

Best of Bhutan Nepal Tour

Experience the colorful sights and culture of these Himalayan countries



Overview

Best of Bhutan Nepal Tour is a fabulous journey to get close to the rich culture and the wonderful gifts of mother nature with a load of ancient **Buddhist culture and the historical landmarks of [Nepal and Bhutan](#)**. These glorious countries are open with their immense hospitality. Not to mention their art of lifestyle and the devotion towards their religion here is phenomenal. Admiration from the wanderlust like you is present there in this piece of heaven on earth.

From the aspects of bewildering natural beauty, Soak up the prosperous culture in the city of **Thimphu**. A journey here will take you through the rich biological diversities to the high passes. Monasteries in the light of the great **[Taktshang \(Tiger's Nest\) Monastery](#)** and **[Punakha Dzong](#)** hold historical treasures within them. Admire and gulp in the heavenly scenic brewery of Paro to summarize your tour. Stroll with the blooming wildflowers in the autumn. For the most part, the fondness and untarnished way of life of Bhutanese people will remain in your nerve.

Clench your soul for an adventure in the **[land of Everest](#)**. Affluent culture, hills with Floral alpine diversity and Historical monuments of religious values are few among many things to expect here. A homely nature together with a fantastic natural adventure as you visit **[Pokhara](#)** the adventure capital of this country. Brace yourself with the bliss of Nature and world heritage sites. Follow the markings of sublime art and craftsmanship in different nooks and corners of the **[Kathmandu valley](#)**. Revel in the sights of sceneries from your every visit and relish nature here with contentment altogether.

Tips & Suggestions for Bhutan & Nepal Tour

- Prepare your clothing for every weather and season.
- We provide you with experienced and expert travel guides. Stick with them for a safe adventure.
- Get basic knowledge about the rules and norms of these countries.
- Beef is banned in most places of Nepal, therefore, try not ordering it in unassigned restaurants.
- Consult tourist help centers for any additional help and information during a trip.

Highlights

- **Bhutan:** 4 Nights in Bhutan with a short hike to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), Paro, Thimphu and Punakha with local activities.
- **Nepal:** 4 Nights in Kathmandu with Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Pashupatinath, Boudha Stupa, Swoyambhunath, Basantapur Kumari and beautiful city Pokhara, Mountain views with sunrise/sunset.

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 : Fly from Bangkok/Kathmandu/New Delhi to Paro and drive to Thimphu and Thimphu tour.

This morning short flight to Bhutan. For the best views of the Himalayas ask to sit on the left-hand side of the plane. After arriving at Paro Airport and sailing through immigration and customs formalities, you will be warmly welcomed by your guide and driver to the Land of the Thunder Dragon. Drive for two hours to nearby mountains, rivers, and fields of red rice in Thimphu. Visit the 16th-century old Tachogang Lhakhang temple on the way to the Paro-Thimphu highway. You need to cross an old bridge to visit the temple. From the bridge, enjoy the scenic views of the villages.

Then, arrive at Thimphu and rest at a hotel. After lunch, we may visit Nado Poizokhang Incense Factory, Bhutan's familiar traditional incense factory, and the colorful Gagyel Lhundrup Weaving Centre. Next, we visit Takin Zoo and witness the national animal of Bhutan Takin. Lastly, we visit the Great Buddha Dordenma statue looking over the beautiful Thimphu Valley. Later, in the evening explore the fascinating streets of Thimphu, the world's solitary capital city without a traffic light! Overnight at Thimphu.

Day 02 : Thimphu tour and drive to Punakha/Wangdi.

After breakfast, continue the tour in Thimphu. Explore the Folk Heritage Museum, Bhutan Postal Museum, National

Library, and the School of Arts and Crafts. Afternoon drives up to Dochu-La pass (3,100m) to get a stunning view of the Himalayas and the highest peak in Bhutan, Gangkarpuensum (7,497m). Different peaks that can be seen are Masagang, Tsendagang, Terigang, Jejegangphugang, Kangphugang, and Zongphugang. Visit Wangdue Dzong situated on the hill overlooking the intersection of two rivers. Bamboo work, slate & stone cutting is popular and looks at the location of the general population. Visit the sanctuary of an awesome crazy person, the sanctuary of fruitfulness. A walk through the peaceful villages and view the way of life of local people. Investigate Wangdi situated on the bank of the river at night. Overnight at Wangdi.

Day 03 : Punakha Tour and drive to Paro.

Visit Punakha Dzong built by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyel in 1638 lies at the intersection of the Pho Chu and Mo Chu Rivers. It was the capital of Bhutan until 1955. Don't miss out to visit the oldest Punakha Suspension Bridge that connects three beautiful villages. Then back to the Dochu-La and proceed to Thimphu approx. 4 hrs). This is the best opportunity to refresh and relax. The roads in Bhutan are thin and the separations are not extraordinary, because of the nature of the streets and the numerous valleys they go through traveling can take some time. After snacks or lunch in Thimphu, proceed by vehicle into the Paro Valley. It's a very long day of driving. Experience homemade meals and a friendly atmosphere in a local home before staying overnight in the hotel.

Day 04 : Hike to Taktshang Monastery and Paro valley tour

After breakfast, drive to the beginning stage and plan for our hike to the incredible Taktshang (Tiger's Nest) - a magnificent monastery. The legend going back to 747 AD has it that the Great Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava) flew here from upper east Bhutan on the back of a tigress to the demons of Paro Valley. The guru at that point mediated in the holy cave that is the site of the Pelphug Lhakhang today. As per Tantric Buddhist mythology, the vanquished local deities turned into the defenders of the dharma and one of them, Singey Samdrup, is perceived today as the guardian deity of Taktshang. Guru Rinpoche is also acceptable to have concealed among the stones of Taktshang different types of Dharma treasures known as Ters, which were bound to be found later by Tertons (treasure pioneers) for the engendering of Dharma. Taktshang was seriously harmed by flame on Sunday 19th April 1998. The ruler directed its quick restoration soon after the fire. The imperial order directed that the first aura, validness, and structural magnificence must be safeguarded at all costs. This project has been generally observed as a demonstration of commitment including all areas of Bhutanese society and the tribute to the country's social legacy. It also is an opportunity for Bhutan's traditional artists to sharpen the aptitudes acquired from their forefathers down the ages. To encourage the rebuilding work, a road was worked to the base of the mountain confronting the sanctuary. We drive to the finish of this street and start our climb up the mountain facing the sanctuary. After roughly an hour of strolling tough, we achieve a little teahouse that has a superb all-encompassing view of the temples. It's the perfect place for lunch. For those interested, it is also possible to get a closer view by hiking 45 minutes to an hour to reach small chortens across from the temples. Anybody not interested in hiking any further can enjoy the teahouse and appreciate the view. It will around 5 to 6 hours to return to the car including all the stops that you walk the full way. Visit the Drukgyel Dzong on the way back. It has historic importance as the Bhutanese army fought several invading Tibetan armies here in the 17th century. You can also visit the Kyichu Lhakhang which

is one of the oldest and most sacred temples of the Kingdom, representing the introduction of Buddhism in Bhutan. End the tour by visiting beautiful Paro Dzong and National Museum of Bhutan. Overnight at Paro.

Day 05 : Flight to Kathmandu and Kathmandu tour with Pashupatinath and Boudhanath

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before a departure to Paro airport for your flight out of Bhutan.

Welcome to Nepal. After arriving in Kathmandu, you'll be met at the airport by our representative and transferred to the hotel.

After arrival, you will explore Kathmandu as a sightseeing tour. You will visit Boudhanath Stupa, one of the biggest Buddhist places of worship in the world. Where you can observe Buddhist priests in prayer in the monasteries encompassing the stupa. You will also visit Pashupatinath, the most familiar Hindu temple in the country, located on the side of Bagmati River. Here you will see Hindu holy men (sadhus) meditating, pilgrims bathing, and occasionally funeral pyres burning on the ghats.

Day 06 : Bhaktapur sightseeing, Swayambhunath and Basantapur (Kathmandu Durbar Square)

If the weather is good, take an optional Mount Everest scenic flight / helicopter flight in this morning. This amazing experience will take you over Sagarmatha National Park, through the highest peaks in the world, getting up close to Mount Everest.

Spend the day exploring Bhaktapur's familiar temples, starting at Durbar Square, which is the most beautiful piece of art in Nepal. Durbar Square is home to the superb Lion Gate and Golden Gate. You will also visit the Pashupati Temple. This will be an enlightening morning of discovery and advancement. In the afternoon, drive back to Kathmandu and visit Swayambhunath and Basantapur.

Swayambhunath is an ancient religious architecture on the slope. Then travel to Kathmandu Durbar Square a place which is familiar with the beautiful architect.

Kathmandu Durbar Square (Basantapur) is popular among travelers and it owes this to its unique architecture and the lavish embellishments.

Day 07 : Drive/flight to Pokhara and Pokhara tour

Today you will have an early departure for Pokhara Tour by drive/flight. After arrival, you will take a boat ride across the lake (Phewa Tal), which is the second biggest in Nepal. Visit the Peace Pagoda, where spectacular views of the mountains anticipate. You can see the Annapurna from here, and the well-known fishtail peak, Machhapuchhare, and back across to Pokhara. You will also visit the captivating International Mountain Museum to learn some amazing stories of past climbing expeditions – some ending in triumph, some ending in disaster.

Day 08 : Sarankot drives for mountain sunrise, Pokhara tour and flight/drive back to Kathmandu.

Early morning drive to Sarankot for sunrise view. Back to Pokhara valley and flight/drive to Kathmandu through the same road enjoying the view of valleys and Trishuli River. You can take pictures in transit and view at villages situated in the hills. Street shops are additionally found in the road where you get new organic and fresh fruits. The most popular activity is taking photos of your memory. A choice of flight to Kathmandu is additionally accessible (25 minutes) from Pokhara.

Day 09 : Final departure from Kathmandu to your home or next destination

Finally, this is your departure day from Kathmandu. Alongside you wonderful memories that you will carry for your life. Enriched with the information of the people's art, culture, tradition and their hospitality you will want to come back to these lands one more time. We thank for giving us this chance to serve and we will be there if next time if you ever decide to return back to again enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of these places.

Cost & Inclusion

Nepal :

- 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.
- Breakfast in Nepal.

Bhutan :

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

Select :

Essential Information

1. Bhutan and Nepal located

Nepal, officially the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, is a landlocked Himalayan country in South Asia is bordered to the north by China and Tibet, and to the south, west, and east by India. Nepal is home to eight of the world's top ten highest peaks, including Mt. Everest (8,844.43m), Mt. Lhotse (8,516m), Mt. Makalu (8,485m), and Mt. Cho Oyu (8,485m), with heights ranging from 500 meters to 8844.43 meters (8,188m).

Bhutan, or the Kingdom of Bhutan, is a landlocked kingdom located on the southern slope of the Himalayas ' eastern part. It is located in South Asia, separated from Nepal by the Indian state of West Bengal, and is bordered on the north and west by China, and on the south and east by India. Both of these Himalayan countries have similar weather and tourist seasons, with peak travel

seasons in March and May and October and December, respectively. Outside of these times, travel is possible, particularly in the north, where there is less rain in the summer, and in the south, where the temperatures are warmer in the winter.

2. Combined Nepal and Bhutan Tour

You can always visit both countries if you can't decide which one to visit. A combined tour of Bhutan and Nepal is one of the most thrilling journeys you can have, allowing you to see the similarities and differences between the two Himalayan kingdoms in greater depth. Many people recommend seeing Nepal first before visiting Bhutan, however, it depends on your particular preferences and where you are coming from in the world. If you are already in Asia, flying to Bhutan first may be advantageous, as flights to Bhutan are only available from five Asian countries. It may be easier to tour around Nepal first if it is easier to get to Nepal first, which is one of the five nations offering flights to Bhutan. The option is entirely yours, and each path has its own set of benefits. If you are hesitant, please call one of our tour and travel advisers, who will gladly assist you in making your decision.

3. Best route to visit Nepal and Bhutan

Tourists can fly from Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu to Paro International Airport in Paro, which is the best and most convenient route to travel from Nepal to Bhutan. In addition, a daily flight connects Nepal and Bhutan all year. Flying to Bhutan from Nepal, if the weather permits, you can sit in the left window seat and take in the magnificent view of the Himalayan Ranges. Tourists can arrange their own Bhutan Nepal flight tickets or collaborate with one of our travel consultants to plan an ideal Bhutan Nepal itinerary. The Kakarbhitta and Phuentsholing border crossings are the best ways to get to Bhutan from Nepal or vice versa. You will enter India at Panitanki after riding the bus to Kakarbhitta on Nepal's southern border with India, and then take a local bus to Siliguri. You can then take a direct train to Hasimara and then a local bus to Jaigaon, which is on the India-Bhutan border. After crossing the border, you'll arrive in Bhutan's Phuentsholing, where your guide and driver will be waiting to transport you to Thimphu, the capital.

4. Visiting Nepal and Bhutan

The greatest way to see both of these wonderful Himalayan countries is to travel to both of them at the same time. Since the weather and tourism seasons for both countries are comparable, schedule and book with us for easy and convenient travel. We take care of the majority of the work for you, making planning and implementation much easier.

5. Getting to Bhutan from Nepal

Traveling to Bhutan from Nepal can be accomplished in one of two ways: overland through

Nepal, across India, and into Bhutan at the Phuentsholing border crossing, or by flying directly from Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport to Paro's Paro International Airport. If you're planning on traveling by land, you'll need to take a local bus from Kathmandu (or wherever you're staying in Nepal) to the Indian border. Bhutan's nearest Nepal-India border is at Kakarbhitta in eastern Nepal, which is just across from Panitanki in India. It is quite easy to cross the Raniganj Immigration crossing over the Mechi Bridge, and once there, you may take a local bus to Siliguri, the nearest railway station to Panitanki. The trains from Siliguri travel routinely and directly from New Jalpaiguri to Hasimara, the nearest railway station to the Bhutanese border at Phuentsholing, and take about four hours. After arriving in Hasimara, take the local buses to Jaigaon, which is located near Phuentsholing on the Indo-Bhutanese border. After crossing the border, your tour guide and driver will usually be waiting for you, and they will take you by private car to your hotel in Paro or Thimphu. You may fly directly from Nepal to Bhutan, departing from Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport and landing at Bhutan's Paro International Airport. Druk Air and Bhutan Airlines are the only airlines allowed to arrive at Bhutan's Paro International Airport. Nepal is also home to Druk Air and Bhutan Airlines, which fly to Bhutan from nine airports in five nations.

6. Bhutan and Nepal travel cost

When visiting Bhutan, Nepal, or Tibet, tourists must apply for specific visas and permissions, according to the rules of the three tourist areas. Aside from permits, you'll need to spend for meals, lodging, automobiles, a tour guide, and admission fees, among other things. Nepal has the cheapest prices, while Bhutan and Tibet have the most expensive. Bhutan is a well-known luxury tourist destination around the world. According to the local government's policy, travelers must spend at least US\$250 every day.

7. ?Time required to visit Nepal and Bhutan

To visit Nepal and Bhutan, a 6 or 7 day vacation will be sufficient. However, Longer excursions of 13 and 14 days are also available for those who want to travel widely and have a more enriching experience. While the shorter excursions provide an overview of the cultural attractions of these two Himalayan countries, the longer tours provide a significantly more immersive experience. Nepal and Bhutan might be included in your Himalayan vacation itinerary. Choose from one of our Nepal-Bhutan trip packages to visit these two magnificent countries. Learn more about our Nepal and Bhutan travel packages.

8. Best time to visit Nepal and Bhutan

Both Nepal and Bhutan have comparable climates, with distinct rainy and dry seasons that coincide. The greatest times to visit these two Himalayan countries are in the spring and fall, from March to May and September to November, though you can go at any time of year depending on what you want to do and where you want to go. In Nepal and Bhutan's Himalayan regions, winter

is a season when it gets colder and snowier. While high-altitude treks are frequently available at this time, there are many sites to explore and trek in the lower regions of the country, where the winter is mild and the weather is still pleasant. The monsoon season occurs throughout the summer months, and this is when the majority of the rain falls over the globe. However, even in the middle of the monsoon, there are locations in both Nepal and Bhutan where there is little to no rain and it is still possible to trek or travel.

9. ?Food in Bhutan

The spiciness of Bhutanese food is its most distinguishing feature. Chilies are an important ingredient of practically every dish in Bhutan, and most Bhutanese people would refuse to eat a meal that was not hot. Rice is a mainstay of Bhutanese cuisine. It is served with one or two meat or vegetable-based side dishes. The most popular meats are beef, chicken, and pork. Many restaurants across the country offer a diverse mix of western and Indian cuisine.