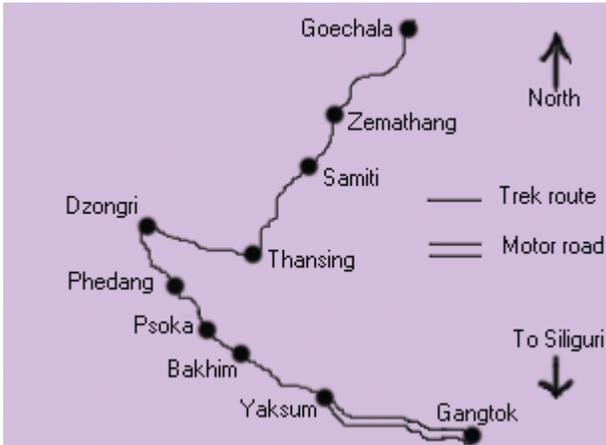




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Dzongri – Goechala Trek



Map not to scale

Located in the western part of Sikkim, this route passes through the forests of the Kanchenjunga National Park. The trek originates from Yaksum (6,200 ft). Enroute one can stay in trekkers' huts and tents. The entire route upto Psoka passes through a forest of Oak, Spruce, Chestnuts, Firs, Pines, Giant Magnolias and Rhododendrons.

Tour grade: strenuous.
Trek/day: 2.5–11 miles.
Total distance covered: 55 miles.
Trekking days: 8 days.
Max altitude reached: 16,600 ft.
Best time to trek: Route open between April and early June and from middle of September to early November.
Accommodation: 4 nights in hotels, 7 nights in trekker's hut or tent.
Meals: Three meals per day included in package.
Start of tour: Kolkata.
End of tour: Kolkata.
Minimum winter temperature: -4°C to -8°C.
Minimum summer temperature: 1°C to 2°C.
Package Prices: Gold: \$780 per person for a group of 3–4 people. Silver: \$695 per person for a group of 3–4 people. For groups of other sizes and for Indian residents, please visit: www.SummitToSeaTours.com

The route from Yaksum to Bakhim is quite steep sometimes crossing beautiful streams and waterfalls. One can get a breathtaking view of Kanchenjunga, Frey peak, Kabru Dome, Rathong and Mount Pandim from Dzongri Top (14000 ft). The peaks and mountain ranges look ominously close from this spot. The trek route from Dzongri to Thansing offers enchanting views of all the tall peaks including Pandim and Kabru dome.

At 15200 ft, one can camp at the shores of Samiti Lake at the base of Mount Pandim. The route from Samiti to Goechala passes through rugged terrain and you may be able to encounter herds of Blue sheep and some very rare Himalayan fauna. From Goechala (16600 ft) the view of Kanchenjunga is quite awe-inspiring. Due to the harsh weather and scarcity of drinking water it is not possible to camp at Goechala. The route from Goechala to Yaksum, on the way back, is mostly downhill sometimes passing through the virgin forest of rhododendrons.

Trek grade: Strenuous - A bit of physical fitness is required to participate in this trek which takes you to maximum altitude of 16600 ft.



View from Phedang

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Dzongri – Goechala trek itinerary:

- Day 1:** Arrive at Kolkata. Overnight at hotel.
- Day 2:** Kolkata – Siliguri: Fly to Siliguri taking the morning flight. Arrive at Bagdogra airport



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and then travel to Yaksum by car, which takes around 5 hours. Overnight at the hotel in Yaksum.

- Day 3:** **Yaksum – Bakhim:** We start early after breakfast for our today's destination – Bakhim (9000 ft.). The route passes through the dense forest of the Kanchenjunga National Park abounding in various flora and fauna. It takes about 6 hours to cover the distance of 8.5 miles upto Bakhim. Overnight at the forest trekker's hut. Alternate arrangement of stay can be made in tents.
- Day 4:** **Bakhim – Phedang:** The trek route starts with a steep climb till Psoka (10000 ft.), the last tiny village of the Bhutias. Today we cover a distance of 5 miles in about 4 hours. From Phedang (11500 ft.) the view of the snow peaks are magnificent. Overnight in tents at Phedang.
- Day 5:** **Phedang – Dzongri:** The route from Phedang climbs steeply upto Deorali. We start after breakfast and reach Dzongri (13400 ft.) in about 3 ½ hours covering a distance of 2 ½ miles. Overnight in trekker's hut or tent.
- Day 6:** **Dzongri – Thansing:** After viewing sunrise from Dzongri top we head for our next destination, Thansing, at an altitude of 13000 ft. The trail passes through beautiful meadows and valleys. It takes about 4 hours to cover the distance of 4.5 miles. Through out the route one can enjoy breathtaking views of Pandim and Kabru peaks. Overnight in tents or trekker's hut.
- Day 7:** **Thansing – Samiti Lake:** Today we trek to Samiti Lake (covering 3.7 miles in 3 hours), situated at an altitude of 15200 ft. The route is a gradual climb, in the beginning, to a steep one after sometime. The trail crosses high grasslands and then through boulders. Camp at the shores of the emerald colored lake.
- Day 8:** **Samiti Lake – Goechala – Thansing:** We start very early and reach Goechala (16600 ft.) after a steep climb over boulders. It takes about 2 ½ hours to cover the 3.7 miles. Due to the harsh weather and scarcity of drinking water it is not possible to camp at Goechala. After spending sometime at the spot we trek our way back to Thansing. We have lunch at Samiti. Overnight at Thansing.
- Day 9:** **Thansing – Psoka:** The trek from Thansing to Phedang is quite easy and is through the rhododendron forest. The trail then descends upto Psoka where we halt for the night in tents or trekker's hut. Today we cover a distance of 9 miles in about 6 hours.
- Day 10:** **Psoka – Yaksum:** Today we trek, at a leisurely pace, to Yaksum through Bakhim. We cover a distance of 10 ½ miles in about 5 ½ hours. Overnight at hotel in Yaksum.
- Day 11:** **Yaksum – Siliguri – Kolkata:** We start early to reach Bagdogra airport for flight to Kolkata. It takes around 5 hours to drive to the airport. Arrive at Kolkata in the afternoon and check in at the hotel. Tour concludes at the end of the day.

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Information on services and material included in our package:

- For keeping our rates affordable, we normally (provide) three-star hotel accommodation in big cities. However, for an extra charge we can arrange for more expensive accommodation on request.
- On our treks, we provide excellent fresh meals cooked hygienically. We also offer fresh fruits and boiled water throughout the treks.
- We provide skilled & experienced local guides, porters and cooks in all our treks.
- We provide international-quality tents, good quality foam mattresses and other trekking gear on all our trek packages.
- We carry a complete first-aid medical kit during the treks and trips.
- Package includes all entrance fees to national forests and tourist destinations on the Puri trip.

The trek package does *not* include:

- Personal accident insurance
- Rescue flights
- International and domestic air fare, airport tax
- Sightseeing cost within any cities and towns
- Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks on treks.
- Any cost arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, etc.
- Other personal expenses

Cancellation Policy:

Treks usually involve significant logistical arrangements involving food, lodging, porters, etc. The advance fees from our customers are used for making these sorts of reservations well in advance, most of which are non-refundable. In light of these realities, we have come up with the following cancellation policy. We ask for an advance fee of about 60% of the cost of the trip. If the customer cancels the trip 60 days or more in advance, we will return 40% to the customer who will forfeit the remaining 20% of the cost of the trip.

- If the customer cancels the trip 30 to 59 days in advance, we will return 30% to the customer who will forfeit the remaining 30% of the cost of the trip.
- If the customer cancels the trip 14 to 29 days in advance, we will return 20% to the customer who will forfeit the remaining 40% of the cost of the trip.
- If the customer cancels the trip 7 to 14 days in advance, we will return 10% to the customer who will forfeit the remaining 50% of the cost of the trip.
- If the customer cancels the trip less than 7 days in advance, the customer will forfeit the full advance of 60% of the cost of the trip.

Alteration of Schedule by Customer:

If the customer chooses to alter the confirmed arrangements after reservations have been made, an amendment fee (plus any increased charges) may be charged apart from all expenses related to the specific reservation. While we cannot assure that all alterations can be accommodated, we will do our very best

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