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## **SIKKIM - IN THE SHADOW OF KANCHENJUNGA**

This is a fabulous trek offering some of the most sensational views in the whole Himalayas. As well as the experience of trekking there is also the opportunity to experience the fascinating cultural and religious life of the former Kingdom of Sikkim with its Mahayana Buddhist inhabitants.

For clear views of the Himalayan peaks, November is the best month of the year and this is why we are trekking during this period. A journey in the spring is also highly rewarding as it is during the months of April and May that the Rhododendron blossom turns the hillsides into a torrent of colour.

The quality of the trek is exceptional. There are superb views throughout with the massifs of Kanchenjunga dominating the whole route. The area around Dzongri is virtually without roads, although the trails are pretty well maintained, there are no major centres. Here the Buddhist way of life prevails in an environment of remote tranquillity. Many trekkers claim that the Dzongri trek is unrivalled as a high altitude trek anywhere in the Himalayas.

Because the population densities are much lower than in Nepal, Sikkim has much more unspoiled forest as well as more abundant and visible wildlife. Some trekkers have recorded over one hundred and ten species of birds during a ten-day trek.

**Route:** Kolkata – Darjeeling – Yuksom – Bakhim – Dzongri – Tanshing - Kanchenjunga Base Camp – Dzongri - Yuksom – Darjeeling - Kolkata

**Best Season:** October-November for the finest Himalayan views, April – May Rhododendron season



**Cost £1750** per person

Price includes all accommodation, domestic transportation, trek guiding, porters, Equipment, trekking permits, Internal flights. Selected dinners and lunches. Flights from London to Kolkata return from £550 return in economy class. Premium economy and business class supplements available