

# BHUTAN



## TOUR PROGRAM 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS

Day 1

Bangkok - Paro - Thimphu

(-/L/D)

Morning : Arrive Paro

Paro, the country's only international airport. The flight is exhilarating to say the least, as the route traverses parallel to the mighty Himalayas enabling passengers to see the world's highest peak, Mt Everest, and many more. The descent affords a panoramic view of Bhutan's foothills culminating into a thrilling landing at what is considered one of the world's most challenging airports.

Distance : 54 kilometres

Meet your guide at the airport and **head to the Thimphu** about an hour drive. On the way stop at the **Tamchoe Monastery view** and **Chuzom** the confluence of Paro and Thimphu River.

**Lunch at local restaurant.**

After lunch, we will drive to **Buddha Point**, which provides a spectacular 360-degree close-quarter view of entire Thimphu and the adjoining areas. This is the site of the world's tallest statue of Shakyamuni Buddha. Our next destination is the **Memorial chorten** of Third king of Bhutan the Jigme Dorji Wangchuk, visit the 12<sup>th</sup> century **Changangkha Temple**, **Takin Zoo**.

Evening visit the **Tashichho Dzong**, a 17<sup>th</sup> century castle-fortress which today houses the offices of the King, Chief Abbot and government ministries and strolling around the town.

**Dinner at hotel's restaurant.**

**Overnight at hotel, Thimphu**



Day 2

Thimphu - Punakha

(B/L/D)

Distance: 77 kilometres

**Highlights :** A panoramic view of the snow-capped eastern Himalayas and a multitude of alpine flowers and birds; Bhutan's ancient capital and Temple of Fertility.

**Breakfast at hotel.**

The three to four-hour drive from Thimphu traverses through a constantly changing kaleidoscope of vegetation, waterfalls, flowers, mountains and meadows. In about 45 minutes we will reach the famous **Dochula pass** (3,100m) where on a clear day we can see the entire eastern Himalayan range, teeming with 6,000m to 7,554m snow-capped mountains. The pass

also known for its abundant species of extremely beautiful flowers has 108 Buddhist stupas exquisitely built around a mound, adding to the natural splendor of the place.

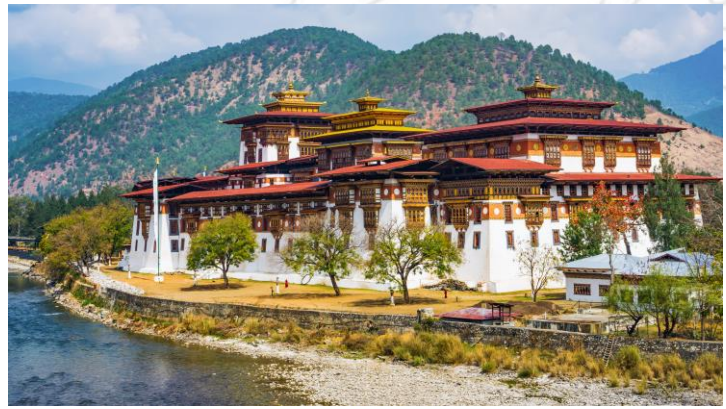
From the pass we descend to the sub-tropical valley of **Punakha**. Punakha served as the ancient capital of capital and still possesses the country's main treasures in the form of Buddhist relics. Resembling a gigantic ship on an ocean floor from afar, and girdled by two (Male and Female) rivers, the castle-fortress also represents the best specimen of Bhutanese architecture.

**Lunch at local restaurant.**

After lunch in a small nearby village together with a rural farming household, we will walk along a footpath flanked by an endless view of ripening paddy fields to the Temple of Fertility - **Chimi Lhakhang**. This temple, built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century to honour the "Divine Madman", a saint iconoclast who is also associated with phallus worship, attracts barren couples from all over to receive fertility blessings from an anointed phallus. Than drive further to Punakha and stop at the **views point the confluence of Male (Pho chu) and female (Mo chu) rivers** and visit the **Punakha Dzong**.

**Dinner at hotel's restaurant.**

**Overnight at hotel, Punakha**



**Day 3 Punakha - Thimphu - Paro (B/L/D)**

Distance: 131 kilometres

**Breakfast at hotel.**

Morning drive back to **Thimphu**. Visit of **the traditional art and craft school, Folk heritage museum**. Visit **Thimphu post office** to make your own's stamp for special souvenir.

**Lunch at local restaurant.**

Later afternoon, continue drive to **Paro**, Visit of **Paro Rinpung Dzong**.

Evening Walk around in Paro town.

**Dinner at hotel's restaurant.**

**Overnight at hotel, Paro**



**Day 4** **Paro - Tiger's Nest - Ta Dzong - Kyichu Lhakhang** **(B/L/D)**

**Highlights :** Hike to the Tiger's Lair, the most famous Buddhist monastery in the Himalayas, built on a sheer rock face.

**Breakfast at hotel.**

After breakfast, drive for half an hour and start hiking up to the temple " **Tiger's Nest** " that is renowned in the Himalayan Buddhist world as one of the most popular sites of pilgrimage. The five-hour round trip follows an ancient but off-trodden footpath flanked by water-driven prayer wheels.

The temple, precariously perched on a hair-raising ravine about 1,000 metres above the valley floor, is considered sacrosanct as it was in a cave within this temple that the eight century tantric saint, Padmasambhava, subdued the evils who obstructed the teachings of the Buddha. The saint is believed to have come to **Taktshang** in a fiery wrathful form riding a tigress. Over the years, many Buddhist saints have meditated in and around the temple and discovered numerous hidden treasure teachings.

**Lunch at Taktsang Cafeteria. ( Enroute )**

Visit the **National Museum (Ta Dzong)** and visit the 7<sup>th</sup> century **Kyichu Temple**, believed to have been built on a place that resembled a knee of a giant ogress.

**Dinner at hotel's restaurant.**

**Overnight at hotel, Paro**



**Day 5** **Paro - Bangkok** **(B/-/-)**

**Breakfast at hotel.**

After breakfast, drive to Paro international airport and fly out.

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**Package Tour Price/ Pax:**

HOTEL CATEGORY	1-2 PAX	3-6 PAX	7-9 PAX	SGL SUPPLEMENT
3* Hotel	1,280 USD	1,180 USD	1,150 USD	215 USD

The cost include :-

- ✓ 01 night accommodation at Hotel in Thimphu on bed and breakfast + dinner basis
- ✓ 01 night accommodation at Hotel in Punakha on bed and breakfast + dinner basis
- ✓ 02 nights accommodation at Hotel in Paro on bed and breakfast + dinner basis
- ✓ All meals as per the above program
- ✓ Meet and assistance at the airport by our representative
- ✓ Arrival/departure transfers
- ✓ Transportation using as mentioned above
- ✓ All sightseeing tours will be provided as per the program with English speaking guide
- ✓ Entrance fees as indicated in the program
- ✓ Visa 45 USD
- ✓ Provide 2 bottles of water per day per person ( Not include during meal )

The cost doesn't include :-

- Any Air ticket cost (International Flight and Domestic Flight)
- Any expense Items of personal nature such as table drinks, telephone calls, laundry, tips, portorage at hotel,
- mineral water at restaurant & hotel
- Any tipping for guide & driver
- Any travel insurance
- Any items do not mention in " The cost includes