

6Nights/7 Days

# Bhutan – Land Of The Thunder Dragon

## Overview Bhutan – Land Of The Thunder Dragon

Bhutan, often known as the "Land of the Thunder Dragon," is a captivating Himalayan kingdom that offers an enchanting blend of natural beauty, rich culture, and spiritual serenity. Nestled in the heart of the Himalayas, this unique destination draws travelers with its awe-inspiring landscapes, which range from lush valleys and rolling hills to towering snow-capped peaks. The country's charm is amplified by its ancient Buddhist monasteries, such as the iconic Taktshang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), perched high on a cliff in Paro. Bhutan's cultural richness is reflected in its historic sites, including the Memorial Chorten in Thimphu, Drukgyel Dzong in Paro, and the UNESCO-listed Rinpung Dzong. A visit to Bhutan typically begins in Phuentsholing, a border town that marks the entry point to the kingdom. From here, travelers can journey through scenic routes to Thimphu, the vibrant capital, where they can explore cultural landmarks like the Buddha Point and the Tashichhoedzong, a grand fortress that serves as the seat of Bhutan's government. Paro, another must-visit town, offers an incredible experience with sites like the National Museum housed in Ta Dzong, and the serene Kyichu Lhakhang, a historical temple built in the 7th century. For those interested in nature, the country's wildlife conservation efforts, like those at the Amo Chhu Crocodile Breeding Centre, provide an opportunity to connect with Bhutan's flora and fauna. With its rich history, spiritual sites, and stunning landscapes, Bhutan is a destination that offers a truly immersive experience into a world that has remained largely untouched by modern development.

## Day 1 Arrival at Bagdogra – Scenic Drive to Phuentsholing

Arriving at Bagdogra Airport, you'll embark on a picturesque drive to Phuentsholing, covering around 170 kilometers in 4-5 hours. This scenic drive offers a glimpse of Bhutan's natural beauty as you cross lush valleys and winding rivers. Upon reaching the border town of Phuentsholing, you'll complete immigration formalities and enjoy the seamless transition into Bhutan. The day sets the stage for your cultural immersion, beginning with a visit to the Zangthopelri Temple, a serene spot that reflects the spiritual essence of Bhutan. As you walk through the town, feel the excitement of your Bhutanese adventure beginning to unfold. Overnight in Phuentsholing.

## Day 2 Enchanting Drive to Thimphu

After a delightful breakfast, your journey continues towards Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan. Along the way, you'll stop at the Kharbandi Check Post, where breathtaking views of the surrounding hills and valleys signal your entry into this Himalayan kingdom. After passing the Chunzom Junction, where three rivers converge, your drive leads to Thimphu, Bhutan's vibrant capital. Upon arrival, check into your hotel, freshen up, and begin your exploration of the town. A visit to the Memorial Chorten marks the start of your Bhutanese cultural journey, offering a quiet and reflective space to honor the Third King of Bhutan. End the day with a stroll through Thimphu's charming streets, capturing the essence of local life. Overnight in Thimphu.

## Day 3 Thimphu Sightseeing – Exploring Heritage and Culture

Start your day with a visit to Buddha Point, where the towering Buddha statue gazes serenely over the Thimphu Valley, offering a sense of peace and spiritual presence. From here, continue your immersion in Bhutanese culture by visiting the Simply Bhutan Museum, where interactive exhibits introduce you to the country's rich history and traditions. Your journey continues with a stop at the National Library, home to ancient manuscripts, and the Textile Museum, which showcases Bhutan's exquisite weaving techniques. Discover Bhutan's postal history at the Bhutan Postal Museum and watch artisans at the Jungshi Handmade Paper Factory as they craft paper using traditional methods. In the afternoon, visit the Tashichhoedzong, an architectural masterpiece that houses both the Bhutanese government and the monastic body. Its beautiful courtyards and impressive walls reflect the harmonious blend of governance and spirituality in Bhutan. Overnight in Thimphu.

## Day 4 Journey to Paro

Today, you'll journey from Thimphu to Paro, taking the scenic highway that provides captivating views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Upon arrival in Paro, check into your hotel and enjoy some rest before your afternoon exploration. Visit the Ta Dzong, which now serves as the National Museum of Bhutan, housing thangka paintings, textiles, and ancient armor. Afterward, take a short walk to Rinpung Dzong, a majestic fortress with intricately painted walls illustrating Buddhist stories. Finally, visit the Drukgyel Dzong, an ancient fortress originally built to defend Paro Valley from Tibetan invaders. Overnight in Paro.

## Day 5 Taktshang Trek and Kyichu Lhakhang Exploration

Today, embark on a 5-hour trek to Taktshang Monastery, also known as the Tiger's Nest, one of the most iconic and sacred sites in Bhutan. Perched on the side of a cliff 900 meters above the Paro Valley, this monastery is a pilgrimage destination for Bhutanese people and travelers alike. Legend has it that Guru Rinpoche arrived at the site on the back of a tiger, and it remains a place of profound spiritual significance. Afterward, visit the Kyichu Lhakhang, a temple built in the 7th century by Tibetan King Songtsen Gampo. This temple holds immense historical significance as a site that marked the introduction of Buddhism to Bhutan. In the evening, enjoy a peaceful walk through Paro's Main Street and the local market, soaking in the sights, sounds, and vibrant atmosphere of Bhutanese life. Overnight in Paro.

## Day 6 Paro to Phuentsholing

After breakfast, begin your journey back to Phuentsholing, with a visit to the serene Kharbandi Goenba along the way. The temple offers a moment of peace and stunning views of the surrounding valleys. Once in Phuentsholing, visit the Amo Chhu Crocodile Breeding Centre to learn about the efforts to conserve Bhutan's wildlife. A final leisurely walk through Phuentsholing gives you the chance to reflect on the experiences and memories made during your Bhutanese adventure. Overnight in Phuentsholing.

## Day 7 Departure

On your final day, enjoy a hearty breakfast before completing the necessary immigration formalities. With a sense of fulfillment and a heart full of memories, bid farewell to Bhutan, the Land of the Thunder Dragon, knowing that the beauty, culture, and serenity of this remarkable kingdom will stay with you forever.

### 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)
- 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

- Rooms are subject to availability and rates are subject to change
- Rate will fluctuate if fuel charge increases
- Supplement / hike charges will be extra on per head basis
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- The package cannot be combined with any other offer
- If there is any step increase in Fuel prices, there will be an prorate increase in the rates
- 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 places one time visit only & Midnight driving will not be provided.
- 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 property 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
- Tips to the driver is at the discretion of Hirer.
- Consumption of alcohol in the vehicle is prohibited. Your cooperation is solicited
- Offering alcoholic drink or beverage to the Driver is Strictly Prohibited For travel related sickness, please inform the driver immediately
- ALL SIGHTSEEINGS STRICTLY SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS & AVAILABILITY OF TIME.