

India Bhutan Bangladesh Tour

Tour of ancient sites with Tajmahal, culture and tradition of Buddhism and the warm hospitality



Overview

India Bhutan Bangladesh Tour starts from India. <u>India</u>, an immense South Asian country with diverse topography – from Himalayan peaks to Indian Ocean coastline. Also, it is a country with rich culture and largest ethnic group. India is familiar with the rich culture and ancient sites. From ancient architecture to modern development and vast forest and colorful people, India is the best country to explore. The culture and tradition in India are worth an admiration and will definitely impress tour and enlighten your experience.

Bhutan, a country that remains as distinct for ages especially carries a unique culture. The steep valleys and view of the Himalayas as well as the ancient art, <u>festivals</u> and cultural group make this place more beautiful. The environs and the foliage are the best views in Bhutan, it is also a place known for Monasteries. The culture and the warm hospitality in Bhutan will make your tour a pleasant experience for the lifetime.

Bangladesh, the east of India and on the Bay of Bengal is a country with diverse culture and lifestyle. The beach and island in Bangladesh is a refreshing view for the visitors. Also, the cultures and heritage sites are the best part of your journey. The crowded market and villages will give you a closer view of the culture of Bangladesh. In addition to the evergreen forest in the northeastern and southeastern region of the country which makes the country more beautiful.



Highlights

- India: 9 Nights in India with Delhi, colorful city Jaipur, Tajmahal at Agra, exquisite temples at Khajuraho and Varanasi with Hinduism temples and River Ganges.
- **Bhutan:** 4 Nights in Bhutan with a short hike to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), Paro, Thimphu and Punakha with local.
- **Bangladesh:** 7 Nights in Bangladesh with Chittagong, Cox's Bazaar, Island trip to Saint Martin and Maheshkhali.

Outline

- 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 with number of days as needed
- 5. Flexible trip route (start from New Delhi and end to Dhaka/New Delhi/Bangkok or vice-versa)

Your Journey day by day

Day 01: Arrive at Delhi (B)

You will be welcomed by our representative at the hotel. Today you can relax at the hotel or move around the city for shopping and taste the spicy food found in most of the places in Delhi. Moving around the city and understanding the culture can also be a popular activity. Overnight at Delhi.

Day 02: Sightseeing of Delhi (B)

Post breakfast we explore the city of Delhi. Exploration starts from Old Delhi where you can enjoy the Rickshaw ride in the busy narrow street of Chandni Chowk. Next on the list is Jama Masjid one of the biggest Mosque in India. After exploration of Old Delhi we move towards New Delhi, here we can visit the memorable monument built in honor of Indian soldiers known as India Gate. Then we can move towards Lotus temple and Rashtrapati Bhawan (Presidential Palace). Later in the afternoon, we can visit Qutub Minar, a minaret made of red sandstone and marble.

Day 03 : Delhi/ Jaipur/ (265 km /5 hr drive) (B)

Early in the morning, you can visit Laxmi Narayan temple at Delhi, then get a view Giant Shiva statue. After the visit, we drive towards Jaipur. Jaipur is also known as the pink city of India for the beautiful palaces that it holds. Overnight at Jaipur.

Day 04: Jaipur Sightseeing (B)

Post breakfast we move towards Amer Fort that was built in the 16th century and enjoy the elephant ride at Amer Fort. Next, we continue the exploration of the Pink City, shopping at textile industry would be an interesting activity today. The city is rich of beautiful Palaces, you can visit Jantar Mantar a collection of



nineteen architectural astronomical instruments. Another famous Palace in Jaipur is Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace) built for the female of Royal Family to observe the street festivals. Overnight at Jaipur.

Day 05: Jaipur / Fatehpur-Sikri / Agrabuil (251 km / 4.5 hrs drive) (B)

Today we drive towards Agra and on the way, we can visit Fatehpur Sikri, the beautiful red sandstone fort of Mughal Dynasty. The Fort was built by Emperor Akbar in honor of Saint Salim Chisti for predicting the birth of three sons of Akbar. The city was later abandoned due to lack of water but the sight is quite beautiful for taking pictures.

Day 06: Agra sightseeing (B)

The wealth of Agra can be termed as Taj Mahal one of the most famous sites in India Built by Shahjahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz. Taj Mahal is one among the Seven Wonders of the World and has visitors from many countries. The view is best early in the morning as the sun rises from Taj Mahal looks immensely beautiful.

Later on the day, we visit other fascinating sites of Mughal Era, here we can visit Agra Fort, a historical fort in the city of Agra. It was the main residence of the Mughal Emperors until it was shifted to Delhi. Later we can visit Itmad-ud-daulah a Mughal mausoleum in the city of Agra.

Day 07: Agra to Jhansi (B)

Today we head towards Jhansi and after reaching Jhansi we will drive to Orchha. Orchha was founded in the 16th century and has beautiful temples and fort. The Raja Mahal, Ram Raja Temple Royal Chattris, and Purana Mandir are the best place for a visit where the architecture is immensely beautiful. The city is famous for the Betwa River and the Fort close to it is an attractive visit for the tourist. Then we drive towards Khajuraho. Overnight at Khajuraho.

Day 08: Khajuraho to Varanasi (B)

Post breakfast we visit the exquisite Temples at Khajuraho, the temples celebrate the mood and facts of the women and are dedicated to womanhood. The architecture of the temple is extremely beautiful and you can see the carvings of applying makeup on a lady. The architecture of a lady dancing and playing can also be seen in the temple.

Late afternoon we move to the airport for a flight to Varanasi. Overnight at Varanasi.

Day 09: Sightseeing at Varanasi (B)

The day starts by boating at the holiest river of India, the Ganges, here you can see the bathing ghats of the devotees and the cremation site. In the afternoon we drive towards Sarnath. It is one of the famous places in India as the Deer Park in Sarnath is the place, Gautama Buddha first preached, the Dharma. The stupa here was built by Emperor Ashoka around 234 BC.

On return to Varanasi, we visit a temple dedicated to Mother India known as Bharat Mata Temple. Then



we move to Dasaswamedh Ghat on the Bank of River Ganges. Here you witness the famous Hindu Aarti, which is the evening rituals performed by the Hindus in the temple. Overnight stay at Varanasi.

Day 10 : Varanasi to Bhutan (Paro) via Delhi (B)

On arrival at Paro, you are welcomed by our representative then enjoy the local cuisine in a traditional restaurant. Today we visit the National Museum at Paro which is rich in culture and you can see the art of Bhutanese culture and nearby artistically beautiful Paro Dzong.

Then, drive towards Thimphu. If time permits, on the way to the Paro-Thimphu highway, visit the 16th-century old Tachogang Lhakhang temple. 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 villages. Then, reach Thimphu where you can relax or walk in the evening to understand the Bhutanese culture.

Overnight at Thimphu.

Day 11: Sightseeing at Thimphu (B)

The list of sightseeing starts from the National Library, where you can see the collection of the old manuscript of Bhutan and few English version books. Next, we move to Heritage Museum to understand the culture and lifestyle of the Bhutanese people and the equipment used by them on a daily basis. Then we visit the Late King Memorial Stupa built for world Peace and painting school that preserves the traditional painting. Other sites that we visit today are Traditional Handmade Paper Factory, Takin Zoo, Bhutan Postal Museum, and Great Buddha Dordenma. Then Majestic Tashichho dzong, the office of Kings and Ministers. It is also known as Thimphu Dzong and is one of the most beautiful dzongs in the country. If you would love to carry the souvenir for your memory then you will find at National Handicraft Emporium.

In the evening you can walk at Thimphu and view the villages and look at the lifestyle of Bhutanese culture.

Day 12: Thimphu – Punakha-Thimphu (148 Kms.) 7 hrs. (B/L/D).

Today we head towards Punakha across Dochula Pass (3100m). The pass is famous for the view of Himalayan range that it provides. You can take pictures and admire the natural beauty of the site that you will witness from the pass. On the way, we can visit the temple of divine Mad Man aka temple of Fertility. The highlight of the day is the walk through rice fields and beautiful villages towards Punakha.

Punakha, the capital city of Bhutan till 1955 and still the residence of Chief of Abbot during the winter season is famous for Punakha Dzong. This site is the second largest Dzong in Bhutan located at the confluence of Pho Chu and Mo Chu Rivers. Not so far from the dzong, also visit the oldest Punakha Suspension Bridge and enjoy the beautiful surrounding views. Return to Thimphu after sightseeing. Overnight at Thimphu.



Day 13: Thimphu – Paro. (B/L/D).

Today we drive towards Paro and begin our ascent towards Takstang (Tiger's Lair) monastery. The guide will arrange for a pony/horse up to Cafeteria but you must be able to walk after that. A proper hiking boot is suggested for this hike. Those who are not willing to walk are suggested to stay at the hotel and can roam around the villages in Paro.

Takstang also referred as tiger's nest is located on the upper cliff of the Paro valley and is one of the famous monasteries of Bhutan. The monastery buildings have four main temples and living shelters preferably designed by adjusting to the rock (granite) ledges. The rock slopes are quite steep and few are almost vertical. The view of the foliage from the Monastery looks amazing and would be the best visit for you in Bhutan. Next, visit the oldest and the most beautiful Kyichu Lhakhang after lunch. The major attractions are the Sakyamuni Buddha statue, several Buddhist scriptures, paintings, and historic relics in the vicinity of beautiful fields and blossoming flowers. Overnight at Paro.

Day 14: Paro to Dhaka (B/L/D)

From Bhutan airport, you fly to Dhaka where you will be received by our representative at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh would be the most crowded place of your tour, the busy life and the traffic jams around may astonish you. However, once you visit you will admire the city and people. If we have enough time then we can head for the half day tour around the city.

Overnight at Dhaka.

Day 15: Dhaka – Chittagong (165 km, 1 hr by domestic flight) (B)

Through Dhaka domestic airport we fly to Chittagong. At Chittagong, you can visit Nandan Kanan Buddhist Temple and Chatteswari Hindu Temple. Next, the sight seen of Ethnological Musem, Court Building, later we move towards 2nd World War Cemetery and Shrine of Bayezid Bostami (Rah.). Then you can relax at the Patenga Beach which is quite close to Bangladesh Navy Academy. The width of the beach is quite narrow and swimming is not recommended, however, you can enjoy the sight.

Day 16: Chittagong –Cox's Bazaar via Ramu (180 km, 5 hrs drive approx.) (B)

Post breakfast we drive to Cox Bazaar, the district headquarters of Bangladesh and a fishing port. On the way, we can visit the ancient capital of the Rakhain tribal community. The site is famous for Buddhist remnants and handicrafts of Burmese culture. The best highlight of the day is the bronze statue of Buddha, 13 feet high over 6 feet pedestal. It is the biggest in Bangladesh. You can see the trade in open workshop busy weaving and craftsman busy with handmade cigars in their houses. Overnight at Cox Bazaar

Day 17: Cox's Bazaar – Saint Martin Island via Teknaf (B)

A small island with an area of only 8 sq. km is the Saint Martin Island in the north eastern part of the Bay of Bengal. Today we start early to Teknaf and board the tourist coastal vessel at Teknaf. Then we cruise



towards the beautiful Coral Island Saint Martin with a view of blue water of Bay of Bengal. The view at the virgin beach is magnificently beautiful, the environs here are breath taking. In the afternoon you can walk around the southern tip of the island, a place rich in marine life. The beach is the ideal place for sea turtle laying eggs at the beach.

Day 18 : Saint Martin Island – Cox's Bazaar (B)

Post breakfast we can explore the aquatic world at Chhera Deep the beautiful adjacent island. You can further explore other small Islands today. The view of other small islands are breath taking and you can enjoy the view of beautiful environs. Board the ship in the late afternoon for the return trip to Teknaf. Then we drive to Cox Bazaar. Overnight at Cox Bazaar

Day 19: Maheshkhali Island Trip (B)

Post breakfast we cruise towards Maheskhali Island on a speed boat. The island is scattered with green hills and small Mangrove trees. Then we will head towards the Rakhain tribal village. Buddhist Temple and Adinath Hindu Temple are also on the list of sightseeing today.

Day 20: Cox's Bazaar – Dhaka (400 km, 1.15 hrs by domestic flight) (B)

Before travelling towards Cox's Bazaar airport you have free time for shopping. At Dhaka airport, if we have enough time, we can take a short trip to Dhaka city for an exterior view of National Parliament Complex. Curzon Hall of Dhaka University and Dhakeswari Temple, Language memorial monument depending on the time we have. Overnight at Dhaka.

Day 21: Depart Dhaka (B)

Today you have free time till you move to the airport. We assure you that on this tour of India, Nepal & Bangladesh you will have an experience of life time. We are grateful for allowing us an opportunity to allow us to help you in exploring this tour.

Wish you a safe and happy journey.

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.