

Take the oldest trek route to Sandakphu (used before 1984)

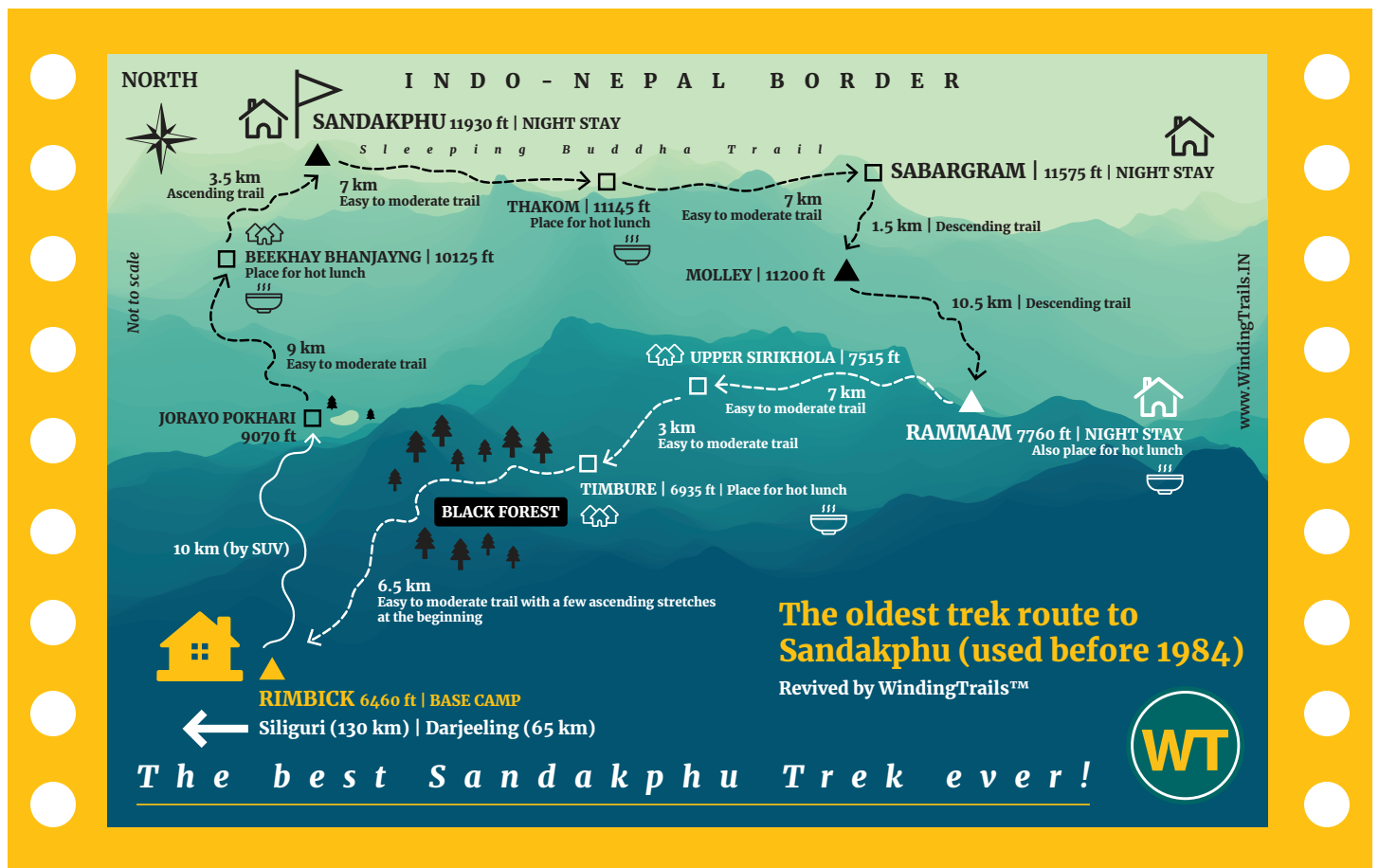


Rimbick-Sandakphu-Rimbick
via the famous black forest trail of the Singalila range

It's also the shortest, easiest, and most pristine.

Revived by WindingTrails™

A Darjeeling-based Trekking Organization



- Highest altitude - 11929 ft
- 56 km of lonely trails
- 5 nights and 6 days
- Small groups of 4 to 6 trekkers
- All homestay accommodation
- Homemade, veg / non-veg meals with breakfast and snacks
- Rs 11999/- per person

Brief itinerary














- **DAY ZERO** → Reach base camp (Rimbick) from Bagdogra airport / NJP railway station / Siliguri (takes about 5 hours) | Night stay at Rimbick
- **DAY 1** | 12.5 km to trek → Trek starts at 6.30 AM | Reach Sandakphu by 4.30 PM | Night stay at Sandakphu
- **DAY 2** | 14 km to trek → Start from Sandakphu at 7.30 AM | Night stay at Sabargram
- **DAY 3** | 12 km to trek → Start from Sabargram at 7.30 AM | Night stay at Rammam
- **DAY 4** | 16.5 km to trek → Start from Rammam at 7.30 AM | Back to base camp at around 5.30 PM via the famous black forest trail | Night stay at Rimbick
- **FINAL DAY** → Leave for Bagdogra airport / NJP railway station / Siliguri / Darjeeling after breakfast

TREK HIGHLIGHTS

- Pristine forests of the Singalila range
- Rhododendrons, magnolias, and cherry blossoms (March–April and October)
- Swirling clouds climbing up the ravines
- Snowfall (from December to, sometimes, April)
- Lonely trails
- Startling bird songs
- Winding expansive ridges
- Murmuring mountain streams
- A mesmerizing view of Mount Kanchenjunga - in the 'Sleeping Buddha' avatar
- A chance to experience authentic Nepali and Tibetan cuisines
- Glimpses of a fascinating mix of Indo–Nepali–Tibetan culture and lifestyle
- 5 nights and 6 days of the most unforgettable experiences of a trek that you'd want to revisit!



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

-  **DIFFICULTY LEVEL** → Easy to moderate with a little bit of challenging stretches
-  **TIME** → 5 nights and 6 days
-  **HIGHEST ALTITUDE** → 11929 ft
-  **ALTITUDE GAIN FROM BASE CAMP** → About 5500 ft
-  **TOTAL TREKKING DISTANCE** → About 56 km
-  **LOCATION** → Darjeeling, West Bengal
-  **BASE CAMP** → Rimbick, Darjeeling
-  **NEAREST RAILWAY STATION** → New Jalpaiguri (NJP), about 140 km or 5 hours
-  **NEAREST AIRPORT** → Bagdogra (Siliguri / IXB), about 130 km or 5 hours
-  **COST** → Rs 11999/- per person (all inclusive, no hidden costs)
-  **BEST TIME** → Sandakphu Trek is different in every season... it's always the best time
-  **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE** → Anyone above 15 yo depending on the physical fitness
-  **EXPERIENCE** → Perfect for first-timers but having previous trekking experience always helps

What's included



Accommodation

We will provide accommodation from DAY ZERO to FINAL DAY. You will stay at comfortable village homestays / Trekkers' Huts on all days throughout the trek including the base camp at Rimbick.

Meals

All meals from dinner at Rimbick on DAY ZERO to breakfast at Rimbick on the FINAL DAY are included. You will have homemade, veg / non-veg meals with breakfast and snacks on all days of the trek.

Trek permits

All trek permits and other charges are included.

First aid kit

Your trek leader will carry a first aid medical kit.

Luggage room facility

If you want to leave any extra luggage at the base camp, we have a luggage room facility at no additional cost - but we take no responsibility of your belongings.

What you need to carry

Mandatory documents

It is mandatory for you to carry a Medical Fitness Certificate - issued by a registered doctor, and your photo ID (aadhar card, EPIC, driver's license or passport) for entry at forest check posts on the trek. These documents will also be required for check-in at our base camp.

Your personal medical kit

What we suggest to include in your packing list -

- *Trekking pole*
- *Torch / Headlamp*
- *Knee cap*
- *Sunglasses with UV protection*
- *Hat for sunlight protection*
- *Hydration pack / Water bottle / Thermo flask*
- *Electrolyte powder*
- *Energy bars / Chocolates / Dry fruits*
- *Toothbrush + Toothpaste + Mouthwash*
- *Sunscreen cream + Lip balm + Moisturizer*
- *Hand sanitizer + Toilet paper and wipes + Sanitary / feminine napkins*
- *Mosquito cream*

Cancellation and refund policy

In case of any unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances beyond our control, such as natural disasters, acts of God, government regulations, or any other event that makes it impossible or unsafe to conduct the trek, we may cancel the scheduled date/s and either reschedule or issue a full refund to you.

If you have to cancel or reschedule your trek for any reason -

- We will refund the full booking amount (which is 50% of the total amount), or reschedule if cancelled 30 days before the scheduled date.
- 50% of the booking amount will be refunded if cancelled 7 days before the scheduled date.
- No amount will be refunded after that, or in case you do not show up on the scheduled date.
- In all cases, 5% will be deducted as bank charges.
- Also, no amount will be refunded if you want to reach the base camp on your own but cannot make it on the scheduled date.

What's excluded



Conveyance cost to and from the base camp

The conveyance / transport cost to and from Rimbick - our base camp - is to be paid by the trekkers.

Cost of evacuation

On any unfortunate event like an accident or for any other reason if you need to be evacuated from the trek we will make all the necessary arrangements but you will have to bear the cost.

Trek permits for foreigners

For non-Indians, there is an additional cost of Rs 1500/- for trek permit.

Porters

If you wish (or have medical reasons / restrictions) to not carry your backpack / rucksack we can arrange porters at an additional cost.

Insurance

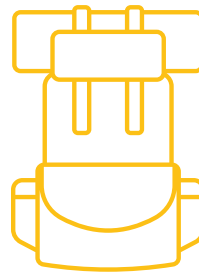
As of now we are not providing any kind of insurances, but we are in talks with our insurance partner and things will work out soon.

Any kind of personal services and expenses are also excluded.

How to reach the base camp

Shared vehicles for Rimbick are available from Darjeeling More, Siliguri (please contact us for more information / drivers' contact no.).

Optionally, we will provide arrangements for pickup from and drop at New Jalpaiguri (NJP) railway station and Bagdogra airport (Siliguri / IXB) - the cost is to be shared between 3 to 6 trekkers and paid directly to the driver. We will also provide arrangements or the necessary information if you want to come from / via Darjeeling.



How to prepare for the trek

Sandakphu Trek is a mix of easy to moderate terrains with a few challenging stretches which makes it ideal for the first-timers as well as beginners and experienced trekkers. We allow anyone -

- 15 yo and above (a permission-letter from the parents is mandatory for those who are 15 to 18 yo).
- 14 yo and below (must be accompanied by the parents / guardians).
- Who can walk easily at a speed of 6 kmph on normal roads.
- Who can carry at least a 10 kg backpack with ease.
- Who has no heart, liver, or kidney ailment.
- Who is not suffering from high blood pressure, asthma, or sinusitis.

Essential items

1. A 50-liter backpack with rain cover
2. 2 full sleeve non-cotton T-shirts (4 is suggested)
3. 1 fleece T-shirt (2 is suggested)
4. 1 down jacket (made for sub-zero temperatures)
5. 1 windcheater
6. 1 warm cap / balaclava
7. 1 pair of rainwear (upper and lower) / Poncho
8. 1 pair of thermal wear (upper and lower)
9. 2 pairs of non-cotton trek pants
10. 1 pair of gloves (made for sub-zero temperatures)
11. 1 pair of water-resistant trek / running shoes
12. 1 pair of hiking sandals (with good grip)
13. 3 pairs of non-cotton socks
14. 2 pairs of warm socks
15. 1 quick-dry towel

DISCLAIMER

We may not follow exactly the same route in the case of any unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances. Please refer to our website www.WindingTrails.IN for more information.

Sandakphu is not just a trek... it's the experience of a lifetime!

All pics by Amitava

YOU WILL HAVE TO REACH THE BASE CAMP ON DAY ZERO (BEFORE THE DAY TREK STARTS)

Please do not leave any trash along the trek route as we will be following a strict NO-LITTER policy. You will know more about this at the briefing session.

WindingTrails is conducting the best Sandakphu Trek ever!

You'll fall in love with the unseen, unknown Himalayas...

Book your slot with 50% of the total amount, remaining is to be paid at the base camp.

Call or WhatsApp Amitava Chakraborty, Co-founder & COO, WindingTrails at +91 9874530239 (alternatively 8777694749) for any questions or help

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