

8Nights/9 Days

# Bhutan Tour



## Overview Bhutan Tour

Bhutan, the mystical "Land of the Thunder Dragon," is a destination where ancient traditions and breathtaking landscapes come together to create an enchanting experience. Tucked away in the Eastern Himalayas, this small yet culturally rich kingdom is known for its deep-rooted Buddhist heritage, stunning mountain scenery, and a way of life that values happiness over material wealth. From majestic monasteries perched on cliffs to serene valleys teeming with natural beauty, Bhutan offers travelers a rare glimpse into an unspoiled world. <br> The capital city, Thimphu, blends tradition with modernity, offering a chance to explore Bhutanese culture through its museums, vibrant markets, and sacred sites like the Buddha Dordenma and Memorial Chorten. The scenic Dochula Pass, adorned with fluttering prayer flags and panoramic views of the Himalayas, leads travelers to Punakha, home to one of the country's most stunning fortresses, the Punakha Dzong. Further into the heart of Bhutan lies the pristine Phobjikha Valley, a haven for black-necked cranes and a paradise for nature lovers seeking tranquility. <br> Paro, a town rich in history and spirituality, is home to Bhutan's most iconic landmark—the Tiger's Nest Monastery. Perched dramatically on a cliffside, this sacred site embodies the spiritual essence of the kingdom and offers breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. The town also boasts ancient fortresses, traditional farmhouses, and picturesque landscapes that leave a lasting impression on every traveler. <br> With its welcoming people, unspoiled nature, and deeply ingrained spiritual traditions, Bhutan stands as a destination like no other. Whether exploring centuries-old monasteries, hiking through lush valleys, or simply absorbing the peaceful atmosphere, visitors to Bhutan find themselves immersed in a land where happiness is a way of life and every moment feels like a step into a timeless world.

## Day 1 Arrival at Bagdogra – Drive to Phuentsholing

Upon arrival at Bagdogra Airport, embark on a scenic journey to Phuentsholing, Bhutan's bustling border town. This 4-5 hour drive offers picturesque views of lush greenery and rolling foothills as you make your way towards Bhutan. After reaching Phuentsholing, complete the immigration formalities and check into your hotel. In the evening, take a leisurely walk through the town, soaking in the Bhutanese ambiance. Visit Zangthopelri Lhakhang, a beautiful temple in the town center, known for its intricate Buddhist murals and serene environment. Enjoy a traditional Bhutanese dinner and rest overnight in Phuentsholing.

## Day 2 Drive to Thimphu – Bhutan's Enchanting Capital

After breakfast, begin your journey to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan. En route, stop at Kharbandi Check Post, where you can take in stunning views of the surrounding plains and forests. As you continue past the Chunzom Junction, where Bhutan's three major rivers converge, you will notice the transition from the lowlands to the pristine mountainous landscapes that define Bhutan. Upon arrival in Thimphu, check into your hotel and freshen up. Spend the afternoon exploring the city, starting with a visit to the Memorial Chorten, a prominent landmark built in memory of the Third King of Bhutan. Stroll through the charming streets of Thimphu, lined with handicraft stores, traditional Bhutanese architecture, and quaint cafes. Conclude your day with a delicious Bhutanese meal before settling in for a comfortable overnight stay in Thimphu.

## Day 3 Thimphu Sightseeing – A Glimpse into Bhutan's Culture

Start your day with a visit to Buddha Point, home to the majestic Buddha Dordenma, a towering golden statue that overlooks the valley, offering breathtaking panoramic views. Next, delve into Bhutan's rich heritage at the Simply Bhutan Museum, an interactive space showcasing traditional Bhutanese lifestyle, architecture, and cultural exhibits. Explore more of Thimphu's cultural treasures, including the National Library, which houses ancient Buddhist scriptures, and the Textile Museum, where you can witness the intricate art of Bhutanese weaving. Visit the Bhutan Postal Museum, known for its collection of rare Bhutanese stamps, and the Jungshi Handmade Paper Factory, where the age-old art of papermaking comes to life. The day concludes with a visit to Tashichho Dzong, a magnificent fortress that serves as both the administrative center and a monastic institution. Enjoy an evening stroll around the city before returning to your hotel for an overnight stay.

## Day 4 Punakha Sightseeing – Through Dochula Pass

Post breakfast, embark on a mesmerizing drive towards Punakha via the iconic Dochula Pass, adorned with 108 memorial stupas. This spot offers a breathtaking 360-degree view of the snow-capped Himalayas and is a great place to pause and take in the serene atmosphere. Descending into the Punakha Valley, stop at Chimi Lhakhang, also known as the "Temple of Fertility." A short walk through beautiful rice fields and traditional villages leads you to this revered monastery, believed to bless childless couples with fertility. Continue to Punakha Dzong, an architectural masterpiece standing at the confluence of the Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers. If time permits, take an optional visit to Khamsum Yulley Chorten, a stunning stupa perched on a hilltop, offering a mesmerizing view of the valley. End your day with a relaxing dinner and overnight stay in Punakha.

## Day 5 Excursion to Gangtey & Phobjikha Valley

Today, set out on a full-day excursion to Gangtey & Phobjikha Valley, a pristine glacial valley known for its stunning beauty and sacred significance. The 3-4 hour drive takes you through winding mountain roads, dense forests, and charming villages. Upon arrival, visit Gangtey Goenba Monastery, a centuries-old Buddhist monastery radiating tranquility. Take a refreshing hike along the Gangtey Nature Trail, which offers breathtaking views of the valley and its vibrant flora and fauna. Visit the Black-Necked Crane Information Centre, where you can learn about these rare migratory birds that inhabit the valley during the winter months. As the sun sets, return to Punakha, reminiscing about the day's serene landscapes and cultural experiences. Enjoy an overnight stay in Punakha.

## Day 6 Journey to Paro – Bhutan’s Historical Gem

Bid farewell to Punakha and drive towards Paro, stopping at Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress in Bhutan, now serving as a center for Buddhist studies. Upon reaching Paro, check into your hotel before heading out to explore the town’s cultural treasures. Visit Ta Dzong, which houses the National Museum of Bhutan, displaying an impressive collection of artifacts, Thangka paintings, and historic relics. A short trail walk leads to Rinpung Dzong, an architectural marvel adorned with intricate woodwork and wall paintings depicting Buddhist legends. Spend the evening at leisure, exploring Paro’s charming streets and markets before retiring for the night.

## Day 7 Taktshang (Tiger’s Nest) Hike & Kyichu Lhakhang

Prepare for a thrilling adventure as you embark on a hike to Bhutan’s most iconic site, Taktshang Monastery (Tiger’s Nest). Perched dramatically on a cliff 900 meters above the Paro Valley, this sacred monastery is said to have been visited by Guru Rinpoche, who arrived on the back of a tigress. The 5-hour trek is both a spiritual and scenic experience, rewarding you with mesmerizing views and deep cultural significance. Later, visit Kyichu Lhakhang, one of Bhutan’s oldest and most revered temples, built in the 7th century. In the evening, explore Paro’s lively market area, where you can shop for souvenirs, handicrafts, and textiles. Enjoy a traditional Bhutanese dinner and a restful overnight stay in Paro.

## Day 8 Return to Phuentsholing

After breakfast, travel back to Phuentsholing, stopping at Kharbandi Goenba, a peaceful monastery offering panoramic views of the plains below. Upon arrival, visit the Amo Chhu Crocodile Breeding Centre to learn about Bhutan’s wildlife conservation efforts. Take a final stroll around Phuentsholing before enjoying a farewell dinner and overnight stay.

## Day 9 Departure

Conclude your Bhutan adventure with a hearty breakfast before completing immigration formalities and departing for Bagdogra. With unforgettable memories of Bhutan’s serene landscapes, ancient monasteries, and vibrant culture, bid farewell to the "Land of the Thunder Dragon."

### TOUR COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation as per below mentioned hotels
- Breakfast and dinner at the hotel. MAPAI Meal Plan
- Daily Government Royalties and Taxes (INR 1200 per person per night)
- All transfers and sightseeing as per the itinerary
- English speaking accompanying guide
- Pick and Drop from Bagdogra Airport.

### TOUR COST EXCLUDES

- 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
- Hot stone Bath
- Entrance Fees
- Beer Tasting
- Lunch at Local Restaurants / Hotel.

### CANCELLATION/NO SHOW POLICY

- As per the Booking Conditions of the Tour, the cancellation charges will be applicable for any cancellation request of the tour, either by the customer or any member of the group. This will be intimated at the time of booking. In any other case, including 'No Show', the Company shall make no refund to the customer.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Suggested itinerary is absolutely fine except the closure of few monuments due .Weekend & government holiday
- Feel free to contact us for any further clarification
- Itinerary is subject to change without any prior notice
- No rooms on Hold. Confirmation will be subject to availability at the time of confirmation
- Tour itinerary may be shuffled due to the inclement weather conditions and changes in Flight/ Ferry operations, which may incur extra charges
- All the passengers should carry the valid ID during the travel
- Peak Season / Weekend Surcharges may be applicable at the time of confirmation. This will be intimated at the time of booking. However we will not be able to get this information prior
- Child below 2 years is considered as infant and 2 years to 11 years are considered to be child
- All the services included in the package are compulsory and no refund will be given if any of the services are not taken
- Flights arriving Early Morning or Late Evening & departing Early Morning or Late Evening, passengers needs to book Private Transfers if Schedule Transfer is not operational
- Check-in time of the hotels starts from 14.00 hrs and check out time will be 12.00 hrs. Early Check in/late check out will be subjected to availability of rooms. However Hotel has the right to change the timing without any prior notice
- Company will not be liable for any claims due to accidents, food poisoning, medical illness or other natural calamities arising during the tour/travel. Passenger will have to ensure themselves and company will not entertain any claims in this regard.
- At the airport driver will be holding placard under the main passenger name. If you do not locate the driver please call the emergency no and trace out the same
- For transfers and tours please be ready on time and wait at the hotel reception. If you miss the same no refund. Please carry all your documents safely. All valuables, cash, traveler cheque, air ticket, Visa copy passport etc. should be carried in your handbag for easy access.