

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.



PUNAKHA

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

PARO

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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Mysterious Bhutan Tour Package - 8N/9D (P-DIDO-L) **(Drive-In - Drive-Out)**

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

Day Wise Itinerary

Day 01 : NJP Rly Station – Phuentsholing (Distance: 170 km. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of Phuentsholing: 293 mts.)

Meet & Greet on arrival at NJP Railway Station and transfer to Phuentsholing - The Gateway of Bhutan by Road from India. It is a thriving commercial center 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 km. / Driving Time: 6 hrs. / Altitude of Thimphu: 2350 mts.)

After breakfast, proceed towards Thimphu via the wonderful mystic town Gedu, 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, Thumpu Chu, and Paro Chu. Reach Thimphu in the evening. On arrival check in at the hotel. In the evening, visit the theTashichho Dzong (Fortress of the Glorious Religion).

Overnight stay at Thimphu.

Day 3 – FULL DAY THIMPHU SIGHTSEEING:

As the sun spreads its warm rays across the beautiful Thimphu valley, begin your day with a hot cup of Suja (Butter Tea) and move towards the breakfast table to enjoy their delicious spread before leaving for Thimphu local sightseeing.

The National Memorial Chorten - Also known as Thimphu Chorten is a site for evening prayer. The chorten was built in the third King's memory, and it was continuously circumambulated by people, murmuring mantras and spinning their prayer wheels. The idea to construct this landmark was proposed by Bhutan's third King, His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuk ("the father of modern Bhutan"), who wished to erect a monument to the World for peace and prosperity. Completed in 1974 after Majesty's untimely death, it served as a memorial to the late King and a monument of peace.

Shakyamuni Buddha - On the top of Kuensel Phodrang hill sits the statue of Great Buddha Dordenma. The 51.5-meter-long gilded bronze statue would surely attract you, and the

uninterrupted view of the valley would leave you spellbound. This site is also known as Buddha Viewpoint.



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Changangkha Lhakhang - At Thimphu, you will come across several monasteries and temples, but Changangkha Lhakhang is the most important religious structure of all. The fabric is dedicated to Avalokiteshvara, a sign of compassion dating back to the 15th century, the oldest in the region, and from here, enjoy the grand view of Thimphu valley.

Takin Zoo – In here, you will find the National animal of Bhutan, "Takin". Takin is one of the most endangered species of the World, and it is available only in Bhutan and preserved in open habitat.

Trashy Chhoe Dzong - or the Fortress of the Glorious Region is another 'must visit' site on a Bhutan Package Tour. Situated on the west bank of Wang Chhu river, the Trashy Chhoe Dzong is the formal coronation site of the fifth King that hosts the annual Tsechu festival. This Dzong was built in the year 1641 by the political and religious unifier of Bhutan, Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, later it was reconstructed in the 1960s in a traditional Bhutanese manner, without the use of nails or architectural plans.

Overnight in Thimphu.

Day 4 – THIMPHU TO PUNAKHA [2 HR 15 MIN (75 KM) VIA THIMPHU-PUNAKHA HWY]

As your Hot Ngaja (a Sweet Bhutanese milk tea) arrives sip into it while enjoying the beautiful valley from the room. Post breakfast head towards Punakha, the former capital of Bhutan.

Punakha is much backward from the chaotic city life at an elevation of 1200 m, which makes this place quite warm in winter and hot during summer. The valley is famous for Red and white rice farming along the Pho and Mo Chu Rivers stretch.

En-route visit.

Punakha Dzong - Also known as "the palace of great happiness", Punakha Dzong is located at the confluence of the Pho Chhu (father) and Mo Chhu (mother) rivers in the

Punakha–Wangdue valley. This Dzong is the most picturesque of all Bhutan ancient fortresses and it joins the mainland by an arched wooden bridge that contains many precious relics from the days when successive kings reigned the Kingdom from this Punakha valley.

Chimi Lhakhang - Stationed at the top of a hillock, the Chimi Lhakhang is a site dedicated to Lama Drukpa Kuenley. Known as the 'Divine Madman,' Lama Drukpa Kuenley is said to use songs, humor, and outrageous behavior to preach his teachings. Chimi Lhakhang temple is believed to be the temple of fertility, and the Bhutanese hold a strong belief that childless couples are blessed by Lama Drukpa Kuenley if they visit the temple and pray for a child. The road to the temple follows a picturesque rural trail through the paddy field that takes visitors to the temple from the road, and after crossing the paddy field, you will find a tiny stream from where Chimi Lhakhang is just a short climb away.

Suspension Bridge - This hidden treasure in the Punakha Valley connects the rest of the valley to the old administrative center of Punakha Dzongkhag. The whole deck is covered with prayer flags and provides a perfect spot for bird-watching and photography.

Overnight stay in Punakha.

Day 05 – PUNAKHA TO PARO TRANSFER [2 HR 15 MIN (125 KM) VIA THIMPHU - PUNAKHA HWY]



From the beautiful valley, the next destination is the picturesque Paro town, located at an elevation of 2200 m. Paro valley is the most extensive valley in entire Bhutan and is blessed with mesmerizing nature, fertile rice fields, deep valleys, and a crystalline river. The beautiful view of the mountains, clear sky, and dense coniferous forest with chirping birds can make you fall in love with its first glimpse.

En route enjoy Paro sightseeing –

National Museum of Bhutan - In 1968, The National Museum of Bhutan was built, which stands inside the ancient Ta-dzong building that showcases Bhutan culture and is stationed right above Rinpung Dzong in Paro. This museum is a house of beautiful specimens from Bhutanese art and culture, with the main highlights being the paintings and bronze statues, which are placed in extensive galleries, from where you can get to know a lot about Bhutan art and culture.

Rinpung Dzong - Built by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal in 1646, the first spiritual and temporal ruler of Bhutan, the Dzong houses the monastic body of Paro, the office of the Dzongda (district administrative head) and Thrimpon (judge) of Paro district. The approach to the Dzong is through a traditional covered bridge called Nemi Zam.

The Paro town is full of Dzongs (monasteries), where you can join the monks for prayers as they wrap themselves in red robes with priceless smiles or walk down to the bed of Paro Chu and dip your feet in the cold crystalline water.

Overnight in Paro

Day 06 - Paro Local Sightseeing

After early morning breakfast, you will be starting an Excursion tour to Taktshang Monastery. Taksand Palphug Monastery also known as Tiger's Nest is an amazing Buddhist monastery, temple, and sacred site 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 the Buddhist religion in Bhutan. He is immensely respected and has a huge number of sacred followers in Bhutan.

Overnight at the Paro.

Day 7 - EXCURSION TOUR TO Chele la pass

After breakfast an excursion trip to Chele-La-Pass (13,088 ft.) – the highest motorable road in Bhutan. Enjoy the scenic beauty & memorable landscapes from **Chele-La-Pass**. Back to Paro. The rest of the day is free for leisure.

Overnight at the Paro

Day 08:- Paro to Lataguri

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



Afternoon Lataguri Jeep Safari (**On a Direct Payment Basis**)

Overnight stay at Lataguri

Day 09 :- Lataguri to NJP Railway Station Drop

After breakfast check out from the hotel and take the departure transfer to NJP Railway Station / IXB Airport for your onward journey.

Hotel Options:

3 Star (TCB APPROVED)			
Destination	Hotel Names	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	1N	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

<i>BHUTAN TOUR PACKAGE PRICE (Private Basis)</i>			
For a 02pax group	For a group of 04	For a group of 06	For a group of 08
Rs. 63,800 PP	Rs. 48,500 PP	Rs. 44,600 PP	Rs. 41,900 PP

Note

- 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.



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- 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, co-ordinating with your **Bhutan Tour Agent from Mumbai** you can check your archery skill in any of the archery play ground in Bhutan.



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- 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:

MONTH	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
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



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Month Wise Temperature In Bhutan To Note:

MONTH	THIMPHU	PARO	PUNAKHA
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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