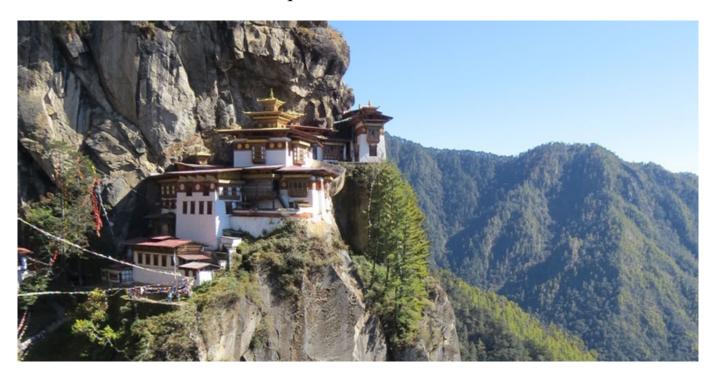


# **Bhutan Cultural Tour**

Bhutan cultural tours explore the Bhutanese rich culture and traditions of Bhutan, which is unique and different than other countries



# **Overview**

The 6-days <u>Bhutan</u> Tour is your ideal vacation plan to explore this hidden kingdom culturally and naturally. The itinerary is perfectly blended to address you with nature and culture exploration. Bhutan is worldwide renowned for its well-preserved archaeology, architecture, and culture, and the first carbonnegative nation initiates its love of nature. You visit culturally significant fortresses, monasteries, dzongs, a Traditional Art school, the Great Buddha Statue, and <u>Tiger's Nest</u>. An adventurous hike to cultural places in this naturally beautiful nation meets the expectations of both nature and culture lovers.

# **Highlights**

• **Bhutan:** 6 Nights in Bhutan with a short hike to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), Paro, Thimphu, Punakha, Wangditse Goemba, Yulley Namgyal Chorten with local activities.

### **Outline**

- 1. Choose your own departure date
- 2. Select the comfort level of accommodation
- 3. Adjust activities to cater to special interests
- 4. Modify tour duration & any aspect of the tour
- 5. Flexible travel route (start from Bangkok/New Delhi/Kathmandu and end to Kathmandu/Bangkok



or vice-versa)

# Your Journey day by day

### Day 01: Arrival, Transfer to Hotel, and Sightseeing in Paro

You are welcomed by your Bhutanese guide as you land at the Paro International Airport. The magnificent view of the Himalayas from an adventurous flight to Paro is a small glimpse of this magical "Dragon Kingdom Bhutan". Many exciting destinations await you and before that, have some rest in your hotel room. Explore architecturally beautiful Paro Rinpung Dzong. This "Fortress of Heap of Jewels" is the administrative seat of the Paro district. The traditional wooden carvings of Bhutanese themes, the courtyards, temples, administration offices, and open space enclosed by towering walls are some attractions here.

From there, visit National Museum of Bhutan and appreciate the Bhutanese art, relics, and paintings. After that, visit the oldest temple of Bhutan "Kyichu Lhakhang". The temple is culturally and artistically beautiful. Alike, visit the ruin of Drukgyel Dzong defining "Victories Fortress". Relish the lovely view from the top of the hill and return to your hotel. Rest, relax and enjoy your Bhutanese cuisine dinner. Stay overnight in a hotel.

### Day 02: Paro to Thimphu (Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery)

You hike to Bhutan's most important landmark Taktsang Monastery popularly known as Tiger's Nest. A great view of the surrounding valleys, forests, and prayer flags en route to the monastery is vibrant and pleasing. The Buddhist monastery is situated at the elevation of 3120m on the cliff edge and is considered holy and pure. **Buddhist Guru Rinpoche** is believed to meditate in this cave to calm the evil spirits. The positive vibe inside the monastery takes you to the feeling of tranquility. You can also meditate and have a conversation with monks over there. Have your lunch in the cafeteria situated halfway up the mountain and drive towards Thimphu.

#### On

the way to the Paro-Thimphu highway, visit Tachogang Lhakhang temple which is 16th century old. The temple means the hill of the excellent horse.

You need to cross an old bridge to visit the temple. From the bridge, enjoy the scenic views of the surroundings.

After the temple visit, continue to drive to Thimphu. Spend a night there at a hotel and explore the nightlife and local lifestyle in Thimphu.

### Day 03: Hike to Wangditse Goemba, Sightseeing In Thimphu

Today you drive to BBS Tower (Sangaygang viewpoint) and hike for an hour to Wangditse Goemba. The beautiful panoramic verdant valley views from the BBS Tower, pine and rhododendron forests en route to Wangditse Goemba. The graduates of Zorig Chusum Institute show their craftsmanship in the beautiful form of Goemba while reconstructing it. Witness a Shakyamuni Buddha statue. On returning, visit Dechen Phodrang or Nunnery. After this excursion, return to Thimphu. Get a glimpse of Bhutan's



national animal Takin while visiting the mini zoo. After lunch, explore Zorig Chusum School of Traditional Arts, National Memorial Chorten, National Library, the Great Buddha statue, and the impressive Tashichho Dzong. Rest and relax in the evening at your hotel. You can also do some shopping and explore the local market there.

### Day 04: Thimphu to Punakha (Hike to Lungchuzekha Goemba)

Commence your day with a beautiful ride to Punakha via Dochu La Pass. Witness a spectacular view of magnificent snow-capped Himalayas from Dochu La Pass. Pay respect to the grand 108 memorial Druk Wangyal Chortens built-in honor of 108 Bhutanese soldiers. From there, hike for 2 hours to Lungchutse Monastery. The beautiful forest and amazing view of the Himalayas from the Goemba are worthy. Hike down to Dochu La Pass with a great sight of entirely different vegetation, and gentle breeze fresh air. Next, you stop at Metshina village to reach Chhimi Lakhang. Walk through beautiful rice fields to get to "The Fertility Temple of Bhutan" devoted to the Divine Madman. Stay overnight at a hotel and enjoy your dinner.

# Day 05: Punakha to Paro: (Hike To Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten)

Today you hike to Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten overlooking the Punakha valley. This stupa has great importance as it was built to subdue evil forces and bring peace and harmony all over the world. A statue of Vajrakilaya, yab-yum figures on the wall, a golden statue of Shakyamuni Buddha, and other statues and shrines are major attractions here. Further, visit the second oldest and largest Punakha Dzong significant in Bhutanese history. Also, visit the oldest Punakha Suspension Bridge nearby and witness the surrounding stunning views. After this excursion, drive back to Paro and spend a night there. Explore the street markets around Paro in the evening.

### Day 06: Final Departure

Your journey to this beautiful nation concludes today as you bid farewell to the "Land of Thunder Dragon". Your guide see off you at the Paro International Airport after your breakfast. You depart from this 6-day short Bhutan tour with beautiful memories and with the hope to travel here again.

### **Cost & Inclusion**

#### **Bhutan:**

- Full meals in Bhutan.
- Processing Travel Permit and Entry Visa.
- Airport pickups and drops service.
- Private ground transportation with A/C.
- Twin-sharing hotel accommodation.
- Local cultural tour guide with English speaking.
- Sightseeing entrance fees for museums and monuments.