

Bhutan often revered as the "Land of the Thunder Dragon" or 'Druk Yul', is still regarded as one of the last "Shangri-La's" in the Himalayan region because of its remoteness, its spectacular mountain terrain, varied flora and fauna and its unique ancient Buddhist monasteries.



Day 01

Arrival at Paro-Transfer to Thimphu

On a clear day, the flight to **Paro** is one of the most spectacular of all mountain flights. Flying along the Himalayan range from Kathmandu the journey offers you wonderful views of the Himalayas and an exciting descent into the Kingdom.

On arrival at Paro airport, after immigration and custom formalities, you will be received by our representative. Enjoy the beautiful sceneries on the way and check into the hotel on arrival at Thimphu.

Dinner will be at the hotel.

Day 02:

Thimphu Sightseeing

After breakfast, proceed for the guided tour of city's main attractions that includes:

Drive to visit the **Buddha Point (KuenselPhodrang)**. Located a short drive away from Thimphu city centre, visitors can get a panoramic view of the Thimphu valley from here. Attraction: **Buddha Dordenma Statue, Simthokha Dzong and View of Thimphu city.**

Simply Bhutan Museum: The newly commissioned museum depicts the ancient Bhutanese architecture which is being lost to modernization. The uniqueness of the structure is in its composition of the materials used. The structure is built reusing old timber, window and door frames and other items from traditional and old demolished houses. The best part is the portrayal of the age-old lifestyles of the Bhutanese people. You can also try Bhutanese national dress at this Place.

Lunch followed by city tour that includes:

Later, visit the **Craft Bazaar** This enterprise displays a wide range of alluring hand-woven textiles and craft



products. The handicraft of Bhutan plays a key role in maintaining the country's unique culture and tradition and also adds value to the Bhutan tourism industry.

Visit **Tashichhodzong**, "fortress of the glorious religion". This is the center of government and religion, site of monarch's throne room and seat of Je Khenpo or Chief Abbot. Built in 1641 by the political and religious unifier of Bhutan, Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, it was reconstructed in 1960s in traditional Bhutanese manner, without nails or architectural plans.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03:

Thimphu - Punakha sightseeing

After breakfast drive to **Dochula Pass** and enjoy the beautiful landscapes of the 108 Druk Wangyal Chortens. Excursion to **Chimi Lhakhang**: The Chimi Lhakhang is situated on a hillock in the centre of the valley. Walk through the village near the temple along the way enjoy the breath-taking views. Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal To serve as the religious and administrative center of the region.

Later, visit the **Suspension bridge**, which is always adorned with colorful prayer flags, is the perfect example of this. Linking Punakha Dzong to Shengana, Samdingkha, and Wangkha villages across the Tsang Chu River (aka Po Chu), this is one of the longest suspension bridges in Bhutan. Yet, for a roughly 520-

foot-long suspension bridge, it's surprisingly stable. The bridge offers a spectacular view of the river and valley, and the east bank is a good starting point for multi-day treks in the nearby mountains.

Check into the hotel and rest.

Day 04:**Punakha Sightseeing**

After breakfast, proceed for an adventurous excursion:

Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten; Hike to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten. Standing regally on the hill above the Punakha valley, this Chorten is a classic example of gorgeous traditions and architecture of Bhutan. It was built by the Queen Mother for heading off the negative forces and transportation peace and harmony for all the living beings. The thing that sets this Chorten apart is that it was designed on the principals delineate within the Holy Scriptures instead of trendy engineering manuals. The golden spire and labyrinthine wall patterns square measure fine example of art and traditions of Bhutan. (2 Hrs.)

Post lunch, visit **Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang Nunnery:** Perched on a ridge amid pine trees and overlooking valleys of Punakha and Wangdue Phodrang, gleams the magnificent structures of Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang (Temple).

Day 05:**Gangtey - Paro**

After breakfast drive back to **Paro** descending back down from **Dochula**.

Later, after checking into hotel at Paro, proceed to visit **Ta Dzong**, originally built as Watchtower, which Then, visit **Rinpung Dzong**, meaning ("fortress of the heap of jewels"), which has a long and fascinating history.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06:**Hike to Tiger's Nest**

After breakfast at hotel proceed for full day excursion:

Excursion to **Taktshang Monastery**. It is one of the most famous of Bhutan's monasteries, perched on the side of a cliff 900m above the Paro valley floor. It is popularly known as the "Tigers Nest".

Evening: an exploratory walk around Paro Main Street and market area.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07:**Paro Departure**

After early breakfast at the hotel, drive to the airport for a flight to your onward destination. Our representative will explain the exit formalities and then bid you farewell.

Inclusions

4*Hotels Envisaged (Subject to availability)

Thimphu – Lemon Tree Resort or similar - 2 Nights – Deluxe Room

Punakha – Lobesa Boutique or similar – 2 Night – Deluxe Room

Paro – Tashi Namgay Resort or similar - 2 Nights – Deluxe Room

The above prices are net payable to us and inclusive of following services:

- Accommodation as per the itinerary
All transfers and sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Bhutan SDF
Accompanying English speaking guide
- Breakfast and dinner at the hotel and lunch at local Bhutanese restaurant.
- Two 500ml Mineral water per person per day
- Bhutan Transport – Toyota Coaster Bus for the entire Bhutan tour as per the itinerary
- Archery at Paro

Exclusions

The following are NOT included in above mentioned quote:

- Insurance of any kind / medical expenses
- Beverages (alcoholic / non – alcoholic)
- Expenses of personal nature (like tipping, laundry, Telephone/fax calls, camera/video fees etc).
- Airfare & airport taxes
- Tea & Snacks
- Entrance fees to the sightseeing as per the program
- Anything that is not included in the inclusions
- GST 5%