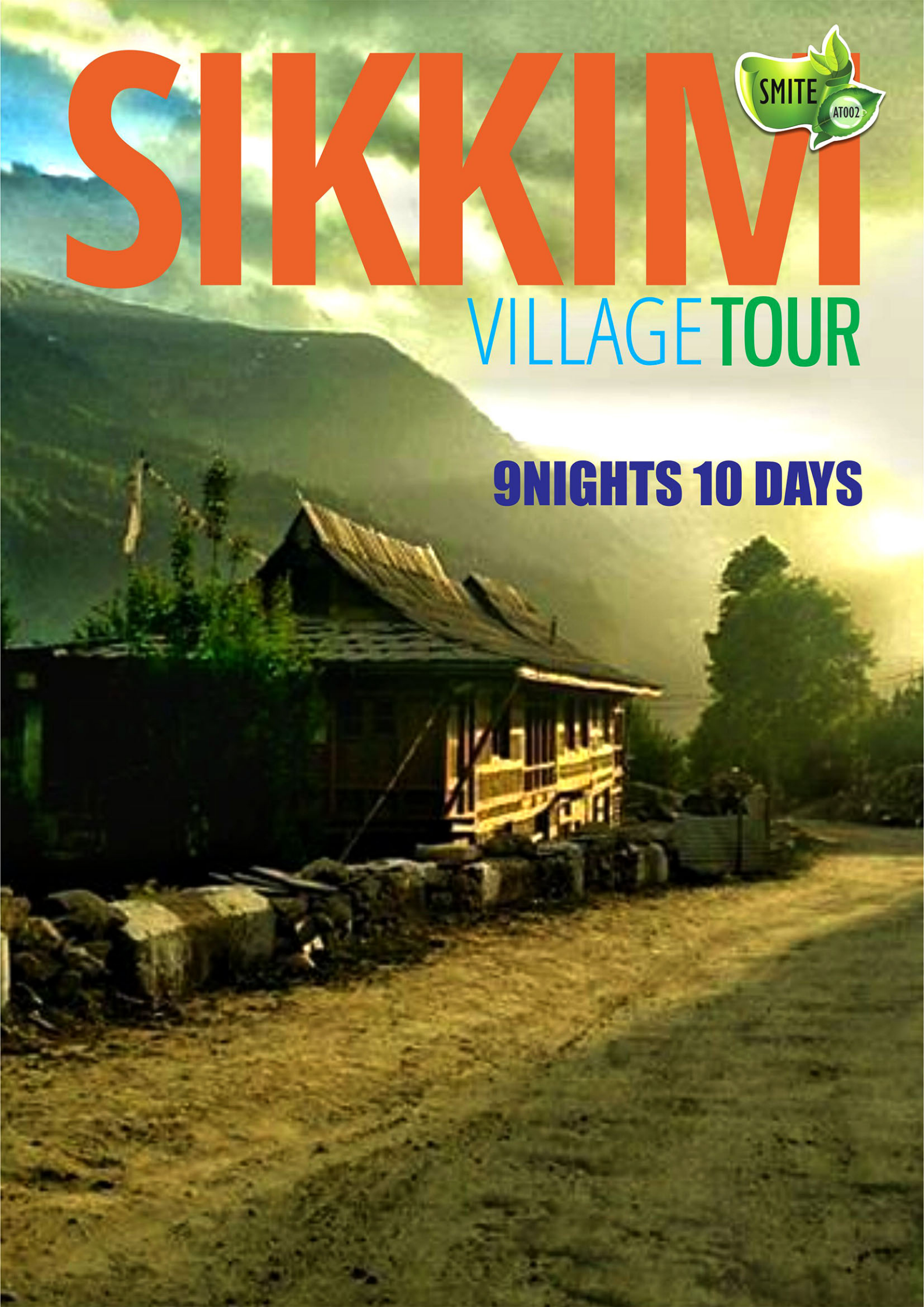


SIKKIMI



VILLAGETOUR

9 NIGHTS 10 DAYS





BAGDOGRA AIRPORT TO CHAKUNG-CHUMBUNG (115 kms/5 hrs)

- Upon arrival, meet our representative and after brief introduction, we drive to Chakung chumbung in West Sikkim. A typical ethnic village to offer you the traditions and cultures to experience and to learn, the village is mostly inhabited by the Rai community-one of the ethnic groups of composite Nepali community in Sikkim.

- Overnight at Homestay.





VILLAGE EXCURSION

- The itinerary for the day is to go for the excursion to the village area and see the lifestyle and traditions, cultures they follow. There are few trails leading to the hilltop to see the mesmerizing views of the valleys around. The Durbin Dara(hill top) from where one can enjoy a magnificent view of the Mt.Khangchendzonga and its ranges on one side and the Tea valleys of Darjeeling on the other side. The river Rangeet downwards and the view of Jorethang town is a nice gesture as this hill top is also a take-off point for the paragliders during the Maghey mela(festival) which is held at Jorethang every year in the month of Janaury. We retrace back the trail to the village and to the homestay.
- Overnight at Homestay.





CHAKUNG TO KALUK/RICHENPONG (27 kms/2 hrs)

- After a late breakfast, we drive further to the next destination, Kaluk/Rinchenpong, fairly large settlement in comparison to the previous destination, the place offers one of the best view of Mt.Khangchendzonga and its adjacent peaks. We stroll around the place visiting Gurung community monastery and the Rabindranath Tagore smriti ban just near by. Rest of the day is for leisure time. Sit and relax at the Homestay.
- Overnight at Homestay.





KALUK/RICHENPONG EXCURSION

- The excursion starts early the following day as we start hiking to the Resum Monastery which is about 40 minutes from the place has a magnificent sunrise view over mountains to offer. The yellowish-orange color sky gives you a warm welcome as the sun slowly starts coming up far in the horizon and hence hitting over the mighty Khangchendzonga which starts changing its color with almost every blink of an eye. This magnificent view of a lifetime is never easy to forget and to cherish throughout the life time. After spending a while at the monastery, we start our way back and finally reaching the homestay with a typical breakfast awaiting for us in the table. The second half of the morning start with a hike through a rich oak forest and the ridge finally reaching us to the top from where we see the beautiful landscapes downwards and the mountain ranges straight ahead. The place "Rami-dham" a traditional place for worship and temples of the Rai community offers you to have a look at many of the ancestral and rare things which is not commonly seen by the travelers or even the local people. After exploring around, we walk back through the villages to finally reach the homestay.
- Overnight stay at Homestay.





HITCH-HIKE TO MARTAM VILLAGE (4-5 HRS)

- A Hike through the village of Jau-bari (typical Gurung community village) and through the scenic and beautiful Maney Dara is to enjoy every bit. The rich forest and the cardamom plantation and cultivation is something to see and experience, the Himalaya range is all wide open in the opposite side of the hill to give you the best possible moments of life time until we reach the place Martam Village to settle in for the day. This typical home stay welcomes with a grand gesture typically and traditionally with some and the homestay showcasing a few of ancestral and rare items belonging to the Nepalese community of the hills.
- Overnight stay at Homestay.





UTTARAY

[24 KMS/2-3 HRS]

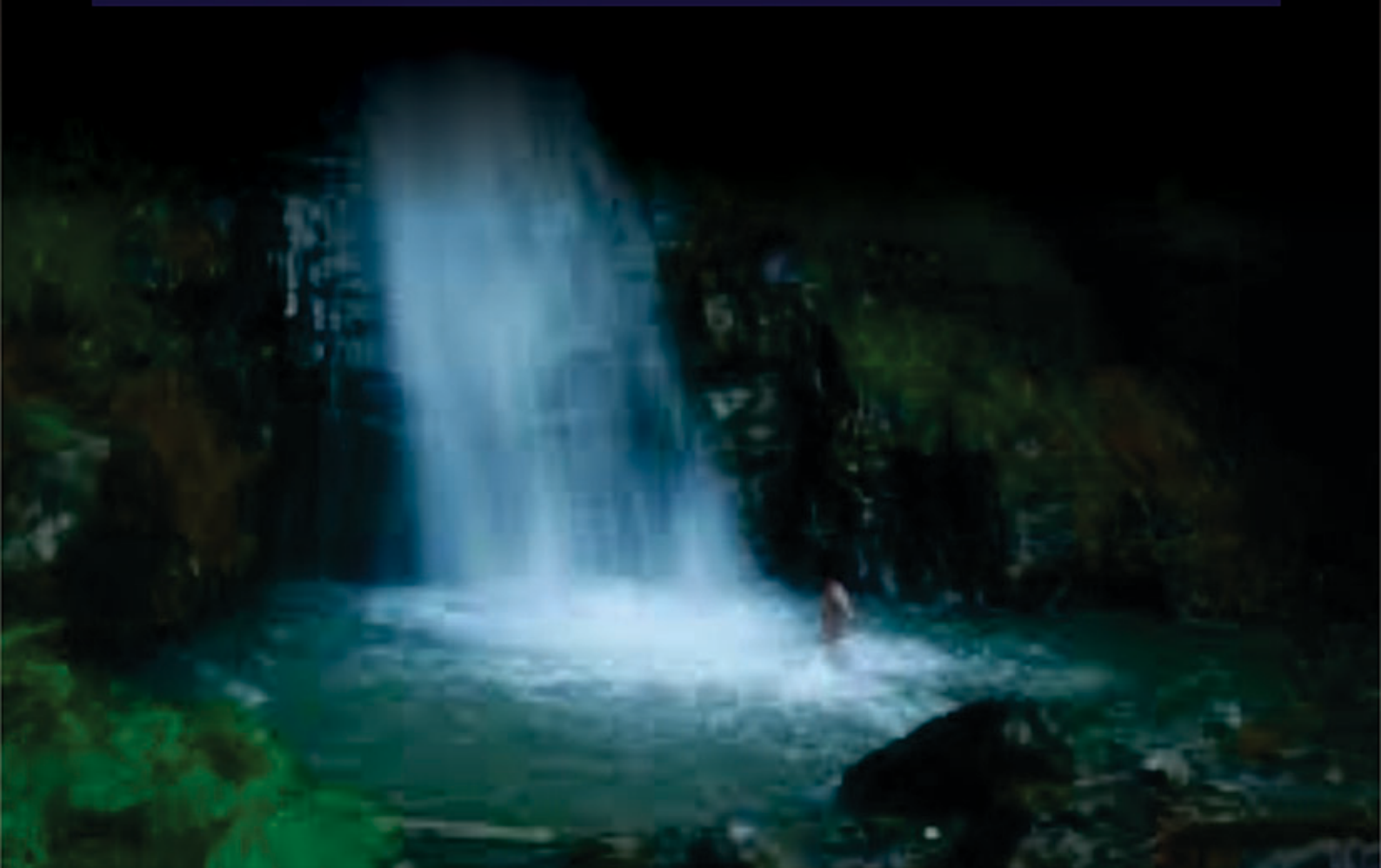
- A morning drive to the last settlement before the international border of India and Nepal called Uttaray is just a couple of hours or little more while we stop at the Alpine cheese factory(once the INDO-SWISS VENTURE) operated by the Amul India in the recent time producing a world class Gouda Cheese. Further 20-25 minutes drive take us to the famous Singshore bridge (Asia's 02nd highest gorge bridge) which is a master piece of its own kind and further 30-40 minutes drive up the hill reaches us to the village of Uttaray. We check-in to the Homestay and the lunch is served in a local style. The rest for a while is what we need before we get started again for a village walk and to the monastery and Mang-khim on the Hill-top. We retrace the trail back to Homestay.
- Overnight at the Home stay.





DARAP (37 KMS/3 HRS)

- After the breakfast is over, we get ready and start for the village of Darap via the same 10kms and hence diverting towards the opposite hill crossing the river and finally reaching a beautiful Changey Waterfalls on the way. This waters flowing from the Height of about 150 feet is one master piece of Nature to beautify its own creation in much more beautiful ways. The further 40 minutes from here through the small hamlet of Pelling reaches us to one of the oldest and very important monastery belonging to the Nyingma sect of Buddhism, the famous Pemayangtse monastery built in the year 1705 A.D. The monastery offers a beautiful wall paintings and a collection of the old and rare Tibetan antique pieces and finally a masterpiece of Lt. Ven.Dungzin Rimpoche, the "Zandok-Palri" or the celestial palace of Guru Rimpoche or Guru Padmashambhav. A next 10 minutes drive and about 30 minutes walk through the beautiful trails inside the jungle reaches us to the hilltop which we know is a Rabdentse Palace ruins, the 02nd capital of Kingdom of Sikkim, shifted from Yuksum in the 1670 A.D. showcase one of the beautiful view of the valleys and the the mountain which stands proudly touching the sky above. A 30 minutes drive reaches us to the village of Darap and the Homestay where the day is called off.
- Overnight at the Homestay.

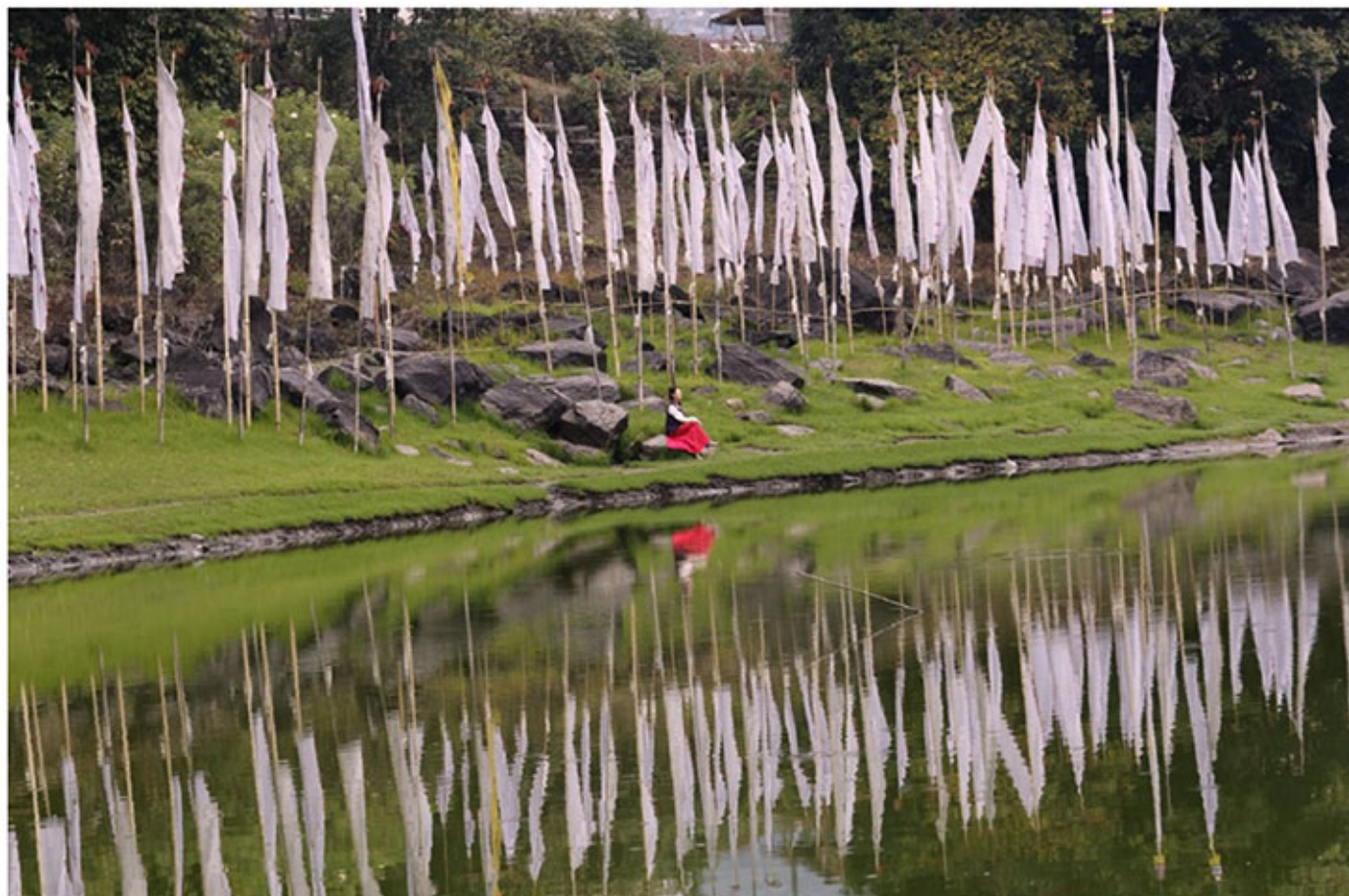




YUKSUM (3 HRS)

Khechupalri lake which is also one of the holiest lake is on the top of the list for the day. This unusually calm and placid lake, located in the midst of a dense forest is considered sacred to both Buddhist and the Hindus, who come here to make a wish and is among the pilgrimage site of Sikkim. It is also believed to be the wish-fulfilling lake . After a while at the lake, we drive to Yuksum via Khangchendzonga waterfalls, a small but beautiful one and especially crowded with a domestic tourist is a charm of the surrounding, a 30 minutes drive takes us further to Yuksum, the 01st capital of Sikkim. We keep the afternoon and evening free as just to stroll around the small market area with very few shops and restaurants to see.

Overnight stay at Homestay/Hotel.





YUKSOM EXCURSION/ SIGHTSEEING

- Yuksum is a base to the world wide famous Dzongri-Goechala trekking/ Khanchendzonga Base camp trekking, the place once a capital of erstwhile kingdom of Sikkim has now become a hub for the adventure Lovers who come here for just to trek to the altitude of 5000 mtrs, to the base of Mighty Mt.Khangchendzonga. We start our day driving for an hour to the Tashiding monastery, famous for the Bumchu festival, Bumchu a holy water in a ancient metal vase which is distributed among the large number of pilgrims and devotees once in a year. While we drive back, we stop by a waterfalls named Phamrong which is also a beautiful waterfalls. We come back to Yuksum for a lunch. After lunch we drive to the oldest monastery of Sikkim, Dubdi(hermit cell) is on the hill top and while we come back, we visit the Norbu-Ghang coronation throne, the place where the first king of Sikkim was coronated, The place where the coronation took place is marked by the original stone throne and an amazing footprint on a rock face The footprint is said to have left by one (first) of the three monks and thus the history of Sikkim's erstwhile monarch starts from this very place dating back to 1641-42 A.D. Karthok lake, small but beautiful is in the heart of village which we can walk easily.

- Overnight at a Homestay/Hotel.



DEPARTURE

- Departure to Bagdogra (140 kms/6 hrs) via Tashiding, Jorethang, Melli (Border town) and Teesta.