

6Nights/7 Days

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Bhutan, a hidden gem nestled in the Eastern Himalayas, is a land that has remained in self-imposed isolation for centuries, preserving its pristine culture and ecology. With a population of about 700,000 people, Bhutan is the only Mahayana Buddhist country in the world, where ancient traditions blend seamlessly with modern life. The country's respect for nature, guided by Buddhist principles, has allowed it to maintain its rich wildlife, lush forests, and stunning landscapes. Bhutan's unique identity is rooted in its religious and cultural heritage, which continues to play a central role in daily life. For travelers, Bhutan offers an experience like no other. The capital city, Thimphu, is a mix of ancient traditions and modern development. It is one of the last capitals in the world to have no traffic lights, providing a calm, relaxed atmosphere for visitors to explore. In contrast, the peaceful village of Punakha, located at the confluence of two rivers, is home to the impressive Punakha Dzong, a fortress that once served as Bhutan's capital. The country's religious landmarks, including the famed Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched on a cliffside in Paro, offer not only spiritual significance but breathtaking views of the Himalayan landscape. Visitors can also explore various temples, monasteries, and dzongs that showcase Bhutan's devotion to its spiritual practices and the arts. Bhutan's cultural richness is highlighted in its museums, art galleries, and traditional craft markets, where hand-woven textiles, Thangka paintings, and wood carvings are sold. The country's commitment to preserving its heritage is evident in the Institute for Zorig Chusum, where students learn Bhutan's 13 traditional arts, and the Textile Museum, which showcases the intricate and ancient art of weaving. Overall, Bhutan offers a tranquil, deeply cultural travel experience in an unspoiled setting, making it a must-visit for those seeking adventure, spiritual fulfillment, or simply a getaway into a world that feels untouched by time. Whether exploring its monasteries, hiking its picturesque mountains, or immersing in its spiritual traditions, Bhutan's charm lies in its authenticity and serenity.

## Day 1 Arrival in Paro & Transfer to Thimphu (55 KMS / 1½ HRS Drive)

Your journey to Bhutan begins with one of the most spectacular flights through the Himalayas, offering amazing views as you descend into Paro. The cool, fresh mountain air greets you as you disembark from the plane. After completing immigration formalities, you will meet your representative and drive to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan. Along the way, stop at Chuzom, where the Paro and Thimphu rivers meet. Admire the three distinct styles of stupas—Tibetan, Nepalese, and Bhutanese—and visit Tschogang Lhakhang, a private temple built in the 15th century. Upon arrival in Thimphu, check into your hotel and explore the city's unique blend of modernity and tradition, with no traffic lights in sight. In the evening, stroll through the local market and the Crafts Bazaar for traditional Bhutanese art and handicrafts.

## Day 2 Exploring Thimphu's Cultural and Historical Gems

After breakfast, embark on a day of sightseeing in Thimphu. Visit the National Library, home to priceless Buddhist manuscripts, and the Institute for Zorig Chusum, where students train in Bhutan's 13 traditional arts. Then, explore the Textile Museum, which offers a deep dive into Bhutan's textile heritage, and Simply Bhutan, a living museum encapsulating the country's cultural traditions. After lunch, head to Pangri Zampa, one of Bhutan's oldest monasteries, where monks study Lamaism and astrology. Then, visit Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang) for panoramic views of Thimphu valley, and pay your respects at the country's largest Buddha statue. Continue to the King's Memorial Chorten, a monument to world peace, and visit Trashichoedzong, a fortress that serves as the administrative center of Bhutan.

## Day 3 Thimphu to Punakha (75 KMS / 3 HRS Drive)

After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Punakha, crossing the Dochula Pass (3,080m), which offers stunning views of the eastern Himalayas on clear days. Upon arrival in Punakha, check into your hotel, and visit Punakha Dzong, an architectural marvel built at the junction of two rivers. Once the capital of Bhutan, it still serves as the winter residence of the monk body. Later, take a short excursion to Chimi Lhakhang, the Temple of Fertility, believed to bless childless couples. The walk through paddy fields and villages offers a glimpse into rural Bhutanese life. In the evening, explore the village of Punakha, located along the riverbank.

## Day 4 Punakha - Exploring Temples and Scenic Views

After breakfast, take a hike through fields of chilies, cabbages, and rice to reach Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten, a stunning monument consecrated in 1999 by the Queens. Next, visit the Sangchen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang Nunnery, located on a ridge with views over Punakha and Wangdue Phodrang. The nunnery houses a 14-foot statue of Avalokiteshvara, along with statues of other Buddhist deities. This complex also serves as a learning and meditation center for nuns, offering life skills training like tailoring and thangka painting. In the evening, relax at your hotel in Punakha.

## Day 5 Punakha to Paro (120 KMS / 4½ HRS Drive Approx)

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and drive to Paro, en route visiting Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress in Bhutan. Upon arrival in Paro, check into your hotel and enjoy lunch. Afterward, visit Ta Dzong, a former watchtower now housing the National Museum, with an extensive collection of Thangka paintings, textiles, and historical artifacts. Afterward, take a short walk to Rinpung Dzong, a fortress with beautiful wall paintings illustrating Buddhist lore, including scenes from the life of Milarepa and the Wheel of Life.

## Day 6 Paro – Taktshang Monastery (Tiger’s Nest)

After breakfast, embark on a hike to Taktshang Monastery, also known as Tiger’s Nest, perched 900m above the Paro valley floor. According to legend, Guru Rinpoche arrived here on the back of a tigress and meditated in the monastery. The hike offers stunning views, and upon reaching the monastery, you can explore the restored structure, which was damaged by fire in 1998. Afterward, visit Drukgyel Dzong, a ruined fortress where Bhutanese warriors fought Tibetan invaders, and enjoy views of Mount Chomolhari. Conclude the day with a visit to Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan, marking the introduction of Buddhism to the region.

## Day 7 Departure from Paro

After an early breakfast, drive to Paro airport for your flight to your next destination. Your representative will assist with the exit formalities and bid you farewell.

### TOUR COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation in Double/Twin sharing basis with Single room supplement as per the mentioned Hotels
- Meal Plan MAP (Bed, Breakfast & Dinner)
- SDF(Sustainable development fee)- INR 1200 per person per Night
- Experienced English Speaking Tour Guide licensed by the Tourism Council of Bhutan
- Transportation
- All transfers and sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Pick & Drop to Paro Airport

### TOUR COST EXCLUDES

- Air ticket(flight fare) both International and Domestic
- Travel Insurance/ Insurance of any kind
- Entrance Fees
- Lunch at Local Restaurant
- Festival Sur Charge
- Museum, monuments entrance fees all applicable taxes
- Medical expense
- Expenses of personal nature (like Gratuities tipping, laundry, Telephone/fax calls, bar bills camera/video fees etc).
- Horse charge for Tiger's Nest hike
- Bhutanese traditional hot stone bath.
- Beverages (alcoholic / non– alcoholic)
- Airfare & airport taxes

### 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
- Supplement / hike charges will be extra on per head basis
- 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 – 1400Hrs. /1100 Hrs
- Refund on cancellation strictly depends upon the concerned hotel's and Vehicle cancellation policy.
- 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.
- 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.