# VISIT BHUTAN THIS SUMMER VIA BAGDOGRA



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# **THIMPHU**

Thimphu is a destination steeped in heritage. You will love mountain views and sightseeing. Exciting wildlife encounters await you here.



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# **PUNAKHA**

land of dzongs, a regal peaceful aura, and the remains of unifying ruler Ngawang Namgyal are the major attractions.



Is a historic town with many sacred sites and historical buildings scattered throughout the area. In addition, the Paro Valley is wide and verdant and is recognized as one of the most beautiful in all Bhutan.





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# Bhutan Tour Package - 9N/10D (P-DIDO-L) Drive In -- Drive Out

Phuentsholing:-1N, Thimphu:-2N, Punakha:-2N, Paro:-3N, Lataguri:-1N

Day 01: IXB Airport – Phuentsholing(Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of Phuentsholing: 293 mts.)

Meet & Greet on arrival at IXB Airport and transfer to Phuentsholing - The Gateway of Bhutan by Road from India. It is a thriving commercial centre on the northern edge of the Indian Plains. On arrival check-in at the hotel.

### Overnight stay at Phuentsholing.

Day 02: Phuentsholing to Thimphu (Distance: 176 kms. / Driving Time: 6 hrs. / Altitude of Thimphu: 2350 mts.)

After breakfast, proceed towards Thimphu via the wonderful mystic town Gedu, which is about 9000 ft above the sea and Chukha Dam. On the way, halt at Chojum to take photographs of the confluence of two rivers of Bhutan, Thimphu Chu and Paro Chu. Reach Thimphu in the evening. On arrival check in at the hotel. In the evening, visit the Tashichho Dzong (Fortress of the Glorious Religion).

### Overnight stay at Thimphu.

### Day 3: Thimphu Local Sight Seen

After breakfast, the day is dedicated to sightseeing in Thimphu. You will see the following tourist sites in Thimphu include: -

- Kuensel Phodrang
- National Memorial Chorten
- Folk Heritage Museum
- Typical Bhutanese lunch at the Folk Heritage Restaurant would be a great experience.
- Sangaygang view point

- Takin Reserve Centre.
- Changangkha Monastery
- Tashichho Dzong (Fortress of the Glorious Religion)



### Overnight Stay at Thimphu Hotel.

### Day 4 : Thimphu to Punakhka

After breakfast, you will be taken on a three-hour road trip from Thimphu to Punakha / Wangdue Phodrang, which is located across the famous Dochu La Pass. During the road trip, you will pass through the Dochula, where you will spot mani wall, chorten, prayer flags, and others. This is the country's highest road. You can even spot the peaks of surrounding mountains, if the sky is clear. Top peaks to spot during your drive are Masagang, Tsendagang, Terigang, Kangphugang, Table Mountain, and others. This includes the Gangkhar Puensum peak, which is the highest in Bhutan. On Arrival Check into the Hotel. Post Lunch You will see the following tourist sites in Punakha /Wangdue include: -

- Punakha Dzong
- Chimi Lhakhang
- Punakha Suspension Bridge
- Punakha Village

Back to the hotel.

### Overnight Stay in Punakha / Wangdue.

### Day 5 :- Excursion tour to Gangtey/ Phobjikha

After breakfast drive to Gangtey valley. Its located in the beautiful, broad and U-shaped glacial valley of Phobjikha. After arrival hotel check in and later after lunch we will hike to nature trails .From the small hilltop overlooking Gangtey

Goemba, head downhill through flower meadows to Semchubara village and from here through beautiful forests and into the open valley. After passing a chorten and Khewa Lhakhang, the trail ends at the local community school; this involves a 30 minute walk up to the start of town.Black Necked Crane Information Centre Situated on the edge of the forest and wetland along the main road of Phobjikha valley, the black-necked crane information Centre has an observation room equipped with high power telescope and spotting scopes for catching the best view of the cranes. The centre also offers display information that outline the natural and cultural history of the area. There is a small gift shop, which sells handicrafts produced by the local people.

Back to hotel.



### Overnight Stay in Punakha.

### Day 6 :- Punakha / Wangdue to Paro

After breakfast, you will leave Punakha/Wangdue and drive to Paro via Dochu La Pass, covering Paro Chuu river valley and Wang Chhu river valley. On the way, you will be visiting Simtokha Dzong, an old fortress that is now a school for Dzongkha language.

Once you reach Paro, you will be checked into a hotel. Later, you will be taken on a sightseeing tour covering important destinations of Paro:-

- Ta Dzong
- Rinpung Dzong
- Tamchog lhakhang

Back to hotel.

### Overnight Stay in Paro.

### Day 7:- Paro Local Sight-seeing

After early morning breakfast, you will be starting a Excursion tour to Taktshang Monastery. Taksand Palphug Monastery also known as Tiger's Nest is an amazing Buddhist monastery, temple and sacred site is located in the upper Paro town. Built in 1692, Padmasambhava is believed to have meditated at this site for 3 years. Guru Padmasambhava is known to be the founder of Buddhist religion in Bhutan. He is immensely respected and has a huge number of sacred followers in Bhutan.

### Overnight at the Paro.

### Day 8 – The Chelala Pass- Haa Valley (Day excursion)

Haa remains one of the least visited areas in the country and retains the air of an unspoiled, primeval forest.

Drive to Chele La Pass (3,988m) from which on a clear day the view sweeps away to Bhutan's second-highest sacred peak, Mt Jomolhari (7314m).

### Overnight in Paro.

### Day 09 :- Paro to Lataguri

After breakfast check out from the hotel and transfer to Lataguri. On arrival check in at the hotel.



### Overnight stay at Lataguri

### Day 10 :- Lataguri to Bagdogra Airport Drop

Early Morning you can Enjoy the Lataguri Jeep Safari (**On a Direct Payment Basis**) After breakfast check out from the hotel and take the departure transfer to IXB Airport for your onward journey.

## **Hotel Options:**

3 Star (TCB APPROVED)					
Destination	<b>Hotel Names</b>	No of Nights	Meal Plan		
Phuentsholing	Hotel Gadhen / Bhutan Residency	1N	Breakfasts + Dinner		
Thimphu	Hotel Ugyen / Hotel River Valley / Oro Vila	2N	Breakfasts + Dinner		
Punakha	White Dragon / Hotel Khuru Khuru / Kingaling Hotel	2N	Breakfasts + Dinner		
Paro	Layhul Resort / Paro Riverfront / Tshringma Resort	3N	Breakfasts + Dinner		
Lataguri	Hotel Green Touch / Kumudini Resort / Chocolate Inn / Hotel Firefly	1N	Breakfasts + Dinner		

BHUTAN TOUR PACKAGE PRICE (Private Basis)  For a 02pax group For a group of 04 For a group of 06 For a group of 08				
Rs. 71,500 PP	Rs. 54,500 PP	Rs. 48,900 PP	Rs. 46,500 PP	

### <u>Note</u>

• Above quote is valid if all the Pax are traveling together - In case of any changes in the number of Pax, rate / Dot will attract the re-quote.



- The above-mentioned hotels & rooms are subject to availability.
- If the above-mentioned hotels are unavailable, similar category hotels will be provided.
- HOTEL CHECK-IN TIME 1200 NOON & CHECK-OUT TIME 1100 HRS.
- Requests for early check-in may be considered depending on room availability.
- Requests for late checkout may be considered depending on room availability and are chargeable on request.

### **Package Inclusion**

- Transfer all on a private basis
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary point-to-a-point basis.
- Pick up & Drop from Bagdogra Airport (IXB)
- Accommodation in all places
- Meal plan: Breakfast & Dinner
- One bottle of Mineral Water per head per day during sightseeing
- Professional English-Speaking Guide
- Online E-Permit Assistance
- One tourist SIM card on Arrival
- SDF Per person per night per head Rs. 1200/-
- 24x7 Operation Executive Support

### **Package Exclusion**

- Extras of a personal nature include personal tips, laundry charges, and additional tour charges.
- Travel Insurance
- Does not include any Lunch and evening Tea/snacks
- Insurance, Medical and emergency rescue costs
- Does not include Hard drinks liquor or soft drinks/juices.
- Does not include Entrance Fees at Monasteries / Monuments / Museums etc.
- Air Fare / Train Tickets
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicles, other than those mentioned in the itinerary.
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, which is directly payable on the spot).
- Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to an increase in cost on surface transportation & land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.

### Vehicle Type Used for no of Head:

Sedan – Hyundai Creta / Santa Fe / Tucson (Used for 02 & 03 Head Basis Group)



Hyundai H1 – (Used for 04 to 05 Head Basis Group)

Toyota Hiace – (Used for 06 to 07 Head Basis Group)

Toyota High roof – (Used for 08 Head Basis Group)

Toyota Coaster Bus – (Used for up-to 8 Heads Basis Group)

### **Document Require / Important Notes**

- For Adults 6 Months Valid Passport Or Voter's ID Card
- For Child 6 Months Valid Passport Or Birth Certificate (In English)
- Immigration Office of Phuentsholing And Thimphu Is Open From 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for 7 Days.
- For Online Permit Passport Is Mandatory For All Guest & Charges Will Be INR 500 Per Person.
- Above price only for India national and Passport holders (Minimum 6 Months validity)
- Vehicle will be on an Itinerary and point-to-point transfer basis; not on a disposal basis.
- AC will not be operational during hills travel.
- Every booking is on a first come first serve basis. Blocking is possible only for 48hrs.

### MUMBAI TO BHUTAN TRAVEL TIPS

- Travelers looking for **Bhutan Tour from Bombay** must possess valid Passport or Voter ID Card.
- Bhutan is a landlocked country, so getting into Bhutan is possible either by flight or over road.
- Bhutan has only one International Airport, Paro [PBH] which is merely 1 hrs drive from Thimphu.
- Bhutanese food is spicy as Bhutanese are very fond of chilies. During your **Bhutan Trip** You will find chilies in every dish. So, if you like spicy food, you will be in perfect during **Bhutan Tour from Mumbai**
- The rice in Bhutan is red. Rice being the staple food in Bhutan holds a very auspicious value. It is full of fibres and minerals like potassium, magnesium and iron.
- Hiking in Bhutan is permitted but Mountaineering is not. Mountaineering is forbidden in the country as most the mountains are sacred for the Bhutanese.
- Bhutan is smoke free nation. Guests travelling Bhutan have to bring their own cigar as smoking is prohibited in public places. Tourists only can enjoy cigar in private and can bring up to 200 cigarettes.
- Weeds grows almost everywhere in Bhutan, but possessing and using is prohibited. One can get up to 5 years of imprisonment if found with weeds.

 The Dha or Archery is the national sport in Bhutan. So, coordinating with your Bhutan Tour Agent from Mumbai you can check your archery skill in any of the archery play ground in Bhutan.



- Bhutan is known for its vibrant, beautiful cultural festival. So traveling this country during Thimphu Tshechu Festival, Jambay Lhakhang Drup Festival and Paro Tshechu Festival are best to have the glimpse of rich Bhutanese culture.
- During your **Bhutan Tour** you can pay Indian Currency (₹ rupee). Here one thing to remember that only 100 and 50 Rs Indian currency is accepted in Bhutan. 2000 and 500 denomination of Indian currency is not accepted here.
- Bhutanese people are very sentimental about their King and Royal family. They respect their monarchs as the incarnation of Gods. It is advised to pay due respect to their Royal Families, Dzongs, and Temples.
- Always wear decent clothes while visiting the temples and historical places in Bhutan.

### Closing Days of Some of the Monuments Mentioned In the Itinerary:

- Ta Dzong Paro (national museum): closed on Government Holidays
- National Library Thimphu: closed on Sat, Sun & Government Holidays
- Folk Heritage Museum Thimphu: closed on Government Holidays and on Sat open from 10.30 a.m to 1.00 p.m and on Sun open from 11.30 a.m to 3.00 p.m
- Textile Museum Thimphu: Closed on Government Holidays and on Sun and on Sat open from 9.00 a.m to 4 p.m
- Institute of ZorigChusum (Arts & Crafts School) Thimphu: Closed on Sun & Government Holidays and on Sat open from 10 a.m to 12 o'clock.

### Month Wise Temperature In Bhutan To Note:

MO NTH	THIMPHU	PARO	PUNAKHA
JANUARY	12.4 / -2.5°C	9.5 / -5.8°C	17 / 4.3°C
FEBRUARY	14.5 / 0.7°C	13 / 1.6°C	19 / 7.9°C
MARCH	16.7 / 3.9°C	14.5 / 0.6°C	22.8 / 10.4°C
APRIL	20 / 7.2°C	17.5 / 4.6°C	26.2 / 12.9
MAY	22.6 / 13.2°C	23.5 / 10.6°C	29.1 / 17.7°C
JUNE	24.5 / 15.3°C	25.4 / 14.2°C	29.2 / 20.1°C
JULY	25.8 / 15.5°C	26.8 / 14.9°C	30.4 / 20.6°C
AUGUST	25 / 15.7°C	25.3 / 14.7°C	29.1 / 20°C



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MO NTH	THIMPHU	PARO	PUNAKHA
SEPTEMBER	23.2 / 15°C	23.4 / 11.8°C	27.5 / 19.1°C
OCTOBER	21.8 / 10.5°C	18.7 / 7.4°C	26.1 / 14.3°C
NOVEMBER	17.8 / 5°C	13.8 / 1.4°C	22.6 / 9.6°C
DECEMBER	14.4 / -1.3°C	11.2 / -1.5°C	19.1 / 6.2°C



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