

## **Chumbi Mountain Retreat**

The Chumbi Mountain Retreat, located below Pelling in West Sikkim is a mountain resort surrounded by nature. With a unique monastery-like structure, and a traditional ambiance, the property's rooms are modern and comfortable, with an undeniable Sikkimese charm.

## **The Elgin Mount Pandim**

The Elgin Mount Pandim, once owned by the royal family of Sikkim, is set across eight acres of landscaped gardens and lush greenery with views of the Singalila range. Adjacent to the Pemayangtse monastery, the hotel's 30 rooms are individually designed with native textiles and natural tones, boasting global comforts with local Sikkimese craft.

## **MT Sobek Camp - Kanchenjunga**

Sleep in 3-person Mountain Hardwear tents for every 1-2 people. Our tents have a reinforced floor with additional ground sheets for wet ground. We have dining tents with tables and folding chairs with backrests. Toilet tents with commodes. Warm washing water is provided in the mornings and when reaching camp in the evenings. Tea and coffee with biscuits is served in the tents in the morning.

## **Tashigang Hotel**

In West Sikkim, Yuksom's Tashigang Hotel features snow-capped views of the region's peaks, and is a comfortable base to explore the town with manicured lawns, an in-house restaurant and bar, and rooms with traditional Sikkimese touches and decor.

## **The Elgin Silver Oaks**

A colonial-era boutique hotel in Kalimpong with landscaped gardens and tastefully curated decor was once owned by Mr. Diamond Oberoi. Twenty-five rooms overlook the Himalayas and the lush Teesta river valley. Individually designed around bright and dynamic color themes inspired by the local flora, rooms feature indulgent comforts and natural, inspired decor.

## **Mayfair Himalayan Spa Resort**

The Mayfair Himalayan Spa Resort in the hill town of Kalimpong has majestic views of snow-clad mountains, playing host to a rich history of world leaders and pioneering mountaineers. With classic heritage rooms and spacious suites designed in a contemporary style, Mayfair also has a spa, gym, restaurant, library, bar, and children's play room.

# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: October, November

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**  
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

October 19-November 7, 2024

October 26-November 14, 2024

October 11-30, 2025

November 1-20, 2025

# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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