

7Nights/8 Days

# Bhutan Dom-111

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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. Picture a realm of rolling hills and towering crags, where charm is woven into every nuance.

## Day 1 Arrival at Paro - A Majestic Welcome

As your flight gracefully descends into the picturesque Paro Valley, the panoramic views of the Himalayan peaks welcome you to Bhutan. The landing at Paro Airport, surrounded by majestic mountains, offers a breath-taking introduction to the beauty that awaits. Upon arrival, your knowledgeable guide will warmly receive you, setting the tone for a memorable journey to Thimphu. Based on time availability, en route stop at Tachog Lhakhang (Iron Bridge) and Photo Break at Chunzom, where rivers converge, provides a tranquil backdrop, allowing you to unwind and absorb the serene surroundings. After reaching Thimphu, the capital city, check into the hotel, freshen up, and embark on a visit to Memorial Chorten, a sacred stupa dedicated to Bhutan's third king. If time permits, take a leisurely walk through the charming streets of Thimphu town, exploring local shops and cafes. Overnight, indulge in a delightful dinner and enjoy a restful stay at the hotel in Thimphu

## Day 2 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 visit Kuensel Phodrang Nature Park, the adventure takes a hike from Kuensel Phodrang to Changangkha Lhakhang. Picture this: a trail kissed by the whispers of nature, creating a canvas for an intimate journey. 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 3 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 4 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 5 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 6 Chele La Pass Excursion + Kyichu Lhakhang

Embark on a journey to the breathtaking Chele La Pass with a private transfer. Marvel at the stunning landscapes and enjoy the serenity of this high mountain pass, which is also known for its vibrant rhododendron flowers. 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 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. 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 Farewell from Paro

As the sun begins its ascent, savor an early breakfast at the hotel, preparing for the departure ahead. Drive to the airport, where your onward journey awaits. Our dedicated representative will assist you with exit formalities and bid you a heartfelt farewell, marking the conclusion of your Bhutanese adventure. Safe travels to your next destination!

### 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
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- 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