

# India Bhutan Bangladesh Tour

#### 16 Days Exclusive & Personalized Journey

A professional amalgam of cultural delights showcasing the best shades of South Asia



## **Destination Highlights**

- India: 6 Nights in India with Delhi, Agra, Taj Mahal, Jaipur
- **Bhutan: 4** Nights in Bhutan with Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) hike, Paro Valley, Punakha Thimphu with the weekend market.
- Bangladesh: 5 Nights in Bangladesh with Dhaka, Sonargaon, Rajshahi, Paharpur, Bogura.

#### Customizable Private Tour

1. Choose your own departure date

- 2. Select the comfort level of accommodation
- 3. Adjust activities to cater to special interests
- 4. Modify any aspect of the tour as needed

5. Flexible travel route (start from New Delhi and end to Dhaka or vice-versa)

Tailor Your Journey with Flexible Dates, Accommodations & Activities

# **Trip Highlights**

- View of ancient sites in Delhi, Palaces in Jaipur and trip to Amer Fort with elephant ride.
- Taj Mahal One of the 7 Wonders of the World.
- Visit of the temple dedicated to Mother India and River Ganges in Vanarasi.
- The breath taking Valley of Bhutan with views of Himalayan range.
- Short hike to Takstang Monastery aka Tiger's nest.
- Explore Buddhism's art, culture, tradition and architecture of Bangladesh
- Visit Bogra, Paharpur, city temples and local markets.

# **Trip Overview**

India Bhutan Bangladesh 16 Days Tour is a professional amalgam of cultural delights showcasing the best shades of Asia in a single tour. This tour exhibits us the vibrant streets of India opening up to the historical monuments of Bangladesh and surfs us to the pristine hills and monasteries of Bhutan. Right from the beginning of this tour in the land of thousand stories, India will be a treat to your every sense giving you some of the majestic bits of this diverse nation. Gliding through the wind of a traveler's wand, Bhutan will be a cherry to add in your perfect vacation from the cliff-side of Taktsang monastery. A mild factor introduces you to Bangladesh as you enter the magical treasure of a kind. With the euphoria of happiness and hospitality in every destination, prepare yourself for the magical vacation in these sublime nations.

**India** is a name recurring as one of the best destinations to spend your vacations in the world. One can explore the nation and discover a living timeline from the Indus Valley Civilization era until now. From the very moment you land in this nation, an immense aura of special feeling welcomes you. Starting your trip with ancient city streets, you will open up to the wonder of the world, <u>Taj Mahal</u>. The beauty of the palace and the art it beholds shines over the rich history of India. One can experience the variance within the next stop to the pink city Jaipur. As beautiful as one can describe, you will get the best sides of this magical pearl of Rajhistan to treasure for a long time to come.

**Bhutan**, hidden among the lofty Himalayas, is a nation full of surprises and natural scenery. Travelers can witness some of the most untouched lands of authentic culture and tradition from the modern western trends here. Deeply a Buddhist nation, travelers can expect a treat of Monk lifestyle embedded around the settlements with majestic monasteries. The unique architecture makes way for some views of snow-capped peaks rising above the green primeval forest hills. Finding yourself here in spectacular <u>TShechu(dance festivals)</u> is a bonus treat you can achieve with proper planning of the visit. As a nation composed of traditional beliefs and valleys reflecting Shangri La, each step in this fantastic place is worth your time.

**Bangladesh**, the heart of the Mughal Empire, is absolutely a delight constituting the art, tradition, and culture firmly shifting to the prevailing tide. The sites we will visit here represents a common way of living and its beauty in south Asian regions. Visiting the archeological sites in Bogra and trying some street snacks in

Rajshahi, each destination is a new chapter of best bits in Asia here. Stroll around the old Dhaka markets and relive in time with the locals here. Glide with the wind in the ferry rides and soak in the heavenly sunset over the rivers. Witness the blend of Muslim and Hindu culture here with centuries-old Mosques and shrines holding a piece of the Bangala history.

Miss nothing and make the most of your sensational journey with **Asia experiences**. Buckle up and prepare yourself for the alluring shine of cultural ecstasies in your **India Bhutan Bangladesh 16 Days Tour.** 

# Your Journey day by day

### Day 01 Tour beginning, Arrival at Delhi

An Asia experiences representative will receive you at the Delhi airport and transfer you to your hotel. He/She will provide you with a brief orientation of the whole trip. In this session, the guide will also introduce you with some of the Dos and Dont's in India. You can enjoy some spicy Indian meal in the evening and take a short tour of the nearby destinations from the hotel. Overnight at a hotel in Delhi.

## Day 02 Sightseeing in Delhi

After your breakfast today, we will visit the major attraction around the capital of India. This city is a mixture of historical monuments, with lively streets and equally delightful street snacks. You can enjoy all of these in one go from your visit starting from the narrow streets of Chadhani Chowk. One of the most famous local sites in Delhi, we will do a local Rikshaw ride here and explore Old Delhi. We will then head towards the renowned monument known by the name India Gate made in honor and memories of the Indian Soilders. We will visit the Lotus temple next and spend some time here before heading towards the Rastrapati Bhawan (presidential palace). Here, you can enjoy the architecture, decorations, and explore the beautiful garden. Towards the evening we will head towards the UNESCO heritage site of Qutb Minar, a 240 feet tapering tower and the premises of Qutb complex. The Minar symbolizing Victory was made around 1192, and today it is one of the must-visit sites of Delhi. Overnight at a hotel in Delhi.

## Day 03 Trip to Agra/ Taj Mahal

We will head towards the city of Agra today after breakfast from Delhi. Agra was one of the significant towns in the Mughal era. After reaching in Agra, we will head towards the majestic Itmad-Ud-Daulah's tomb. This tomb is also known as "Jewel Box" for the pristine architecture and surroundings. This tomb is also the first of many where Pietra Dura architecture of designing was used. After some time here, we will visit one of the <u>Seven Wonders of the World, Taj Mahal</u>. This masterpiece was made in the memories of Mumtaz by her

husband Shah Jahan after her untimely demise. The garden, monument, surrounding places, and the overall complex are worth every bit of your time in Agra. Overnight at a hotel in Agra.

### Day 04 Agra - Fatehpur Sikri - Jaipur drive and continue tour

Start your day with a magnificent sunrise from the premises of Mehtab Bagh garden overlooking the beautiful Taj Mahal in the distance. The scenic background is a perfect way to start your day today. After breakfast, we will have a short drive (3-4 hrs) to reach the pink city, Jaipur in the state of Rajasthan. We will stop for a while in the medieval city of Fatehpur Sikri, which once was the capital of the Mughal Empire. There are many monuments to look after in this now abandoned city. Bulund Darwaza, the highest gateway in the world made by Mughal emperor Akbar is one of them. We will continue our journey to Jaipur after visiting here. Overnight at a hotel in Jaipur.

## Day 05 Jaipur Sightseeing

Jaipur, also known as 'the pink city' is the capital of Rajasthan state. This city is a great gateway to explore the Rajasthani culture, lifestyle, and experience hospitality with great hospitality and care to visitors. We will start our tour of Jaipur with Amber fort showcasing the most exceptional example of rich Rajput culture. Jantar Mantar is another fascinating destination taking us closer to the ancient and medieval architectural instruments in their full glory. We will walk in the streets here and try some local cuisine and viewing the local cultural attire in the time being. Next, we will visit the famous Hawa Mahal or 'The palace of wind,' which is a tall palace with a unique honeycomb architecture made from pink and red sandstone. Our exploration of the beautiful blend of Rajasthani and Mughal culture continues with visits to some other great destinations here. In the evening, we will view a magnificent sunset from Jal Mahal and return to the hotel. Overnight at Jaipur.

### Day 06 Jaipur to Delhi

We resume our Jaipur tour and visit some of the remaining attractions here before heading back to Delhi today. After breakfast, we will visit the Birla Mandir and Albert Hall Museum and start our drive. After reaching Delhi, you can revisit some of the places if you want there and rest for the day. In the evening, head out in the street markets and try some of the local spicy cuisines. You can also learn a lot about typical Indian trading systems here. Overnight at a hotel in Delhi.



### Day 07 Delhi to Paro, Drive to Thimphu

After breakfast, we will leave India and fly to the Paro Airport in Bhutan today. The views are beautiful from the plane, and we recommend you to take the window seat for the same reason. After arriving at Paro, our representative from Asiaexperiences will approach you and transfer you to your hotel in Thimphu. The guide will provide you a brief introduction about this tour on the way to Thimphu.

A short scenic drive to Thimphu. Halfway to the Paro-Thimphu highway, visit the 16<sup>th</sup>-century old Tachogang Lhakhang temple by traversing an old bridge. From the bridge, enjoy the scenic views of the villages. Tachogang temple means the hill of the excellent horse. Continue to drive to Thimphu. After reaching the hotel, you can rest for a while and head for a walk around it. You can also attend the evening markets here today. Overnight at Thimphu.

#### Day 08 Sightseeing at Thimphu

We will spend our day visiting the major attractions in and around the capital Thimphu. After our breakfast, we will visit the King's Memorial Chorten made in the memory of King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck (1928-1972 AD). After some time here, we will visit the mini zoo and take a glance at beautiful animals alongside the national animal of Bhutan 'Takin'. We will visit the nunnery temple and the traditional medicine institute of Thimphu. We will continue our Thimphu sightseeing tour after lunch visiting the painting schools and traditional paper factory here. Next, we will visit Tashichho Dzong. This old fortress holds a great significance in the history of Bhutan. We will also explore Folk Heritage Museum, Bhutan Postal Museum, and enjoy the awesome views of the Thimphu valley from the Great Buddha Dordenma statue. We will return to our hotel and rest for the day. If you have made the Trip overlapping weekends in Bhutan, you will have an opportunity to attend the weekend markets and experience the local trade and lifestyle here. Overnight at Thimphu. Overnight at Thimphu.

### Day 09 Thimphu-Punakha and Back

We will drive to Punakha after breakfast today. On the way, we will stop at the Dochula Pass at 3,100 meters. From this pass, we can enjoy a fantastic view of the Himalayan range centered by Gangkhar Puensum (7,570 m: highest in Bhutan). The Druk Wangyal Chortens lies in the past and was made in honor of the war soldiers of Bhutan. From here we will make brief stops at the temple of the divine madman, and the temple of fertility before reaching Punakha. We will visit the famous Punakha Dzong here on the banks of the Pho Chu and Mo Chu rivers and spend some time in this magnificent Dzong. Punakha Suspension Bridge which is the oldest in Bhutan is not so far from the dzong. So, a short tour over there and enjoy the scenic surrounding views. We will then take a return drive to Thimphu beside the hills and rice fields and rest for the day. Overnight at



Thimphu.

### Day 10 Thimphu to Paro, Taktsang Monastery Hike

We will take a short drive to Paro after breakfast and start our walk to the Tiger's Lair, Taktsang Monastery. The main highlight of Bhutan, this monastery is a beautiful place to be with magnificent landscape views of the surrounding regions. Located at a sharp face of a high hill, the hike to it is certainly not easy. However, with our experienced guides, you will be assured of the safest route to it. Many legends are granted at this monastery with some claiming that one of the great Guru Rinpoche meditated in the caves of this monastery. After spending some time here, we will return to Paro and have lunch. Then, explore the beautiful temple Kyichu Lhakhang, Paro Rinpung Dzong, and the National Museum of Bhutan. Overnight at Paro.

### Day 11 Paro to Dhaka, Dhaka Tour

After a beautiful sunrise and breakfast at Paro, we will head towards the airport and fly today to Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka. Asia Experiences representatives will meet you at the arrival section of Dhaka Airport and transfer you to your hotel in Dhaka. Taking the time you have in hand, we will visit some of the nearby city attractions of Dhaka. The colorful flower market, Dhaka University, the temple of Dakeshwari and Parliament House are the shortlisted influential places to visit here today. Try some local style dinner and rest for the day at your hotel here. Overnight at Dhaka.

### Day 12 Dhaka to Sonargaon and Back

We will pick you up early and take a drive to Sonargaon as the first thing today. Starting at the marvelous Folk art and craft museum, we will explore the place with some boat riding in the lakes constituting it. One can experience a complete art and cultural delights here in the Museum. We will visit the lost Panam city next, which has an old history and many stories of existence to offer you. In the city, we will visit the Bara Sadar Bari of the ancient ruler Isa Khan and then head to the Goaldi Mosque. This Mosque is one of the best surviving monuments from the medieval Bengal era and ages back to 1519 AD. From the Goaldi mosque, we will take a boat to cruise the Megna River leading to some of the local island villages here. After the tour, we will return to Dhaka and resume our trip here. Visit the Lalbagh Fort, Pink Palace (Ahsan Manzil), and try traveling in a Rikshaw to the old town of Dhaka. We will walk in the town here visiting the Armenian Church and Ornamental star mosque before returning to Dhaka. You will rest for the day in your hotel. Overnight at Dhaka.

#### Day 13 Drive to Paharpur via Kusumba Mosque and to Bogra

We will start our day trying some Bengali breakfast before the drive to the Bogura. After reaching Paharpur, we'll visit to the historical Paharpur. We will make a brief stop to visit Kusumba Mosque in the way. This mosque reflects the architecture and stone-carved arts from the period of 14th to the 16th century here. We will continue our drive to Paharpur next focusing mainly on the UNESCO world heritage site of Somapura Mahavihara. This area is one of the most significant archeological sites in Bangladesh with the remains of walls surrounding a traditional Buddhist stupa in its center. Many statues, inscriptions, coins, ceramics, and terracotta Plaques were recovered from this area, some of which aging back to the 4th century or older. We will also visit the tribal villages and explore the local lifestyle here. We will continue our drive to the Bogra city and rest for the day there. Overnight at a hotel in Bogra.

### Day 14 Bogra Tour, Drive to Rajshahi and visit Puthia temple

We will visit the archeological site of Mahasthangrah in Bogra, which is also the oldest archeological site in Bangladesh. The area consists of a prominent Citadel walled in all sides with many remains of the buildings and temples surrounding it. We will also pay a visit then to the Govinda Bhita Hindu Temple in the northern end from the citadel here. Located a few kilometers from the Mahasthangarh is another important archeological site of Gokul Medh or the Behula Lakshindar Bashor Ghor. Our next destination Basu Bihar is one of the ancient Buddhist heritage of Bangladesh and an equally crucial archeological site too. These destinations show us the architecture, art, and the lifestyle of the people from the era of the 3rd century to 12th and till now. After your Bogra visit, we will take a drive back to Rajshahi. After a brief rest, we will visit the Puthia temple. It is one of the largest historic Hindu temples in Bangladesh with beautiful wood/stone carvings and architecture inspired by Jor-Bangla and Jaipuri style. After a brief exploration of the temples here, we will continue our drive to Rajshahi. Overnight at a hotel in Rajshahi.

## Day 15 Rajshahi tour and flight to Dhaka

We will start the tour of today visiting the central park of Rajshahi. We can try some local cuisine and visit the local bazaar areas here. Rajshahi Silk from here is a pristine quality silk famous all over the world. The city of Rajshahi is also the educational hub of Bangladesh with many prestigious universities. We can get some cultural bonus in the festive season here. After our tour, we will drive back to Dhaka. In our spare time today, we will visit some of the other sites left in Dhaka. You can also revisit your favorite destinations, restaurants, etc. and return to your hotel. Overnight at Dhaka.

### **Day 16 Departure**

We will transfer you to the Dhaka airport before your departure from Bangladesh today. In your spare time, you can do some souvenir shopping in the markets near your hotel here. Asiaexperiences will stay connected with you afterward as well for any valuable feedback and suggestion. With some fantastic memories and a cultural treat to take back, this tour will be one to remember for a long time ahead.

### **Cost & Inclusion**

#### India;

• Breakfast in India.

#### Bhutan;

- Full meals in Bhutan.
- Processing Travel Permit and Entry Visa.

#### Bangladesh;

• Breakfast in Bangladesh.

#### Extras;

- 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.

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