

Discover **KALIMPONG**



Kalimpong

Once the headquarters of a (Bhutanese) governor, the word "Kalim" means Xing's Minister and 'pong' the stronghold, hence, the stronghold of the King's minister. It is also called Kalibong' or the black spur by the hill people. 'Kalimpong' in local dialect stands for 'Kaulim' which is fibrous plant which grows in abundance in this region. 'However, the meaning that has found the most favour is the Lepcha meaning of the name - 'the ridge where we play'. It is said that these local tribesmen used to organize field sports while not engaged in agricultural pursuits - hence the name.

Situated at an altitude of 1250 metres "Kalimpong enjoys the best climate in the region. 'The dense forests of golden oak trees offset by the rich undergrowth of moss and lichen provide an ideal setting for leisurely walks on thick cushions of russet-brown leaves. One comes to this beautiful hill town for a quiet and relaxed holiday and to be pampered by nature bounties.

The vast rolling meadows covered with a riot of wild flowers, the sparkling brooks and rivulets meandering lazily by the terraced fields are a feast for one's eyes. Kalimpong is a blaze of colours throughout the year owing to the richness of its stunning flora. The orchids and cacti of this region in particular are famous for their infinite variety as well as their delicate tints.

Nestled in the laps of the majestic 'Himalayas, amidst ever smiling people exuberating warmth, this paradise on earth beckons you to a holiday, the kind of which you have never experienced before.



Fact File

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| Area | 408sq.kms |
| Altitude | 1250 metres (4100 ft.) |
| Location | 27.06°North Latitude 88.47°South Longitude |

Climate

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| Summer | Max27°C,Min15°C |
| Winter | Max15°C, Min4°C |
| Rainfall | 220 mm annually |
| Best Season | March to Mid-June & September to December |

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| Population | 40143 (2001 census) |
| Clothing required | Tropical in summer and light woolens in winter |
| Languages spoken | Nepali, English, Hindi, Bengali and Tibetan |

How to Reach

Kalimpong is connected to all the major cities of India by Air, Rail and Road.

AIR

The nearest Airport is Bagdogra which is approximately 80 kms from Kalimpong.

RAIL

The nearest railway station is New Jalpaiguri Railway Station. From here there are direct connections to Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati and most of the major cities of India.

ROAD

Kalimpong is connected to Darjeeling, Siliguri and Gangtok by road.

Distance & time taken to important places from Kalimpong

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| 1.Darjeeling | 55 kms | 2½ hrs |
| 2.Siliguri | 65 kms | 2½ hrs |
| 3.Gangtok | 68 kms | 3½ hrs |
| 4.New Jalpaiguri Stn. | 75 kms | 3 hrs |
| 5.Bagdogra | 80 kms | 3 hrs |
| 6.Lava | 32 kms | 2 hrs |
| 7.Lolaygaon | 54 kms | 2½ hrs |
| 8.Teesta | 16 kms | ¾ hrs |
| 9.Pedong | 21 kms | 1½ hrs |
| 10.Relli | 9 kms | 20 mins |
| 11.Samthar | 80 kms | 4 hrs |



Kalimpong seen from 8th Mile

Places of Interest

Dr. Graham's Homes

Durpin Dara

Gauripur House

Kalimpong Science Centre

Pedong Monastery

Zong Dog Palri Fo-Brang Monastery

Tongsa Gumba

Tharpa Choling Monastery

Kalimpong Local Market

Kalibari

Mangal Dham

Flower Nurseries

Macfarlane Memorial Church



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