

Doklam Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Gangtok, Sikkim

- **Arrival:** Arrive in **Gangtok**, the capital city of Sikkim, via **Bagdogra Airport** (4-5 hours drive) or **New Jalpaiguri Railway Station**.
- **Evening:** Explore the local markets of **MG Marg** and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of Gangtok.

Day 2: Explore Gangtok

- **Morning:** Visit the **Rumtek Monastery**, one of the largest in Sikkim, and learn about the region's Tibetan Buddhist culture.
- **Afternoon:** Visit the **Enchey Monastery** and the **Tsomgo Lake** (also known as **Changu Lake**), a serene glacial lake at 12,400 feet.
- **Evening:** Take a walk around **Banjhakri Falls** and relax in the scenic beauty of the valley.

Day 3: Excursion to Nathula Pass and Tsomgo Lake

- **Morning:** Take a full-day excursion to **Nathula Pass**, the Indo-China border pass. It is located at an altitude of 14,140 feet and offers panoramic views of the Himalayan mountains. (Note: Check with the authorities for permits, as Nathula is a restricted area).
- **Afternoon:** Visit **Tsomgo Lake**, located on the way to Nathula. If you have time, enjoy a yak ride around the lake.
- **Evening:** Return to Gangtok for a relaxed evening.

Day 4: Travel to Phuentsholing, Bhutan

- **Morning:** Depart early from Gangtok and head towards **Phuentsholing**, Bhutan's border town. It takes around 6-7 hours by road.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in Phuentsholing, relax at the hotel, and explore the **Zangtho Pelri Lhakhang** and the **Phuentsholing Market**.
- **Evening:** Enjoy Bhutanese cuisine at a local restaurant.

Day 5: Travel to Thimphu

- **Morning:** After breakfast, drive to **Thimphu**, the capital city of Bhutan (5-6 hours drive).
- **Afternoon:** Visit **Tashichho Dzong**, the seat of the Bhutanese government, and **Buddha Dordenma**, one of the largest Buddha statues in the world.
- **Evening:** Explore the **local handicraft shops** in Thimphu and the **Clock Tower Square**.

Day 6: Explore Paro

- **Morning:** Drive from Thimphu to **Paro** (2-3 hours).
- **Afternoon:** Visit the famous **Taktsang Monastery** (Tiger's Nest), perched on a cliff at 3,120 meters.
- **Evening:** Explore **Paro Dzong** and enjoy a leisurely walk in **Paro Valley**.

Day 7: Day Trip to Haa Valley

- **Morning:** Take a day trip to **Haa Valley**, a pristine valley known for its natural beauty and remote charm (approx. 2 hours drive from Paro).
- **Afternoon:** Visit **Haa Dzong** and explore the rural villages in the area. Haa is known for its traditional Bhutanese architecture and peaceful atmosphere.
- **Evening:** Return to Paro and relax for the night.

Day 8: Departure from Paro

- **Morning:** Depending on your flight schedule, visit the **National Museum of Bhutan** and **Rinpung Dzong**.
- **Afternoon:** Depart from **Paro Airport** to your onward destination.

