

Gurudongmar Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Gangtok and Travel to Lachen (120 km, 5-6 hours)

- **Morning:** Arrive in **Gangtok**, the capital of Sikkim, early in the morning. Take a brief rest and prepare for your journey to **Lachen**, a small town in North Sikkim, which serves as the base for the trip to Gurudongmar.
- **Midday:** Begin the drive from Gangtok to Lachen. The road takes you through picturesque landscapes, including valleys, rivers, and lush forests. You'll pass through **Mangan**, the district headquarters of North Sikkim, where you can stop for a quick break.
- **Afternoon:** Reach **Lachen** by late afternoon. Lachen is known for its beautiful setting, with towering peaks and a peaceful atmosphere. Check into your guesthouse or homestay, where you can rest and acclimatize.
- **Evening:** Take a short walk around the town, visit the local **monastery**, and enjoy a quiet evening in the fresh mountain air.
- **Night:** Overnight stay in Lachen.

Day 2: Visit Gurudongmar Lake and Return to Gangtok

- **Morning:** After an early breakfast, depart for **Gurudongmar Lake**. The road from Lachen to Gurudongmar is rugged, and the journey takes approximately 4-5 hours. The drive takes you through stunning high-altitude landscapes, with barren terrains, snow-covered peaks, and alpine meadows.
- **Midday:** Upon reaching **Gurudongmar Lake**, take a moment to marvel at the beauty of this high-altitude, crystal-clear lake, surrounded by snow-covered mountains. It is a sacred site for both Sikhs and Buddhists, with a portion of the lake remaining unfrozen even in harsh winters. Spend time soaking in the spiritual ambiance and natural beauty.
- **Note:** As Gurudongmar is at a very high altitude, it is important to take things slowly and stay hydrated. Visitors are advised to spend a limited amount of time here to avoid altitude sickness.
- **Afternoon:** After spending some time at the lake, begin your return journey to **Lachen**. Stop for lunch in Lachen and rest before continuing your drive back.
- **Evening:** Travel back to **Gangtok**, where you should arrive by evening, marking the end of your journey to Gurudongmar Lake.

