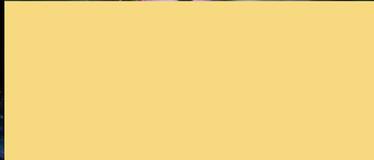



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# Green Lake Trek



## Trek Description:

The Green Lake is a 90 km long trek leading to the basecamp of the mighty Kanchenjunga. Passing through some extraordinary landscapes in the heart of the Himalayas, full with dense rhododendron forests, alpine meadows, endless glaciers and a view of the Himalayan peaks that simply cannot be compromised, this trek is a must for the passionate trekker. It ends at the base of the holiest peak in Sikkim, regarded as the main protector of the eastern Himalayan state which shares its borders with Tibet, Nepal and Bhutan.



Difficult as climb goes on to 5000m



October 10 - 21, 2018



Pleasant days and cold morning and nights



12 days trip with 9 day trekking



Bagdogra is the nearest airport to access Sikkim

**ACCOMMODATION** : 3 nights in hotel  
and 8 nights in tents on the trek



## KANCHENJUNGA BASECAMP

Trek to the basecamp of Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak in the world

## STUNNING SINIOLCHU

Camp close to Siniolchu 6,888m widely regarded as the prettiest peak in the world

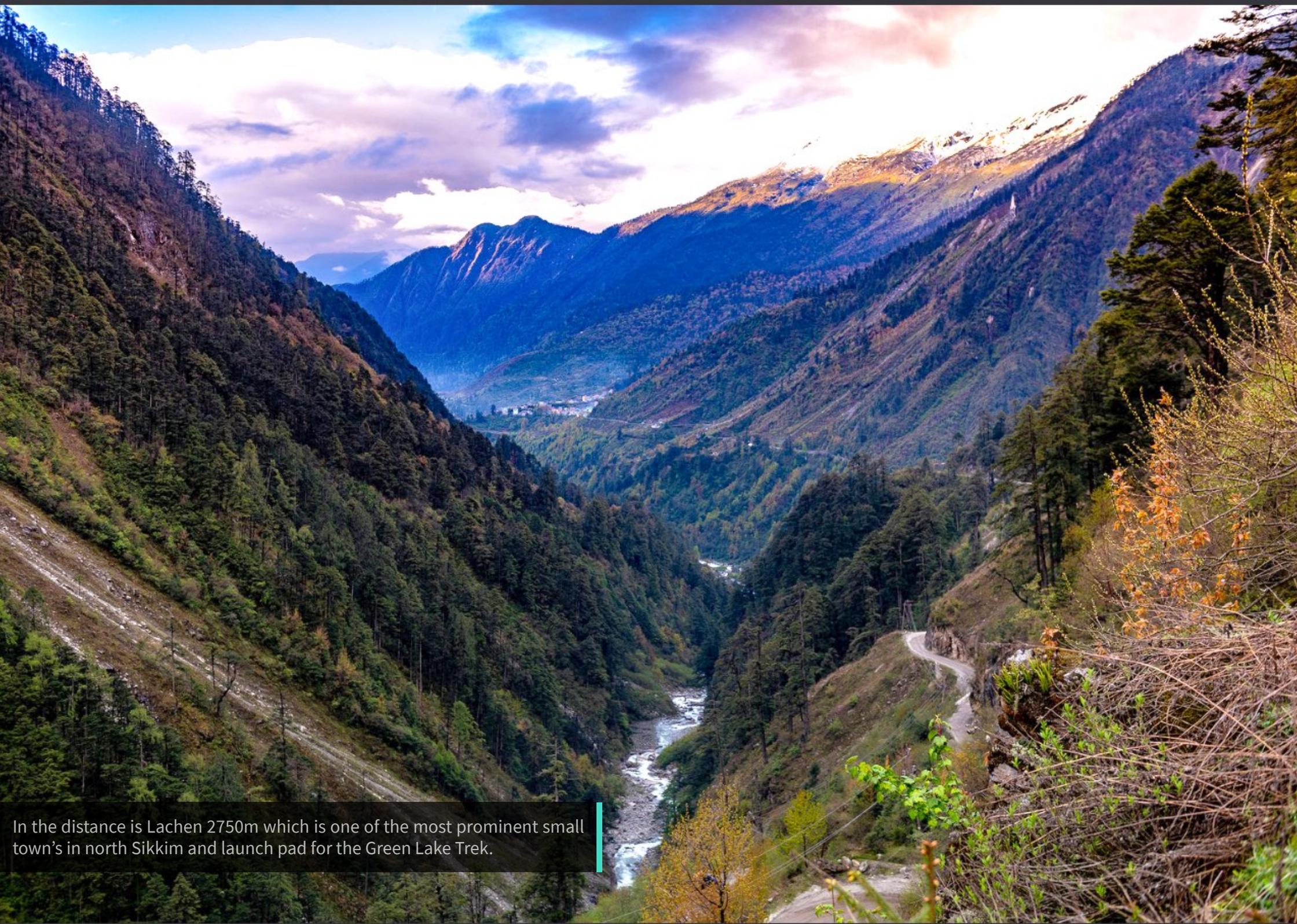


## PREMIUM ACCOMMODATION

This trip includes 2 hotel nights in Gangtok and 1 night in Lachen



The Green Lake trek starts and ends with night at Gangtok. The city offers comfortable accommodation and entertainment options.



In the distance is Lachen 2750m which is one of the most prominent small town's in north Sikkim and launch pad for the Green Lake Trek.

The trek starts from Lachen and heads along the Zemu Chu to its origin from the Zemu Glacier. The well marked route heads westwards along the Zemu Chu





The trail goes through thick green forests, upto the hut at Yabuk. Beyond Yabuk the tree line starts thinning till one reaches the Rest Camp

Beyond the Rest Camp to Green Lake the walk is along a fairly well marked trail in a valley adjoining the Zemu Glacier.



There are beautiful views of several peaks, prominent among them being the Siniolchu Peak 6887m, Little Siniolchu 6538m, Simvo 6811m, Kanchenjunga Massif (8476m & 8585m) - 3rd highest peak in the world, The Twins Peak 7350m, Nepal Peak 7168m, Tent Peak 7365m, Pyramid Peak 7123m in a semi-circular arc stretching clockwise from South East to North West.



In the distance overlooking the Zemu Glacier one can see the peak of Siniolchu. On the Green Lake trek one gets good views of the various glaciers from the different peaks like the Siniolchu glacier, Simvo Glacier, Twins Glacier, Nepal Gap Glacier confluencing with the mighty Zemu Glacier.



Simvu on the left , the Zemu Gap and Kangchenzonga

Another prominent feature visible from Green Lake is the Zemu Gap 5861m, the lowest point on the ridgeline between the Simvu peak and Kanchejunga Massif, separating the Zemu Glacier to its north and Tongshong Glacier and is the route to connect the Green Lake Trek with the Gocha La Trek.



South 8494m

Central 8482m

Main 8586m

Yalung Kang 8505m

Kangbachen 7903m

South East Ridge

North Ridge

Ramthang Tse 6852m

North East Spur

North Col

The Green Lake trek offers a most dramatic view of Mt. Kanchenjunga massif

Zemu Glacier



Siniolchu 6856 metres, north face, as seen from Rest Camp. Siniolchu is widely considered as one of the prettiest peaks in the world thanks to its straight lines and pyramid type structure



# DETAILED ITINERARY

Day	Activity	Distance & Time	Height	Accommodation
October 10	<b>Fly Bagdogra – Gangtok :</b> It's a pleasant drive and passes through the Teesta river valley with its dense teak forests. In Gangtok we are near the centre of the town and there is time to explore the city.	124 Kms 4 hours drive	1560m	Netuk House Gangtok
October 11	<b>Gangtok - Lachen :</b> After breakfast we will drive to Lachen in north Sikkim stopping in Mangan for lunch. The views on the drive are stunning as you will be passing through the lush green hillsides of Sikkim.	135 kms 6 hours drive	2750m	Apple Orchard Resort, Lachen
October 12	<b>Lachen - Tallem :</b> We drive for 15 minutes to arrive at Zema and head west to follow the left bank of the Zemu Chu towards Green Lake. The trail for the first 6 kms is wide and broad .Sometimes the route is hampered with landslides. After a further 6 kms we reach Tallem at the confluence of Lhonak Chu with Zemu Chu.	12 km 5-6 hrs	3240m	Tents
October 13	<b>Tallem - Jakthang :</b> Today the trail enters some of the most magnificent rhododendron forests which are the pride of Sikkim. At Jakthang you can already see a few peaks towering above the pine trees.	8km 4-5hrs	3430m	Tents
October 14	<b>Jakthang - Yabuk :</b> The trail continues through the alpine forest with several ascents and descends on the route with stretches following the trail beside the river. After a tiring 8 Kms we reach the camping ground of Yabuk. Yabuk is a beautiful camping area but it gets cold and windy as it is near the glacier.	8km 4-5hrs	4040m	Tents
October 15	<b>Climb towards Tangchung La :</b> Today is a summit and acclimatisation day. We continue west along the Zemu Cha for couple of km's and set up camp. Immediately after we start climbing towards Tangchung La 5150m which is a pass offering access towards the north. The intention is to get upto a height of about 4500m towards the pass.	4 km 5-6 hours	4100m	Tents
October 16	<b>Tengchung La Junction - Rest Camp :</b> From the campsite the trail enters the moraine field of the Zemu Glacier, crossing boulders and pebbles. Its a challenging stretch due to the altitude and the trail conditions but one is rewarded with magnificent views of mountain peaks like Siniolchu and Simvo and Kanchenjunga.	7km 3 - 4 hrs	4480m	Tents
October 17	<b>Rest Camp - Green Lake - Rest Camp :</b> The trail from Rest camp towards the Green Lake is along a moraine ridge. Finally we reach Green lake camp which is a vast open ground. Kanchenjunga the Twins, Siniolchu, Simvo, Nepal Peak, Tent Peak, Nepal Col, Nepal Gap is some of the natural wonders that you will witness from here. If you look to the distant East Jhomolhari stands before you in the grandest form far away in Bhutan.	12km/6 hrs	4480m	Tents
October 18	<b>Rest Camp - Yabuk :</b> Today we start retracing our steps towards Yabuk with moderate pace and enjoy the beauty of the trek.	8km/3 hrs	4040m	Tents
October 19	<b>Yabuk - Tallem :</b> Continue to descend further towards Tallem over a long day.	20km/7hrs	3240m	Tents
October 20	<b>Tallem - Lachen - Gangtok :</b> Start early for Lachen 2750m and immediately start the drive down to Gangtok by early afternoon to celebrate the successful completion of the trek.	12kms/4 hrs 6 hours drive	1560m	Elgin Hotel & Resorts at Gangtok
October 21	<b>Gangtok - Bagdogra :</b> Drive to Bagdogra airport to catch onward flight.	124kms/4 hrs	n.a.	n.a.

# ACCOMMODATION



## Accommodation in Gangtok at the start of the Trip: Netuk House

Netuk House was built in the 1950's and is a heritage property providing an authentic Sikkim experience. It is beautifully located right next to the main square of Gangtok town and convenient for short stay in Gangtok.



## Accommodation in Lachen on day 2 of the Trip: The Apple Orchard Resort

The Apple Orchard Resort with eleven spacious deluxe rooms with all modern amenities, could in itself be the sole reason of the visit to Lachen. Owned and managed by **Karma & Chopel**, the exquisitely landscaped resort is set amidst a real apple orchard where you could be plucking apples while you roam around the ample space that is an integral part of the Apple Orchard other attractions.



## Accommodation in Gangtok at the end of the trip: Elgin Nor-Khill

The Elgin Hotel & Resorts is a small property offering luxury accommodation. Built by the King of Sikkim in 1932 around a beautiful garden, the Nor-Khill served as his royal guesthouse for receiving Heads of states and dignitaries. It is today considered the finest hotel in the state.

## Trip Fee INR 94000

# COSTING

### Inclusions

- ▶ All Transfers in Sikkim by Innova Cars across 4 days on the trip
- ▶ Facilitation of Inner Line permit to trek for Indian Nationals
- ▶ Hotel stay with all meals at Netuk House, Gangtok at double occupancy on Day 1 of the trip
- ▶ Hotel stay with all meals at Apple Orchard Resort, Lachen at double occupancy on Day 2 of the trip
- ▶ Hotel stay with all meals at Elgin Hotel & Resorts at Gangtok at double occupancy on Day 11 of the trip
- ▶ Trekking support across 8 nights and 9 days including porter, guide and meal support
- ▶ National Park and Trekking Permit Fees
- ▶ GST

### Exclusions

- ▶ Airfare to Bagdogra
- ▶ Meals while travelling in car to and from the trekking area
- ▶ Tips to staff after the end of the trek
- ▶ Any event which causes significant change in the schedule of the trip

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As this trip is on porter back maximum weight for duffel bags is restricted to 12 kg's

Lead time to obtain Inner Line Permit for non Indian's is about 2 months

If you would like to join this trek please complete the Juniper Booking Form through the following link :

<https://goo.gl/forms/hRTAuV4inrD8mt3C2>



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