

## SIKKIM TOURISM CALENDER

Season /	Months & Dates	Tourism Products/Events / Fairs & Festival	Places/ Destinations / Circuits	Important Activities
SPRING	March to May	Adventure Tourism Eco & Wildlife Tourism Village Tourism Wellness Tourism Conference Tourism, Religious & Pilgrimage Tourism	Valley of flowers, Yumethang, North Rhododendrons at Varshey-Uttarey, West Primula flowering at Changu-Nathula, East Trekking from Yuksam-Dzongri, West For conference- Gangtok, Saramsa Gardens, Namchi Gyalshing, Lachung Chaite Dasain Sakewa (festival of the Rai community) White Water Rafting at Teesta	Trekking, River rafting Flowering seasons Mountaineering Paragliding, Festivals
SUMMER & MONSOON	June to August	Adventure Tourism Eco & Wildlife Tourism Village Tourism Wellness Tourism Conference Tourism, Religious & Pilgrimage Tourism	Entire state except lower parts For conference- Gangtok, Saramsa Gardens, Namchi Gyalshing, Lachung 15 August celebrated with fanfare all over the state Saga Dawa, Bhanu Jayanti Drukpa Tsheshi, Tendong Lho Rum Faat, Birdwatching Monsoon Flowering - North Sikkim, Changu-Nathula -Kupup	Waterfalls, experience sowing of paddy in the fields with music, dance & local cuisine

AUTUMN	September to November	Adventure Tourism Eco & Wildlife Tourism Village Tourism Wellness Tourism Conference Tourism, Religious & Pilgrimage Tourism	Entire State Nathula, Kupup, Rongli Lachen, Lachung, Yumthang Namchi, Samdruptse, Ravangla, Kewzing, Soreng, Dentam, Hee-Bermiok, Uttarey, Pelling Tashiding, Yuksam, Dzongri For conference -Gangtok, Saramsa Gardens, Namchi Gyalshing, Lachung Pang Lhabsol (State Func.worshipping Mt. Khangchendzonga) Dasain & Teohar, Lhabab Deuchen Trekking at Green Lake, Dzongri World Tourism Day	Cherry blossom, magnificent view of the mountain ranges against the clear blue sky, trekking
WINTER	December to February	Adventure Tourism Eco & Wildlife Tourism Village Tourism Wellness Tourism Conference Tourism, Religious & Pilgrimage Tourism Gyalshing, Lachung	Tsomgo, Kupup (snowfall areas) Lachen, Lachung, Yumthang (snowfall areas) Above Dzongri (snowfall areas) All monasteries for annual dances (December) Jorethang Maghey Mela, Mangan Music Festival For conference Gangtok, Saramsa Gardens, Namchi Lossong, Kagyed Dance Tamu Lhochar (festival of the Gurung community),	Skiing, dry winter chill, good time to visit most places except high altitudes

			Teyongsi Srijunga Sawan Tongnam (festival of the Limbu community) Skiing at Yumthang and Lachung, Paragliding at Jorethang	
January	1st January	New Year Day	All over the State	Street lighting, hotels and resturants have special menus, and dance and dine parties.
	14-15 January	Maghey Sankrati	Jorethang South Sikkim 85 Kms from Gangtok 83 Kms from Siliguri	Mela at Jorethang on river bank culture programme exhibition and sale local handicraft, ethnic cuisine.
February	7th February	Losar	All over the State	Tibetan New Year
	8th February	Sonam Lhochar	All over the State	Religious Festival
		Bumchu	Tashiding, West Sikkim 120 Kms from Gangtok	Religious Festival (yearly worship of holy water and

				predictions for the coming year )
February	date not fixed	Yoksum Tourism Festival	Yoksum, West Sikkim, 138kms from Gangtok	Cultural programme, ethnic cuisine, local handicrafts etc.
March	21st March	Good Friday	All over the State	Religious Festival of the christians
14th to 17th	Inaugurated on 14th March, Exhibition continues throughout the year	Internartional Flower Festival	Saramsa Garden East White Hall Gangtok, Namchi South Sikkim	Exhibition and sale of locally grown flowers and plants.
April	8th to 12th April	Rabongla Discovered	Rabongla, South Sikkim 75kms from Gangtok	Tourism Festival, Traditional dances, Local Food, Boating at Chojo Lake, Cultural Programme Musical night.
	12-14 April	Temi Tarku Ram Navami Festival	Temi Tarku, South Sikkim 45 Kms from Gangtok	Cultural Programme, ethnic cuisine, handicraft.

	12-14 April	Aritar Tourism Festival	Aritar, East Sikkim 65 Kms from Gangtok	Cultural Programme, ethnic cuisine, Handicraft & Sale etc.
May	27th May	Sakewa	Namchi South Sikkim 78 Kms from Gangtok	Traditional Dances, Traditional Foods Puja
	10-13 May	Hee-Bermoik Cultural Heritage Festival	Hee-Bermoik, West Sikkim 146 Kms from Gangtok	Showcase ethnic culture & tradition, ethnic cuisine, local Handicrafts.
June	18th June	Saga Dawa	All over the State	Celebrates Buddha's birth, enlightenment and Mahapari-Nirvana procession carrying holy books.
July	13th July	Bhanu Jayanti	All over the State	Birth anniversary of Nepali poet Bhanu Bhakta , procession of Cultural Troupes.
August	5th August	Drukpa Tsheshi	Gangtok	Celebrates Buddha's first teaching of four

				Noble truth, his sermon to the five disciples at Sarnath I
	8th August	Tendon Lho Rum Faat	Gangtok	Festival of the Lepcha Community
	11th August	Guru Rimpoche's Trang Tshechu	Gangtok	Religious Festival
	5th August	Tharpu Monsoon Tourism Festival	Tharpu, West Sikkim 100 kms from Gangtok	Sowing of paddy, with cultural programme, ethnic food etc
September	15th September	Pang Lhabsol	Gangtok	Worship of Mt. Kanchenzonga guardian deity of Sikkim, Pangtoed Cham (mask dance), Trade Fair, Rural spots, Flower Show, Cultural Programme.
	15th to 17th September	25 years Pang Lhabsol Celebration at Rabongla (State Function)	Rabong, South Sikkim 75 Kms from Gangtok	Trade Fair, Rural Sports, Flower Show, Cultural Programme.

	27th September	World Tourism Day	Conference and cultural programme	
October	6th to 10th October	Durga Puja/Dasain	All over the State	Worship of Goddess Durga, signifies victory of good over evil.
	28th to 31st October	Laxmi Puja and Tihar	All over the State	Festival of light,celebrated with fun and fanfare with cultural troupes performing folk songs and dances dressed in traditional costumes.
November	19th November	Lhabab Deuchen	All over the State	Religious festival
		Namchi Mahotsav	Namchi, South Sikkim 78 Kms from Gangtok	Tourism Festival - includes cultural programme,sale and exhibition of local handicrafts, ethnic cuisine, flower show etc
December	12th December	Teyongi Srijanga's Sewan Tangnam	Hee-Bermoik, West Sikkim 144 Kms from Gangtok	Festival of the Limboo community., ethnic cuisine, cultural programme, ethnic cuisine etc. local handicraft etc.
	12th December	Teyongsi Sirijunga Sawan Tonglam	Martam, East Sikkim	Religious Festival of Limbu Community.

	12 to 14th December	Mangan Music Festival	All over the State Mangan, North sikkim 70 kms from Gangtok	Traditional dances, Food and Musical night.
	28th & 29th December	Kagyed Denace	Enchey Monastery Phodong Monastery Rumtek Monastery	Mask Dances
	28th to 31st December	Lossong	All over the State	Harvesting festival /New year of the Bhutias.
	30th December	Tamu Lhochar	All over the State	Festival of Gurung Community.
	December	Kanchendzonga Festival	Pelling, West Sikkim 126 Kms from Gangtok	Tourism Festival- includes cultural shows, ethnic cuisine, local handicrafts.
	December	Gangtok Winter Festival	Gangtok	Tourism Festival-Cultural Shows, ehnic cuisine, local handicrafts etc.
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