

**Hello Sir/Madam,  
Greeting From Globetrot Holidays!!!**

Please check the below details for **Sandakphu Phalut Trek – West Bengal (8 Days 7 Nights)**

For booking & any queries call us on **+91 9969625616 / +91 8779036988**

**Siliguri(1N)-Kopidana(1N)-Tumling(1N)-Kalipokhri(1N)-  
Sandakphu(1N)-Sepi(1N)-Siliguri(1N)**

**Region: - West Bengal**

**Grade: - Moderate**

**Max. Altitude: - 12,000 ft. (3,600 m)**

**Approx. Trekking Km: - 50 km**

**Best Time to Visit: - October to April**

*The Sandakphu Phalut Trek route zigzags along the Singalila Ridge & moves this side and that of the Indo-Nepal border, switch-backing & switch-bordering towards an enchanting visually charged summit that makes it all worth it. The route is not really out of civilization's way. The charming wilderness & wildlife expected of a Himalayan Trek is met as the trail pass through Singalila National Park, making the hike also one of keen naturalist interests.*

#### **TREK ITINERARY:**

- **Day 01: Arrive Siliguri (Altitude 600 m / 2,100 ft.) (D)**

Pick-up from Bagdogra International Airport / New Jalpaiguri Station you'll be assisted by our tour representative & later proceed the journey to hotel in Siliguri. Situated on the banks of the river Mahananda, SILIGURI is a tiny hill station nestled in between the Himalayan foothills and the Dooar region of West Bengal. Today you can visit ISKCON Temple, Salugara Monastery, Sevoke Kali Mandir, North Bengal Science Centre, and Coronation Bridge. Check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure.

#### **Dinner & Overnight stay at Siliguri.**

- **Day 02: Siliguri – Kopidana (Drive 90 km / 5 hrs) (Altitude 600 m / 2,100 ft. to 1,900 m / 6,400 ft.) (B,L,D)**

After having an early morning Breakfast check-out from the hotel. Today you'll proceed the journey to the first campsite, i.e. Kopidana, a lesser used but beautiful basecamp village for treks in West Bengal. It is 4-5 hrs drive on up-hill road from Siliguri. Reach Kopidana by evening. Check-in at the camp. Rest of the day is at leisure.

#### **Dinner & Overnight stay at Kopidana.**

- **Day 03: Kopidana – Tumling (Trek 11 km / 5-6 hrs) (Altitude 1,900 m / 6,400 ft. to 3,000 m / 9,700 ft.) (B,L,D)**

After having an early morning Breakfast check-out from the camp. Today you'll proceed to the first campsite Tumling which is 5-6 hrs trek covering mixed ascents. Tumling is where the border between trekking in Nepal and India blurs & you are suddenly ushered into another country after crossing a check-post where you must keep your passport & IDs handy. There are hardly ever any restrictions for entering the place whether you are an Indian or a foreigner with Indian visa. From other access points to Tumling, it is even more of a freeway. The tiny hamlet of Tumling is located within motor road access from Manebhanjam & Jaubhari—the other points of ascent on the Sandakphu-Phalut trail besides Kopidana. There are about 10-12 Nepali families living in this mountain parish who run teahouse accommodations for the trekkers all year long. In addition, you'll find quite a few private lodges & huts adding to services available in the area for tourists & trekkers. Since you'll start early in the morning, you'll be expected to reach Tumling by evening while there is still plenty of light. Later, you can go over to the viewpoint at the centre of Tumling from where the superb view of Kanchenjunga family of snow peaks meets the eye. The sunset at Tumling is going to be your first of many awe-inspiring sunsets to come on this journey. From the centre you are also going to find a signboard indicating towards the expanse of Singalila National Park starting right ahead, & on this way you'll find the entry to park in about 1 km from Tumling. At another side you'll find a high trail zigzagging towards Tonglu, another altitudinous mountain settlement. If you love Himalayan trekking in the winters you'll find the well-demarcated trails used after the snowmelt season for trekking to Sandakphu-Phalut, now overwhelmingly covered. Check-in at the camp. Relax for the rest of the day.

### **Dinner & Overnight stay at Tumling.**

- **Day 04: Tumling – Kalipokhri (Trek 14 km / 6-7 hrs) (Altitude 3,000 m / 9,700 ft. to 3,200 m / 10,400 ft.) (B,L,D)**

After having an early morning Breakfast check-out from the camp. Another beautiful sunrise to look forward, waking up in Tumling. The magnificent Sleeping Buddha washed in the first rays of the sun gleams sublime across the sky. The entire set of Kanchenjunga peaks unveils if the sky is clear & the vision starts your day in the right mood. Look out for the prominent three in the background—the Kanchenjunga main flanked on two sides by the Kumbhakarna & Shimbho peaks. In the fore, you can make out the peaks of Goecha, the Kabru set of peaks, Rathong, Koktang, and Frey. You can also trace the hollow of Goecha La somewhere along the frontline peaks—another popular trek located in Sikkim. Today start your journey towards Kalipokhri through the charming forests of Singalila National Park. An interior Nepal-bound motor road runs close to our hiking trail that you often catch glimpses of. The forests are famed for its rapturous summer colours when the rhododendrons & magnolias come in full bloom. You move through the thickets to your first stop at Gairibasa—a tiny settlement consisting of a few hotels and rest homes & falling under the Nepal side of the border. Here you'll come to an entry check-post again & need to produce an entry fee to access the trek. The Gairibasa check-post settlement is a good place to take a tea-break & ensure some rest for the legs before embarking on another 2 km trek to the next settlement at Kaiyakatta. Also because, a steeper climb is coming up. Going a little beyond Gairibasa, on the Kaiyakatta way, you'll find steps cut into the elevation, easing out the ascent for the trekkers. At one side you'll also find the motor road twisting its way across closer to the Nepal side. An hour into your ascent from Gairibasa, you'll

reach Kaiyakatta, in time for a lunch at the settlement's Nepali enclaves. Kalipokhri-your final stop of the day is another 4 km from Kaiyakatta. The trail gets greener & more scenic. This stretch is also home to many bird species & a site attracting migratory fledglings. Within a 2 hour trek on this route you'll come across a black water lake nestling near to a settlement, surrounded with prayer flags fluttering in the wind & at one side a small Buddhist temple. Your camp is just a short walk from this point. Check-in at the camp. Relax for the rest of the day.

#### **Dinner & Overnight stay at Kalipokhri.**

- **Day 05: Kalipokhri – Sandakphu (Trek 6 km / 4-5 hrs) (Altitude 3,200 m / 10,400 ft. to 3,600 m / 12,000 ft.) (B,L,D)**

After having an early morning Breakfast check-out from the camp. The trail from Kalipokhri to Sandakphu should be an easy trek for those sufficiently fit. The trail goes on an initial gradual ascent covering the forest 30 minutes, followed by a steeper climb for about an hour & after that falling on a winding motor road. It's going to be a 4 hour jaunt covering about 6 km. On reaching the flats of Bikhe Bhanjang, you'll be looking at the vast panorama of the Sandakphu Summit ahead of you. From this point, it's another 4 km up a zigzagging route. After an hour's climb, you can make out teahouses & huts marking the horizons of Sandakphu. Soon, you'll be closing in on the summit point from where a 180 degree sweeping panorama of the tallest Himalayan peaks opens up. On a clear day, the glitterati of ice-peaks shows Makalu, Lhotse, Everest, Nuptse, Baruntse, Chamling, Chomolongo, Machapuchhare, extending to the Annapurna family of peaks broadening out to the West. The vision of Sleeping Buddha which stayed with you on & off through the trek now lies in prominence before you & to further North, you can make out the Three Sisters peaks. The camp site lies a little down from the summit near a small water point. Check-in at the camp. Relax for the rest of the day.

#### **Dinner & Overnight stay at Sandakphu.**

- **Day 06: Sandakphu – Sepi (Trek 15 km / 6-7 hrs) (Altitude 3,600 m / 12,000 ft. to 1,900 m / 6,200 ft.) (B,L,D)**

After having an early morning Breakfast check-out from the camp. After viewing a soul-stirring sunrise over the magnificent peak panorama, one of the best found on trekking in India, you'll get ready for your descent to village Sepi located in West Bengal. This is going to be your longest trek in the whole journey but the descent will make it less exhausting. The trail will pass through a different kind of forest today, that of bamboos where it's the natural habitat of Red Pandas & Bears. A winding forest trail will take you to Gurdum at mid noon where you'll be served lunch. Here you can try ordering a drink of the exotic rhododendron blossoms that's full of medicinal benefits & makes for a good dessert. Next village you'll be crossing is Timburay—a settlement of a few houses & tea shops. Here, you'll come across the beautiful Sri River known in the local tongue as Sri Khola, khola meaning river. After crossing a wooden bridge over the stream, you'll reach the village of Sepi by evening. Check-in at the camp. Relax for the rest of the day.

#### **Dinner & Overnight stay at Sepi.**

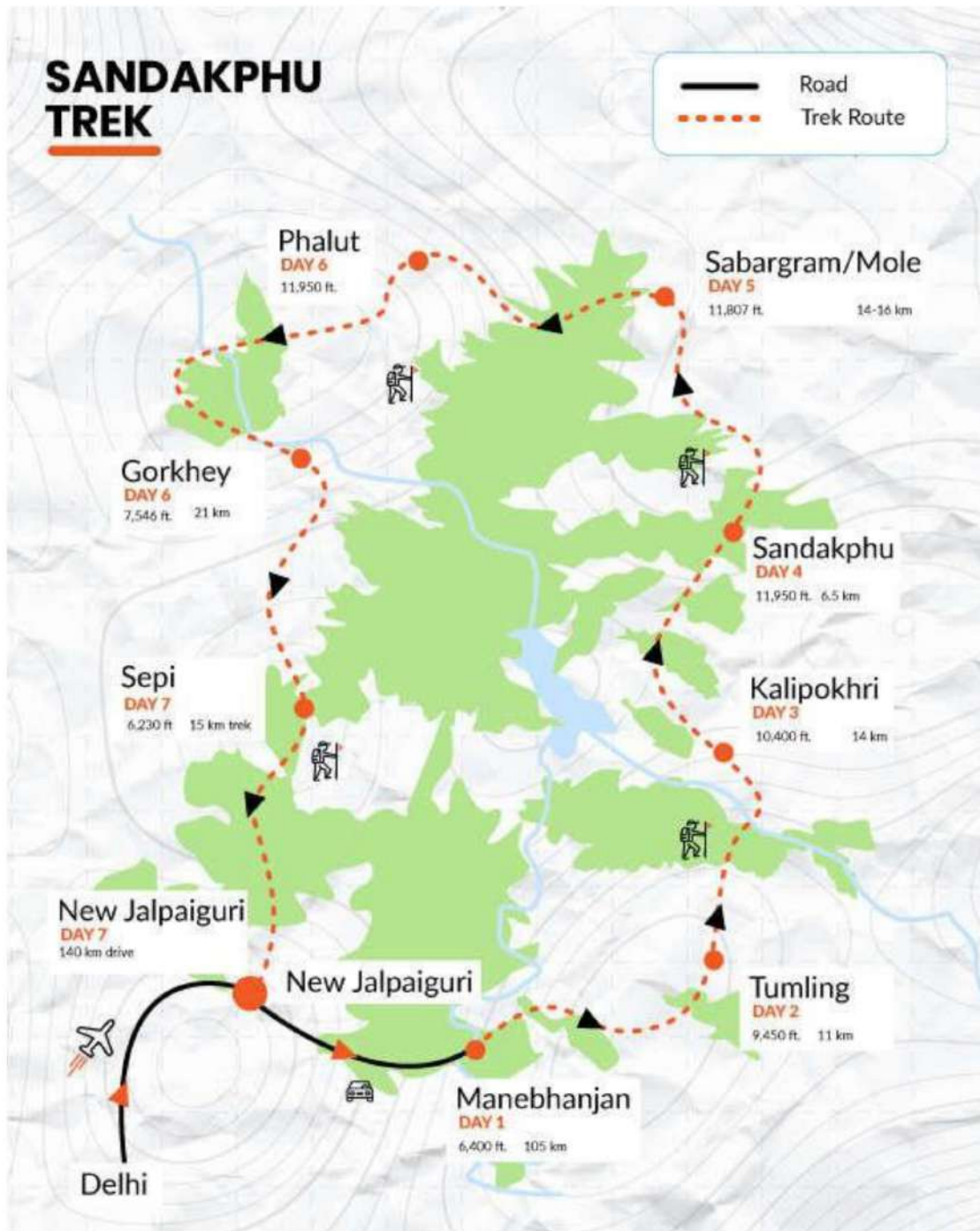
- **Day 07: Sepi – Siliguri (Drive 140 km / 5-6 hrs) (Altitude 1,900 m / 6,200 ft. to 600 m / 2,100 ft.) (B,L,D)**

After having an early morning Breakfast check-out from the camp. Later proceed the journey to Siliguri, 5-6 hrs drive from the scenic idyll of Sepi. Reach Siliguri by evening. Check-in at the hotel. Relax for the rest of the day.

**Dinner & Overnight stay at Siliguri.**

- **Day 08: Depart Siliguri (Altitude 600 m / 2,100 ft.) (B)**

After having an early morning Breakfast, check-out from the hotel. Today, the mesmeric journey to one of the finest scenic destinations of India will ultimately come to an end. The entire experience, would give you an unmatched feeling of achievement & satisfaction. You'll be dropped at Bagdogra International Airport / New Jalpaiguri Station as per your flight/train timings. Its time now to say goodbye to our trip companions. Let us be in contact with each other through email, Facebook.... And meet again on one more memorable tour with Globetrot Holidays. Trek concludes.



**Package Includes:**

- Accommodation on double/triple/quad occupancy basis in Guest Houses or Hotels or Camps with Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner as per the itinerary only. (Meals Veg Only)
- Mountaineering qualified experts & professional Trek Leaders & Guide, Skilled local Cook & Support staff service.
- Private Vehicle from Siliguri to Trekking Point on Day 02 & from Trekking Point on Day 07 to Siliguri including Local Sightseeing & for Siliguri Airport/Station Pickup & Drop.
- All Entry Permits, Toll & Parking charges, wherever required.
- Porters for carrying common equipment. (like rations/tents/utensils/groceries)
- Equipment–Tents on triple & quad sharing basis/Sleeping bags/Sleeping Mats.
- Basic First Aid Medical Kit with a portable Oxygen Cylinder.
- Common Kitchen/Dining/Toilet tents will be used during the trek.
- Facility of keeping extra luggage at Siliguri Hotel/Guest House while leaving for trek.

**Package Excludes:**

- All kind of personal expenses such as tips, laundry, telephone bills, beverages, etc.
- It also does not include any meals unless and otherwise specifically mentioned.
- Airfare, Rail fare, GST, Travel & Health Insurance.
- Entrance fees for sight-seeing.
- Optional, suggested or unspecified activities.
- Camera fee (still or movie)
- Additional sightseeing charges or extra usage of vehicle.
- Any additional charges arising due to natural calamities, political disturbances, vip movement, etc.

**HOTEL DETAILS:**

CITY	STANDARD
SILIGURI	Jagjeet's Balaji Inn / Hotel Vinayak Inn / Mount Embassy Hotel / Hotel Appolo / SIMILAR
KOPIDANA	Alpine or Dome Tents / SIMILAR
TUMLING	Alpine or Dome Tents / SIMILAR
KALIPOKHRI	Alpine or Dome Tents / SIMILAR
SANDAKPHU	Alpine or Dome Tents / SIMILAR
SEPI	Alpine or Dome Tents / SIMILAR

**DEPARTURES & TREK COST:**

On Special Request.

**Terms & Conditions:-**

- Price valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
- 50% payment to be deposited at the time of booking confirmation & remaining 50% before one week of the tour departure date.
- Flight or Train journeys can also be arranged at an additional cost.
- Who Can Go For Trek:-
- Experience of any high altitude trek at least 1 trek.
- The climber must be fit and have sufficient stamina to cover 5 km of distance in 45 minutes without a stress.
- The climber should be able to carry a 10 kg backpack.
- Heart problem, high blood pressure, asthma, and epilepsy cannot be reconciled on this mission. The climber must not have the conditions mentioned above.

**Cancellation Policy (for land package):-**

In case of cancellation of tour a written notification or Email should be received at our office by the members who are travelling.

Cancellation charges will be applied as per the cancellation policy below:

- 25% of cost of tour before 40 days or more days of departure:
- 50% of cost of tour before 20 to 39 days of departure:
- 100% of cost of tour before 20 days of departure:

Cancellation of one member may amount to cancellation of whole tour.

In case of delay or cancellation of flights/itinerary due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances, Globetrot Holidays will not be held responsible for refund or compensation of any kind (including curtailment of trip). Globetrot Holidays will however try to make the best alternate arrangements and facilitate customers with best services possible. Any additional expense incurred due to such cancellations would have to be borne by the guests.