

8Nights/9 Days

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In the heart of the Himalayas lies Bhutan, a mystical land known as the "Land of the Thunder Dragon" or 'Druk Yul'. Secluded and revered as one of the last "Shangri-La's," it captivates with its remoteness, awe-inspiring mountain landscapes, diverse flora and fauna, and ancient Buddhist monasteries.

Day 1 Arrival at Bagdogra - Drive to Phuentsholing

Upon arriving at Bagdogra, you will embark on a scenic drive to Phuentsholing. The journey, covering approximately 170 kilometers, takes around 4-5 hours, offering a preview of the natural beauty that awaits. After completing necessary immigration formalities, experience the seamless transition as you cross the border. A seamless transfer takes us to the border town of Phuentsholing, where the anticipation builds with immigration formalities. Guided by our knowledgeable escort, we settle into the hotel and then embark on a leisurely stroll through Phuentsholing, absorbing its charm. The day concludes with a visit to the sacred Zangthopelri, a temple at the heart of Phuentsholing, setting the tone for the cultural richness that lies ahead. A delightful dinner and a comfortable overnight stay await us.

Day 2 Enchanting Drive to Thimphu

Following a delicious breakfast, our journey winds its way to the capital city of Thimphu. En route, we pause at the scenic Kharbandi Check Post, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes and marking our entry into Bhutan. Crossing the strategic Chunzom Junction, we continue our drive towards Thimphu. Upon arrival, we check into our hotel, refresh, and explore the town. The day unfolds with a serene visit to the iconic Memorial Chorten, a monument built in memory of the Third King of Bhutan. The evening wraps up with a leisurely walk through the charming streets of Thimphu. A cozy dinner and an overnight stay in Thimphu await.

Day 3 Thimphu Sightseeing - Exploring Heritage and Culture

After a wholesome breakfast, embark on a visit to Buddha Point. The towering Buddha statue, set against the backdrop of the valley, creates a serene and spiritual atmosphere. Later immerse yourselves in Bhutanese heritage at the Simply Bhutan Museum, offering interactive experiences and insights into the country's rich culture. The journey continues with visits to the National Library, housing ancient manuscripts, the Textile Museum, showcasing traditional Bhutanese weaving, the Bhutan Postal Museum, unravelling the nation's philatelic history, and the Jungshi Handmade Paper Factory, where the art of papermaking comes to life. The day's exploration culminates with a visit to Tashichhoedzong, an architectural marvel that serves as the seat of Bhutanese government and the monastic body. Overnight, dinner and unwind at the hotel in Thimphu.

Day 4 Punakha Sightseeing - Journey through Dochula Pass

After a hearty breakfast, embark on a picturesque drive towards Punakha via the breathtaking Dochula Pass. Pause at Dochula to take in the 360-degree views of the Himalayas, surrounded by fluttering prayer flags. Continuing the journey to Punakha, on the way to Punakha, we will have excursion to Chimi Lhakhang, also known as the temple of fertility. It involves a 15-minute drive and a 1½-hour walk through paddy fields and villages. Later visit the grand Punakha Dzong, a masterpiece of Bhutanese architecture. Cross the nearby Suspension Bridge, offering a thrilling experience and panoramic views of the Punakha Valley. If time Permits (Optional) we will visit Khamsum Yulley Chorten: Perched on a hilltop, approximately 7.5 kilometers northwest of Punakha Dzong, the Khamsum Yulley Chorten stands as a testament to Bhutanese craftsmanship and spirituality. The Chorten offers a breath-taking 360-degree view of Punakha valley's rice fields and the shimmering Mo Chhu River. Spend the night, relish a delightful dinner, and unwind at the hotel in Punakha

Day 5 Punakha/Wangdue to Gangtey Excursion and Back

As the first rays of the Bhutanese sun paint the landscape with a golden hue, your day begins with the promise of exploration. Today's adventure takes you on a full-day excursion to the enchanting Gangtey & Phobjikha Valley, a journey of both natural splendor and cultural discovery. Setting out early ensures you have ample time to absorb the beauty that unfolds along the 85-kilometer route, a scenic drive that spans 3 to 3½ hours. The destination, Gangtey & Phobjikha Valley, sits at an altitude of 3000 meters, making it one of Bhutan's most captivating spots. Upon Arrival to Gangtey, we will embark on a delightful hike through the Gangtey Natural Trail, surrounded by pristine landscapes and the call of nature. Visit the enchanting Gangtey Goenba, a monastery nestled in the valley, radiating peace and spirituality and Black Necked Crane Information Centre, a sanctuary of knowledge about these endangered avian wonders. Learn about their habits, habitat, and the ongoing efforts to preserve these majestic creatures. The delicate balance between nature and conservation unfolds before your eyes. As the day wanes and the sun begins its descent, the return journey to Punakha commences. The changing hues of the sky cast a warm glow over the Bhutanese countryside, creating a magical atmosphere that lingers in the air. Back in Punakha, your hotel awaits, providing a cozy haven for the night. The experiences of Gangtey & Phobjikha Valley settle within you as you relive the day's adventures. The serene surroundings and the memories crafted today offer the perfect backdrop for a restful night in the heart of Bhutan. The echoes of nature and culture resonate as you embrace the tranquility of Punakha, a place where dreams intertwine with the enchanting reality of the Land of the Thunder Dragon.

Day 6 Journey to Paro from Punakha

Begin your morning with a delightful breakfast at the Punakha hotel, bidding farewell to the charming town. The journey to Paro takes you on a scenic highway, a visual feast for the senses. Along the way, make a meaningful stop at Simtokha Dzong, Bhutan's oldest fortress built in 1627. Today, it houses the School for Buddhist Studies, embodying centuries of wisdom and spiritual heritage. Upon your arrival in Paro, the town welcomes you with open arms. Check into your chosen hotel, where comfort awaits as a backdrop to the unfolding adventure. After a leisurely lunch, set out to explore the cultural gems of Paro. Ta Dzong, now the National Museum, beckons with its extensive collection of Thangka paintings, textiles, weapons, armor, and more—a journey through Bhutanese art and history. A short walk down the trail leads you to Rinpung Dzong, a fortress adorned with wall paintings that vividly illustrate Buddhist lore. As the day gracefully transitions into evening, find solace and rest at the hotel in Paro. The night holds the promise of dreams woven with the charm of the town and the discoveries made throughout the day. Sleep soundly, knowing that Paro has unveiled its treasures and that tomorrow brings new adventures in the Land of the Thunder Dragon.

Day 7 Taktshang Trek and Kyichu Lhakhang Exploration in Paro

After a hearty breakfast, embark on an excursion to the iconic Taktshang Monastery, a journey that unfolds over a 5-hour hike. This revered monastery stands as one of Bhutan's most famous, clinging to the side of a cliff 900 meters above the Paro valley floor. Legend has it that Guru Rinpoche, riding on the back of a tigress, arrived here and meditated, earning the moniker 'Tiger's Nest.' Recognized as a profoundly sacred site, it was visited by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyel in 1646 and remains a pilgrimage for all Bhutanese. Though a fire in 1998 severely damaged the main structure, the Bhutanese jewel has been meticulously restored to its original splendor, inviting visitors to witness its spiritual grandeur. Later visit Drukgyel Dzong: A ruined fortress, 2-3 kilometers from the Taksang base parking area. Later pause to explore the 7th-century Kyichu Lhakhang. One of the 108 temples built in the Himalayas by Tibetan King Songtsen Gampo, it holds historical significance as the introduction of Buddhism in Bhutan. As the day transitions into evening, indulge in an exploratory walk around the Mainstreet and market area, absorbing the vibrant atmosphere of Paro. Each step unveils a tapestry of Bhutanese life and culture, creating memories that resonate with the charm of this enchanting town. Relish a delightful dinner and spend the night at the cozy comforts of the hotel in Paro.

Day 8 Paro to Phuentsholing

As the morning unfolds, we begin our journey back to Phuentsholing. A visit to the serene Kharbandi Goenba adds a cultural touch to our day. Upon reaching Phuentsholing, a visit to the Amo Chhu Crocodile Breeding Centre offers insights into wildlife conservation. A leisurely walk around Phuentsholing allows us to savor the last moments of our Bhutanese adventure. The night wraps up with dinner and a comfortable stay in Phuentsholing.

Day 9 Departure

Our final morning starts with a hearty breakfast and the completion of immigration formalities. A fond farewell marks the end of our incredible journey through the enchanting landscapes and cultural treasures of Bhutan. The memories linger as we bid adieu to this Himalayan haven.

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.