

Tinjurey Ecotourism Festival

Pangthang, EAST SIKKIM

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WHAT IS ECOTOURISM?

In simple words, ecotourism is about preserving natural resources and forest life and at the same time, appreciating and enjoying the ingenuous charm of the land.

Ecotourism is viewed as an opportunity to generate income and employment. The basic premise of the ecotourism component is to develop successful community based ecotourism i.e. ventures that satisfy both conservation and development objectives, which are envisaged through community based ecotourism, which help in promoting the Himalayan way of life.

Ecotourism is a remarkable and pivotal part of tourism because it enhances the natural and cultural integrity of the people in a responsible manner.

The Tinjurey Ecotourism Festival, which will be held at the Namphong-Lingdok Ecotourism Zone on the 28th & 29th March, is an event filled with festivities and at the same time an effort to understand Ecotourism as a concept and create awareness.



An initiative of **ECOTOURISM DIRECTORATE, FEWMD, GOVT. OF SIKKIM.**

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15 THINGS TO FOLLOW

1 BE PREPARED FOR OUTDOORS

Remember, you will be walking in the woods, therefore your attire should be something that will make you feel comfortable and won't drag you down.

2 BUY THE TICKETS

Ticket booths are there at the Pangthang school ground and Sanctuary entry gate. The ticket price covers sanctuary entry fees, guiding & activity charges. Revenue being generated from the tickets sale will be distributed among the beneficiaries.

3 USE THE SHUTTLE CARS

Hop-in & Hop-off transport facility is available in the festival area. Visitors can opt for the shuttle service, connecting various activity points.

4 EXPERIENCE TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY

You will be welcomed to the village in a typical Nepali style with traditional customs and songs.

5 ENTER THE NATURE ZONE

Now you enter the Fambong Lho Wildlife Sanctuary. Here you get to feel nature in its pristine best. At the "Golitar Gate", visitors will be received by the local guide who will brief them about the Sanctuary rules and various activities that are on offer in the nature zone.

6 OBSERVE, INTERPRET & APPRECIATE

Become part of the nature. Observe different forms of local biodiversity around you – trees, plants, flowers, birds, butterflies, animals, etc. You have self guided nature trails or can avail the services of interpretative guides from the local village.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

What awaits you here is a set of environmental activities that can engage kids and adults alike. Besides specific activities for the school children, experts from partner NGOs will demonstrate on activities pertaining to Zero-waste, environmental research, etc.

8 BE YOUR OWN GUIDE @ GURASEY TRAIL

"GURASEY (Nepali name for Rhododendron) TRAIL" is about 1.2 km long and is developed as a self-guided trail with signboards and interpretative materials. A walk on this trail will fetch you splendid pine forests, rhododendrons, birds, butterflies and breathtaking valley views.

9 BIRDS, BIRDING & BIRD TRAIL

The BIRDING TRAIL starts from the camping ground area and meanders through bamboo forests and water bodies before reaching the open ground area. Here you get a view of the mountain ranges, including Mt. Khanchendzonga. This trail offers incredible chances to spot & photograph good number of bird species.

10 HEALING IN THE NATURAL WAY

At golitar a traditional healer will demonstrate practices related to naturopathy.

11 VILLAGE LIFE EXPERIENCE

At 'Gairi Gaon', the visitors can see and experience a typical Sikkimese village. One can walk around the village and see various activities like farming, cardamom plantation, milching, traditional games, etc.

12 ETHNIC FOOD

Different ethnic food items of the Nepali, Bhutia and Lepcha community are available at Rail Gaon. Visitors can buy and enjoy various food items here.

13 ETHNIC MUSEUM & LOCAL SOUVENIRS

An ethnic museum showcasing different traditional artifacts of local community is there at Rail Gaon. Next to the museum is the Souvenir shop, where the visitors can shop souvenir products made by the local craftsmen.

14 TRADITIONAL DANCE

Visitors can enjoy the dance performances of members belonging to local community namely; Bhutias, Lepchas and Nepalis.

15 LOCAL DRINK MAKING

It is a tradition that when a guest visits, the local people welcome them with a drink that is considered a gesture of honour.

VISIT US AGAIN

We hope that you have a memorable time and while we hope for your return, your feedback and opinions would mean a lot to us.

