## **Duer Hot Spring Trek**



Days: 9

Price: 2320 USD

International flight not

included

Comfort:

Difficult: ★★☆☆

► Adventure ► Trekking ► Mountains

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This is one of the most challenging treks available in Bhutan and route partially overlaps with the trail of the legendary Snowman Trek, the most difficult trek in the world. This grueling nine day journey will take you up to the Duer Hot springs, arguably the most beautiful hot springs in the Himalayas.

The trail has numerous steep ascents and descents and ranges from altitudes between 3000-4700m. However despite the difficulty this trek is well worth the effort as it will take you through some of the most beautiful landscapes in Bhutan. You'll journey through forests of spruce, hemlock, juniper and maple, through regions populated by herds of Blue Sheep, Musk Deer and even Himalayan Black Bears.

An entire day will be dedicated to resting in the hot springs. The periods between March to April and September to November are the best times to take on this challenging route.

# Day 1. The trek route follows the Yoleng Chhu, a river known for its abundance of trout



Duer ♥
18km - ② 6h 30m
Gorsum ♥

#### Duer - Gorsum

· Ascent: 380m Camp altitude: 3,120m

The trek route follows the **Yoleng Chhu**, a river known for its abundance of trout. The trail from **Bumthang** to \_\_Gorsum\_\_is a gradual climb.

¶Lunch Made by your team

▼ Dinner Made by your team

Accommodation tent camping

### Day 2. Pass through forest of Spruce, Hemlock, Cypress, Juniper and Maple



Gorsum ♥
12km - ② 5h
Lungsum ♥

#### Gorsum - Lungsum

· Ascent: 40m Camp altitude: 3,160m

The trail leads through a dense forest of Spruce, Hemlock, Cypress, Juniper and Maple. It ascends gradually to the campsite.

■ Breakfast
Made by your team

¶Lunch Made by your team

▼ Dinner Made by your team

#### Day 3. Pass through the dense forest



Lungsum 9 15km - @ 7h Tsochenchen **♀** 

#### Lungsum - Tsochenchen

• Ascent: 620 m Camp altitude: 3,780m

The vegetation along the route is similar to places crossed the previous day. Near the campsite the vegetation thins out and the camp is made above tree line.

Breakfast Made by your team **Lunch** Made by your team **T** Dinner Made by your team Accommodation

### Day 4. The trek from Tsochenchen is uphill all the way until Juli La (4,700m)

tent camping



Tsochenchen ♥ 18km - @ 9h Duer Tsachu ♥

#### Tsochenchen - Duer Tsachu

Ascent: 1,340m Descent: 1,530m Camp altitude: 3,590m

The trek from Tsochenchen is uphill all the way until Juli La (4,700m). After crossing the pass, the trail descends to a lake at 4,220m, and then climbs again to Gokthong La(4,640m). From here the path is steep descent until the campsite. Musk deer, herds of blue sheep and Himalayan bears are sometimes seen along the route.

Breakfast Made by your team **III** Lunch Made by your team **T** Dinner Made by your team ★ Accommodation tent camping

### Day 5. Relax in the rejuvenating hot springs



Duer Tsachu 9

. As the highlight of the trek, today we will be taking rest at the Duer Tsachu. After a late breakfast, relax in the rejuvenating hot springs or take a leisurely hike around surrounding areas.

Breakfast Made by your team **III** Lunch Made by your team **T** Dinner Made by your team Accommodation tent camping

Day 6. Return by the same route taken on day four



Duer Tsachu ♥ 18km - ② 9h Tsochenchen ♥

#### Duer Tsachu - Tsochenchen

• Ascent: 1,530m Descent: 1,340m Camp altitude 3,780m

Return by the same route taken on day four. The journey will be even tougher than before as there is slightly more climbing than descending.

■ Breakfast	Made by your team
<b>Y¶</b> Lunch	Made by your team
▼ Dinner	Made by your team
★ Accommodation	tent camping

### Day 7. Distance 15 km, five hours, 620 m descent, camp altitude 3,160m



Tsochenchen ♥
15km - ② 5h
Lungsum ♥

#### Tsochenchen - Lungsum

Descent: 620 m Camp altitude 3,160m
 Return by the route taken on day three.

■ Breakfast	Made by your team
₩¶ Lunch	Made by your team
▼ Dinner	Made by your team
★ Accommodation	tent camping

### Day 8. Distance 12 km, four hours, 40m descent, camp altitude 3,120m



Lungsum ♥
12km - ② 4h
Gorsum ♥

#### Lungsum - Gorsum

Descent: 40m Camp altitude 3,120m
 The trail descends gradually from the campsite. It leads through dense forest of Spruce, Hemlock, Cypress, Juniper and Maple.

■ Breakfast	Made by your team
<b>Y¶</b> Lunch	Made by your team
▼ Dinner	Made by your team
★ Accommodation	tent camping

### Day 9. Trek ends at Duer Village



Gorsum ♥
18km - ② 6h
Duer Village ♥
♣ 7km - ② 17m
Bumthang ♥

#### Gorsum - Duer Village

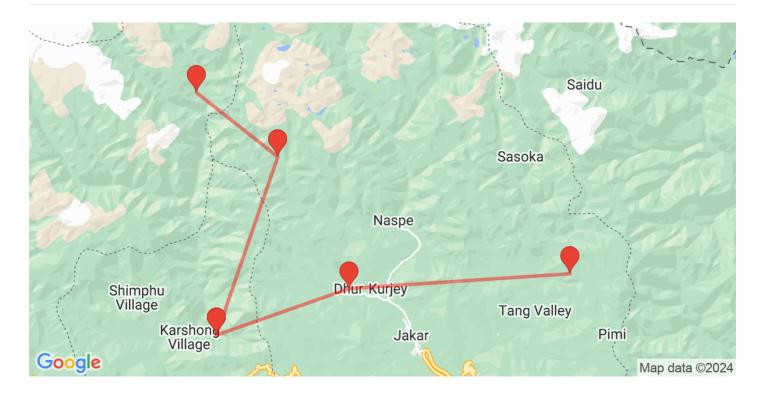
· Descent: 380m

From **Gorsum** the trail descends gradually until the bridge near **Duer village**, where you reach the road head and drive back to hotel in Bumthang.

■ Breakfast
Made by your team

¶Lunch Made by your team

### Itinerary map



### Individual price per person

1-1	2-2	3-10
2640 USD	2560 USD	2320 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