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Darjeeling - the Queen of the Hills by [Dips Dixon](#)

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Darjeeling has remained a paradise for the tourists for a very long time. It is one of the best and popular summer retreats of India. The Hill station is called 'The Queen of the Hills' and it is particularly prominent for its high quality tea plantations and attractions. Darjeeling provides with innumerable choices for sightseeing and exciting activities for the visitors. Among other places to visit for sightseeing, Bhutia Basti, Ghoom Monastery and the famous Mirik Lake are most popular ones. The place has also adventure sports activities like White Water rafting to rock climbing and rope way tour.

Darjeeling is around 1200 sq miles and it is almost 2,134 metres above sea level. The best time to visit Darjeeling is in summer months of May To June and September to November as the temperature drops drastically in the winters. The main languages spoken in this hill station are the Gorkha and Tibetan along with many English speaking crowd with the Nepalese, Hindi and Bengali. It is extremely easy to get there to Darjeeling by Plane, Rail and the roads are well connected by all means and the metropolitan city of Kolkata is the nearest Railhead. The Famous 'Toy Train' gives that extra edge for the marvellous experience for the travellers who likes to enjoy every bit of this wonderful journey to the Queen of Hills.

Darjeeling is known as a summer retreat for the visitors and it offers so much for the sightseeing and places of interests. The Famous Tiger Hill is the first thing to do with the mesmerising sun rise amidst the mighty Kanchenjunga Range to a visit to the Dhirdham Temple which was built by Rai Saheb Purna Bhadur Pradhan and that has a Lord Shiva's statue constructed outside the temple. The temple has a Tibetan Influence and it was built in the year 1939. On a Sunny day, a walk to the Happy Valley Tea Estate is a must. The Tea estate is around 3 kilometres away from the main hill station. Another famous sightseeing attraction is the Batasia Loop where the War Memorial is Situated. The rail tracks has 8 shaped manoeuvres and it looks spectacular from a higher level. The Memorial depicts the stories and artefacts of the brave souls of Darjeeling who fought with courage for independence.

Darjeeling gets a number of visitors and there is something for everyone when it comes to hotels and lodging. Darjeeling provides best five star resorts to budget hotels and lodges to holidays and home stays. You will find here a few of the most luxurious hotels in India. The wide range of luxury hotels includes The Mystic Forest Resort, Sterling Resorts, The Sood's Garden Retreat and Rhododendron Dell Exotic Resort which offers rooms that charges from INR 3500 to 2550 per night. Budget hotels have mushroomed and they offer great facilities too from hot running water to sightseeing packages and more. Some of these hotels or lodges are Classic Guest House, Darjeeling Tourist Lodge, Tibet Home, J.P. Lodge and many more. Most of them has room service with restaurants and recreational areas attached.

A quick run away from the busy city life and an instant relaxation calls for a short trip to Darjeeling. With its varied culture, mouthwatering cuisines and picturesque landscapes the hill station makes it a perfect rendezvous with peace and tranquility.

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