

Bumthang Owl Trek



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| Days: | 3 |
| Price: | 610 USD International flight not included |
| Comfort: | ★★★★★ |
| Difficult: | ★★★☆☆ |
| 📍 Adventure 📍 Trekking 📍 Hiking 📍 Mountains | |

This three day trek around Bumthang offers both fantastic views of an unspoiled natural environment endowed with a diverse array of flora and fauna as well as an opportunity to visit ancient Buddhist temples and monasteries.

The trail takes you through forests of blue pine, birch, maple, spruce, juniper, bamboo and a beautiful, rugged landscape draped in countless varieties of rhododendrons. As you walk along the tranquil ridges and mountains of Bumthang you will be treated to unparalleled views of Mt. Gangkar Puensum, the highest unclimbed peak in the world. There is an abundance of avian wildlife in this area and pheasants such as the beautiful Himalayan Tragopan are a common sight around April-May.

One of the best times to undertake this trek is in late spring, between April and early June when the rhododendrons are in full bloom. When trekking through this area in autumn there is a possibility of encountering Himalayan Black bears so caution should be exercised. If it is possible to schedule your trek during one of the local festivals you will be able to enjoy additional insight into the traditions and culture of this region.

Day 1. Trek begins from the Village of Nomadic Kheps and Brokpas



Manchugang 📍
13km - ⌚ 5h
Dhur Village 📍

Manchugang - Dhur Village

- Campsite Altitude: 3450m

After breakfast will trek from **Manchugang** passing ___ Dhur village ___. This village has two distinct dialects, the Bumthang Kha and the Brokpa a language spoken by the nomads. The trek resumes with an uphill climb through blue pine forests towards the campsite at Schonath (3450m).

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| 🍴 Lunch | Made by your team |
| 🍷 Dinner | Made by your team |
| 🏠 Accommodation | tent camping |

Day 2. Trek is mainly through lush forests of hemlock, fir, spruce, etc...



Dhur Village 📍
12km - ⌚ 5h
Drangela Pass 📍

Dhur Village - Drangela Pass

- Campsite altitude: 3600m

The second day of this trek is mainly through lush forests of hemlock, fir, spruce and many species of rhododendrons which are in full bloom during the months of April and May. After few hours of walking you will arrive at the **Drangela Pass**(3600m). Climbing up the **Kitiphu ridge** brings you to the campsite for the night at an altitude of about 3870m. From this point you can have a fresh view of snow capped mountains and valleys underneath. This is also when you can view the mount Gangkarpunsum (7541m), the highest unclimbed peak in the world.

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Day 3. Visit Tharpaling Monastery



Drangela Pass 📍
8km - ⌚ 4h
Tharpaling Monastery 📍
🚗 54km - ⌚ 2h 21m
Bumthang 📍

Drangela Pass - Tharpaling Monastery

- Today we will descend towards the monasteries of **Zambhalha**, **Chuedak** and **Tharpaling**.
- After lunch we will continue our trek along the ridge of **Kikila** and following the traditional trek route between Trongsa and Bumthang (the Royal Heritage Trail) through scenic hills and forests. Finally we can have the best view of Jakar Dzong.

Tharpaling Monastery - Bumthang

- Drive back to Bumthang.

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| 🍴 Lunch | Made by your team |

Itinerary map



Individual price per person

| 1-1 | 2-2 | 3-10 |
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| 690 USD | 640 USD | 610 USD |

Included

- Bhutan Tourist Tariff Royalty.
- Visa fees
- All private excursions and transfers in superior air-conditioned vehicle.
- Local English speaking guide/tour leader.
- Experienced driver.
- Accommodation in carefully selected, highest standard government approved hotels & guesthouses.
- All meals in Bhutan.
- All entrance fees and permits.
- Tents

Not included

- All personal expenses such as bars, beverages, laundry, telephone and tips.
- Medical / Travel Insurance.
- Air-fare