

7Nights/8 Days

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Bhutan, known as the "Land of the Thunder Dragon," offers a truly unique experience for travelers seeking a blend of natural beauty, cultural heritage, and spiritual serenity. Nestled in the heart of the Himalayas, this enchanting country is renowned for its awe-inspiring landscapes, including lush valleys, snow-capped peaks, and pristine forests. From the iconic Tiger's Nest Monastery in Paro, perched on a cliffside, to the picturesque Punakha Dzong, the country's architectural marvels are a testament to its rich heritage. Thimphu, Bhutan's capital, is a vibrant hub where ancient traditions meet modern life. Visitors can explore sites like the Buddha Point and the Simply Bhutan Museum, which offer deep insights into the nation's culture. Punakha, with its stunning dzong and suspension bridge, offers an idyllic setting amidst lush valleys, while the Gangtey and Phobjikha Valleys are perfect for those seeking tranquility and natural beauty. The Chele La Pass, with its panoramic views, and the serene Kyichu Lhakhang provide visitors with a chance to connect with Bhutan's spiritual roots. With its pristine environment, rich history, and warm hospitality, Bhutan invites travelers to explore a land where happiness and harmony prevail, making it an unforgettable destination.

Day 1 Arrival at Paro – A Majestic Welcome

As your plane touches down in Paro, the striking landscape below introduces you to Bhutan in all its glory. Himalayan peaks stretch into the horizon, their white caps gleaming against the morning sun. The narrow valleys, terraced fields, and traditional Bhutanese houses dotting the landscape create a dreamlike first impression. Landing in Paro Airport is not just the start of a journey—it's a breathtaking prelude to the adventures that lie ahead. On arrival, your guide, a fountain of knowledge and warmth, greets you. As you drive through the scenic countryside to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital, take in the peaceful surroundings. A stop at Tachog Lhakhang, where you cross an ancient iron bridge, offers an introduction to the deeply spiritual side of Bhutanese life. The Chuzom confluence of rivers provides a perfect opportunity for a moment of reflection and a stunning photo opportunity. In Thimphu, check into your hotel and freshen up. Begin your exploration of Bhutan with a visit to the Memorial Chorten, a peaceful stupa dedicated to the revered third king of Bhutan. Here, you can watch devout Bhutanese walk around the stupa, chanting mantras and offering prayers, embodying the country's deep-rooted spirituality. If time allows, enjoy a leisurely evening walk through Thimphu town, where vibrant markets, charming cafes, and local shops give you a taste of Bhutan's modern yet traditional lifestyle. Overnight in Thimphu.

Day 2 Thimphu Sightseeing – Exploring Heritage and Culture

After a hearty breakfast, begin your day with a visit to Buddha Dordenma, the majestic 51-meter-tall golden Buddha statue that sits perched above the valley. The views from here are nothing short of spectacular, offering sweeping panoramas of Thimphu and the surrounding mountains. From here, embark on a scenic hike through Kuensel Phodrang Nature Park to the serene Changangkha Lhakhang, a monastery that offers both spiritual solace and incredible views of the valley below. Next, explore the rich cultural heritage of Bhutan at Simply Bhutan, a living museum that brings Bhutan's past to life. Wander through exhibits showcasing traditional Bhutanese homes, local craftsmanship, and traditional dress. This hands-on experience provides a deeper understanding of the country's customs and way of life. The afternoon continues with visits to the National Library, where ancient manuscripts are housed, the Textile Museum, which showcases Bhutan's intricate weaving traditions, and the Jungshi Handmade Paper Factory, where you can observe the art of traditional paper-making—a craft that has been passed down through generations. End the day with a visit to Tashichho Dzong, a majestic fortress and the seat of Bhutan's government and monastic body. The beauty of the dzong, with its intricate architecture, golden roofs, and lively courtyards, is a true reflection of Bhutan's architectural excellence and spiritual richness. After a day full of exploration, enjoy a delicious Bhutanese dinner and rest up for the next day's adventures. Overnight in Thimphu.

Day 3 Punakha Sightseeing – Journey through Dochula Pass

Today's journey takes you through one of the most scenic routes in Bhutan—the Dochula Pass, located at an altitude of 3,100 meters. Here, you'll be treated to a 360-degree view of the Eastern Himalayas, a sight that will leave you awe-struck. The 108 stupas at Dochula stand as a tribute to Bhutan's fallen soldiers, offering a serene place to pause, reflect, and take in the breathtaking Himalayan vistas. After descending from the pass, continue your drive to Punakha, the former capital of Bhutan. Stop at Chimi Lhakhang, a sacred temple dedicated to Drukpa Kunley, the "Divine Madman." The 15-minute drive and 1½-hour walk through paddy fields and villages make this visit not just a spiritual experience but a scenic one as well. In Punakha, visit the Punakha Dzong, one of the largest and most beautiful fortresses in Bhutan. Situated at the confluence of the Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers, this architectural masterpiece is home to intricately carved wooden doors, frescoes, and religious paintings. Cross the nearby Suspension Bridge, Bhutan's longest, offering spectacular views of the Punaka Valley. If time allows, embark on a short hike to Khamsum Yulley Chorten, perched on a hilltop. From this point, you can enjoy a stunning 360-degree view of the valley, with the shimmering Mo Chhu River and verdant rice fields stretching before you. Overnight in Punakha.

Day 4 Excursion to Gangtey & Phobjikha Valley

Today, take an early drive to the enchanting Gangtey & Phobjikha Valley, located at an altitude of 3,000 meters. This picturesque valley is home to the rare black-necked cranes that migrate here each winter from Tibet. It is also one of Bhutan's most sacred and spiritual areas, offering an exceptional mix of natural beauty and cultural significance. Start with a gentle hike along the Gangtey Nature Trail, where you will find yourself surrounded by dense forests, open meadows, and the distant call of wildlife. The trail leads you to the Gangtey Monastery, a peaceful retreat that has long been a center of Buddhist learning. At the Black Necked Crane Information Centre, learn about the ongoing conservation efforts to protect these endangered birds and witness the delicate balance between nature and human life. As the day winds down, drive back to Punakha, absorbing the stunning views of Bhutan's wilderness and charming villages. Overnight in Punakha.

Day 5 Journey to Paro – The Gateway to Bhutan’s Spiritual Heart

After breakfast, begin your journey to Paro, the spiritual and cultural heart of Bhutan. Along the way, make a stop at Simtokha Dzong, Bhutan's oldest fortress, built in 1627. This fortress houses a Buddhist School, where young monks are trained in the arts of spirituality and tradition. Upon arrival in Paro, check into your hotel and enjoy a relaxed lunch. In the afternoon, explore the town's cultural gems, beginning with the Ta Dzong, which houses Bhutan's National Museum. The museum is home to a vast collection of Buddhist artifacts, ancient thangka paintings, armor, and weapons—a window into Bhutan's fascinating history. Take a short walk to Rinpung Dzong, an imposing fortress that sits proudly over Paro Valley. Here, you can admire the wall paintings that depict Buddhist history and the valley below. Overnight in Paro.

Day 6 Chele La Pass Excursion & Kyichu Lhakhang

Drive to Chele La Pass, one of Bhutan's highest motorable passes at an altitude of 3,988 meters. The views here are absolutely stunning, especially in spring, when the area is covered in vibrant rhododendron blooms. Later, explore the Kyichu Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's most significant and ancient temples, built in the 7th century by King Songtsen Gampo of Tibet. This sacred temple is associated with the introduction of Buddhism in Bhutan and holds deep historical significance. After exploring, return to Paro to relax and unwind. Overnight in Paro.

Day 7 Taktshang (Tiger’s Nest) Trek – Bhutan’s Iconic Landmark

Embark on a thrilling trek to Taktshang Monastery, or the Tiger's Nest, one of the most iconic spiritual sites in Bhutan. Perched 900 meters above the Paro Valley, this monastery offers one of the most spiritually powerful experiences you will ever have. The 5-hour trek is a journey of reflection, as you climb higher and witness stunning views of the valley below. Visit the nearby Drukgyel Dzong, a historic fortress that once served as a defense against invasions and offers stunning views of Mt. Jomolhari. In the evening, enjoy a relaxing stroll through Paro's markets, where the vibrant atmosphere reflects the essence of Bhutanese life. Overnight in Paro.

Day 8 Farewell from Bhutan

After an early breakfast, your guide will take you to Paro International Airport, where you will bid farewell to Bhutan, carrying with you memories of spiritual serenity, cultural wonder, and natural beauty. As you board your flight, know that the Kingdom of Bhutan will remain with you, forever a part of your soul. Safe travels!

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 Paro 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)
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.
- Airfare & airport taxes
- Hot stone Bath
- Entrance Fees
- Beer Tasting
- Lunch and Dinner 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

- Rooms are subject to availability and rates are subject to change.
- Unimoni Travel & Holidays reserves the right to change/modify or terminate the offer any time at its own discretion and without any prior notice
- Hotel Check in / Check out times – 1400 Hrs / 11:00Hrs
- If there is any step increase in Fuel prices, there will be an prorate increase in the rates
- Refund on cancellation strictly depends upon concerned hotel's and Vehicle cancellation policy
- All guests have to carry valid id at the time of check in to the hotel (Mandatory)
- Guests must check all their belongings before check-out. Further claims will not be entertained
- Pls be ready 10 minutes before pick up schedule
- Sightseeing will be provided as per the itinerary only. It will not be provided as per the client's interest.
- Baggage space is limited to the type of transportation booked
- Standard type rooms will be offered in all category hotels
- For Vehicle, Ac will be operated only while running the vehicle and not during halt.
- Damage caused to our hotel/vehicle due to carelessness of guests, their children or wards must be compensated by guest
- Any itinerary missed due to unforeseen conditions like weather, blocked roads, strikes, delay in Flight or Train timings the guests have to bear any additional expenses incurred due to the same directly
- kindly maintain cleanliness in the vehicle and carry spare clothes and towels for visits to the beaches and for water sports activities
- Please note that Kilometre is charged from Garage to Garage.
- Consumption of alcohol in the vehicle is prohibited. Your co-operation is solicited.
- Offering alcoholic drink or beverage to the Driver is Strictly Prohibited
- For travel related sickness, please inform the driver Immediately