Highlights of Bhutan



Days: 11

Price: 2540 USD
International flight not included

Comfort: ★★★★★

Difficult: ★★★☆☆

Culture Travel with children history Must see

This Highlights of Bhutan tour passes through the mystical Western valleys of Bhutan is an ideal introduction to the Dragon Kingdom. Experience Bhutanese hospitality, admire the ever-changing landscapes, and immerse yourself in Bhutan's rich buddhist culture. Highlights include Ta Dzong Museum, Rimpong Dzong with its wooden cantilevered bridge and the infamous Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) in the beautiful Paro Valley, The National Memorial Chorten, 12th century Changangkha Temple and the National Library exhibiting ancient scriptures in Bhutan's capital Thimphu, and after crossing the 3050m Dochula Pass with spectacular Himalayan views, a journey into the sub-tropical Punakha Valley featuring the incredible the Punakha Dzong and Chimi Lhakang, temple of the 'Divine Madman'.

Day 1. Arrival in Bhutan



Paro Airport
65km - 1h 50m
Thimphu

Paro Airport - Thimphu

- Arrive Paro International Airport. Our tour guide will meet you and take you on a short one-hour drive along the Paro and Thimphu river valleys to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital, at 2320 metres.
- Once you settle into your hotel, we will begin to unlock the mysteries of Bhutan by touring Thimphu's most important sites.

  After lunch visit the Memorial Chorten built in the memory of late Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, Buddha Point, 15th century Changangkha Lhakhang, Textile Museum is worth a visit to learn about Bhutan's living national art of weaving and primary center of learning for Bhutanese artists School of Thirteen Arts & Crafts.

Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
Dinner	3 star hotel
Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 2. A cutural day



Thimphu

- In the morning drive to north of **Thimphu** Valley (15kms) and hike to Cheri Monastery for 30 – 45mins. Cheri Monastery was established in 1620 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal and is now a major teaching and retreat center of the Southern Drukpa Kagyu sect.
- After Lunch, visit Handmade Paper Factory followed by visit to National Takin Reserve and Zihlukha nunnery, biggest nunnery in Bhutan and is a good place to photograph and interact with the nuns and learn about what it takes and feels like to be a Bhutanese Buddhist Nun.

Breakfast	3 star hotel
Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)

Dinner	3 star hotel
Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 3. Visit to administrative and religious center



Thimphu
77km - 3h
Punakha

Thimphu - Punakha

- After breakfast, we will drive from Thimphu to Punakha on national highway, which leads from the cold of Thimphu to the hot, almost tropical area of the Punakha Valley. En route, we will stop at Dochula Pass, where you can visit the marvelous 108 stupas and have a coffee break.
- Upon arrival in Punakha visit Chimmi Lhakhang - Takes a 45mins hike round trip. This monastery is also referred to as the “Abode of Fertility”
- After lunch we go visiting the beautiful Punakha Dzong, seated at the confluence of **Pho Chu** and **Mo Chu** rivers and Punakha suspension bridge, an exciting bridge for photography enthusiasts.

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Day 4. Visit Trongsa Dzong



Punakha
129km - 5h
Trongsa

Punakha - Trongsa

- After breakfast, we drive to Trongsa, which means *the new village*. The founding of Trongsa dates from the 16th century. Trongsa is separated from both the east and the west by mountain passes. The landscape around Trongsa is spectacular, and for miles on end the Dzong seems to tease you so that you wonder if you will ever reach it.

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Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
Dinner	3 star hotel
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Day 5. Visit Kurje Lhakhang



Trongsa
68km - 2h
Bumthang

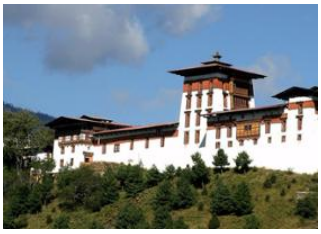
Trongsa - Bumthang

- After breakfast we will be driving towards Bumthang. En route, we will stop at Yathra Factory, colorful wool weaving, a pattern native of central Bhutan with deep color.
- Towards evening we will be visiting Kurje Lhakhang, Jambay Lhakhang and Jakar Dzong.

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Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)

Dinner	3 star hotel
Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 6. Visit Tang Ugyencholing Palace



Bumthang

- early morning we will visit Tang Ugyencholing Palace - Restored in 19th century and en-route visit Tang Valley.
- Afternoon you can explore visiting some farm house and handicrafts shops.

Breakfast	3 star hotel
Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
Dinner	3 star hotel
Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 7. Drive to Phobjikha



Bumthang
188km - 7h
Phobjikha

Bumthang - Phobjikha

- After breakfast, we will be heading towards Phobjikha, the valley where significant wintering ground of the rare and endangered **Black-necked cranes** in Bhutan are found.

Breakfast	3 star hotel
Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
Dinner	3 star hotel
Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 8. Explore Paro Town



Phobjikha
214km - 7h
Paro

Phobjikha - Paro

- After breakfast, we will drive to Paro. En route, we will stop at **Lamperi Botanical Garden** which comprises of over 46 species of **rhododendrons**.

Breakfast	3 star hotel
Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
Dinner	3 star hotel
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Day 9. Visit to Monastery and Meseum

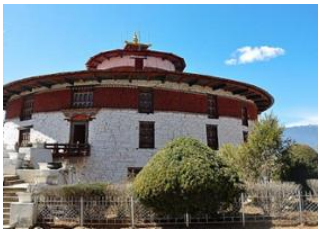


Paro

- Today we will be having full day sightseeing visiting Rinpung Dzong built in 1646 by **Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal**, Ta Dzong (the watchtower) one time watch tower built to defend Rinpung Dzong during inter-valley wars of the 17th century, Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest and most sacred shrines of the Kingdom dating back to 7th century and Drukgyel Dzong - This Dzong, with a delightful village nestling at its foot, was built in 1646.
- Evening at Paro you can relax at hotel or explore some beautiful handicrafts shops in town.

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Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
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Day 10. Hike to Tiger's Nest



Paro

- After breakfast, we will hike to Tiger’s Nest - Bhutan’s most scenic icon or the most important landmark, Taktshang the Tiger’s nest clings to the side of a steep cliff 300 meters above the Paro valley.
- Afternoon you can relax at the hotel or explore the neighboring villages.

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Day 11. Have a nice journey and see you soon !

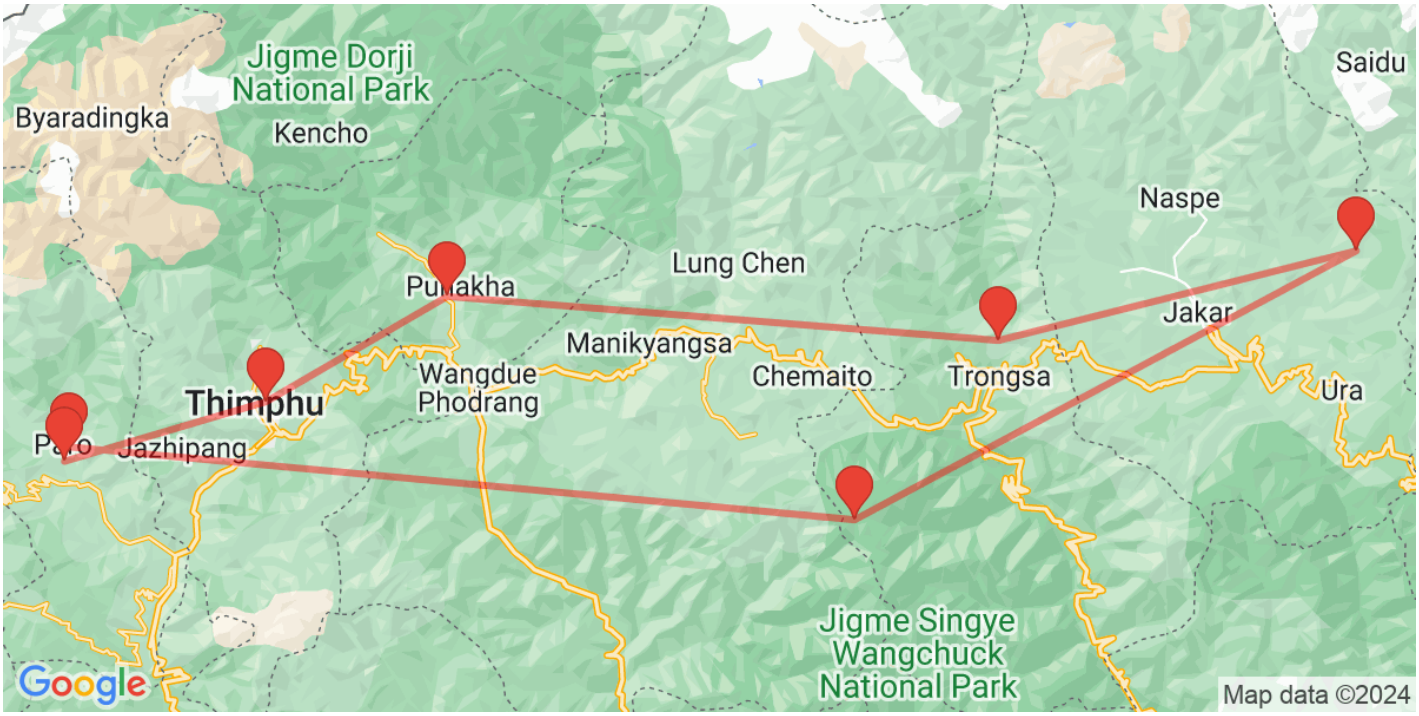


Paro

- We drive you back at the airport accordingly to your flight departure.

Breakfast	3 star hotel

Itinerary map



Individual price per person

1-1	2-2	3-10
2940 USD	2840 USD	2540 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.

Not included

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