

Popular tea gardens of Darjeeling

MAKAIBARI

Makaibari is the largest tea estate in Darjeeling. Also, it is one of the oldest tea gardens here dating back to 1859.

THURBO

Thurbo is one of Darjeeling's well-known tea estates that sprawls over 172 hectares of area under the shadows of Kangchenjunga. The local word 'tombu' means camp which got distorted over time and became 'Thurbo.' The garden produces black Darjeeling tea using China and clonal bushes.

GLENBURN

Glenburn Tea Estate of Darjeeling is a family-run business with hundreds of acres of rolling tea gardens perched on a hill slope with two river streams passing through the estate. It is a bio-organic tea garden producing mainly Darjeeling green tea. 390 acres of this land is used for tea cultivation.

CASTLETON

Castleton Tea Estate - famed for producing the finest muscatel tea - is located in Kurseong's South Valley which is about an hour's drive from the town of Darjeeling as well as Siliguri. Planted in 1885, this tea estate is spread over elevations ranging from 2500 feet to 5000 feet above sea level.

HAPPY VALLEY

Walking through a tea garden on the gentle hill slopes of Darjeeling while witnessing the tea processing mechanism is definitely a special experience. And a great way to get a taste of this experience is by visiting the Happy Valley Tea Estate which is located about 3 km away from Chowk Bazaar area.



The European Commission has registered Darjeeling Tea as a Protected Geographic Indication (PGI) product -the first commodity of India to get such a tag. The status implies that the brew produced in Darjeeling can be sold as Darjeeling Tea in the European Union Countries.



*Here's to
the
champagne
of teas!*



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DARJEELING TEA GARDENS

The delicacy and aroma of Darjeeling tea are widely acclaimed by tea enthusiasts all over the world. Revered by connoisseurs, it is considered to be the finest as its unique flavour can never be replicated elsewhere.

The perfect combination of sloping terraces, rainfall, soil and cool climate delivers the exquisite muscatel flavour that is unique to Darjeeling tea.



Every year Darjeeling produces around 10,000 kg of diverse blends of teas.

There are 87 tea estates in the this district, spanning across 17,500 hectares of land, and the blend of each estate has a distinct taste and flavour.



Darjeeling blends are harvested thrice a year, each harvesting season known as 'flush'. The teas of each flush have their own distinctive aroma and flavour, even if they are from the same garden. Which is why the summer flush Darjeeling tea tastes different from winter or autumn flush.

