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## Getting there

A 2-hour drive from Bagdogra Airport or a 3-hour drive from NJP railway junction. Regular buses from Darjeeling, Gangtok and Siliguri ply to Kalimpong.



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# KALIMPONG

The peak of  
nature's beauty



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Standing tall at 1,200 metres, this serene, picturesque hill station in the Lesser Himalayas is 50 km away from East Darjeeling. This sprawling bazaar town was once the hub of trans-Himalayan trade between India and Tibet when merchants would ferry goods by mule-driven caravans over the Jelep Pass across the Sikkim-Tibet border.

The name of this town has a historic significance. Kalimpong, which means "**the stronghold of King's Minister,**" was once the headquarter of the Bhutanese Governor. So, the name was derived from the words, '**kalim**' - meaning "**the King's Minister**" - and '**pong**' - meaning '**stronghold**'.

Kalimpong is essentially an aesthetic delight for any nature lover. The dense forest of the golden oak trees that are offset by the rich undergrowth of moss and lichen are an ideal setting for leisurely walks on the thick foliage of russet leaves.

Not only does the town contain an abundance of nature, it also boasts of a rich history - illustrated by the monasteries that date back to 1863 - acquainting us with past events and the local art and culture. And to get a taste of this history, one must visit Pedong, Thongsa and Tharpa Choling monasteries amongst others. While meeting the little monks and the lamas playing gyalings, one will be transported to a world that is blissfully devoid of the chaos of the concrete jungles.



## EXPERIENCE KALIMPONG

### Lava Loleygaon

Lava is a small town situated 34 km east of Kalimpong, at an altitude of 7,106 feet. Wild animals like the Himalayan black bear and the barking deer can be spotted around these parts. And most importantly, Neora Valley National Park, which is a renowned habitat of the endangered red pandas is also located here. Loleygaon is 24 km away from Lava. The unique Canopy Walk over the old Forest Oak & Cyprus here is definitely a thrilling experience.



### Deolo Hill Top

Deolo hill is the highest point of Kalimpong with an altitude of almost 5,500 feet. The tourism department has created an 8-acre wide lush park with manicured flower gardens from where one can enjoy the breathtaking views of Kanchenjunga, Durpin Hill and Kalimpong Township.

### Rishyap

A four-kilometre walk from Lava takes one to the idyllic world of Rishyap / Risop. The views of the stellar night sky and the mesmerizing sunrise over the vast Himalayan range from 'Tiffin Dara' attract hordes of tourists from all over the world.

### Jhandi Dara

Located at a distance of 31 km from Kalimpong, Jhandi Dara is quite a picturesque spot. It is famed for offering a spectacular view of the sunrise. Jhandi Dara Sunrise Point is where one can witness the sun rising behind the snow-capped mountain peaks.

### Other hot spots

**Kalimpong Arts and Craft Centre:** A renowned hub of handicrafts.

**Tharpa Choling Monastery:** A repository of old scriptures and documents.

**Thongsa Monastery:** The oldest monastery in the area.

**Dharmodaya Vihar:** A Nepalese Buddhist Temple.

**Durpin Dara:** A site from where the mountain ranges of Sillim, including Jelep and Tiger Hill and the confluence of the Relli, Rieng and Teesta rivers can be viewed. Besides, the Zang Dhok Palri Phodang Monastery is located here.

**Pine View Nurseries:** The famous flower nurseries of Kalimpong.

