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# Heavenly Bhutan

5 Nights 6 Days - *Land Package*

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## SNAPSHOT



### THEMES

Family Tour, Super Seller Packages



### DESTINATIONS

Thimphu(2N) - Punakha(1N) - Paro(2N)



### ACTIVITES

19



### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Full Day Local sightseeing Thimphu
- ✓ Punakha Local Sightseeing



### VALIDITY PERIOD

14 Apr 2025 to 30 Sep 2025

## DESTINATION INFO



### Bhutan Trip || Travel to Bhutan || Bhutan Tiger Monastery

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## INCLUSIONS / EXCLUSIONS

### INCLUSIONS

- Meet & Greet upon arrival.
- Accommodation as per the itinerary, on specified plan on Twin Sharing Basis.
- Daily breakfast & dinner
- 01 Bottle Packaged drinking per person per day.
- All applicable Transfer & Sightseeing for by specified vehicle (on point to point basis, not on disposal) and will be exclusively used for the guest as per the itinerary only.
- Services of a Trip Leader (Guide) will be as per the itinerary for Bhutan Portion only.
- SDF (Sustainable Development Fee) charged by the government.

### EXCLUSIONS

- 5% GST And 5% TCS Extra
- Monuments entrance fees.
- Cost for Air-ticket (which is always given separately, unless mentioned).
- Cost for supplementary service, optional Tours, Up-gradation Charges.
- Cost for Train fare, Travel / Any kind of Insurance & Premiums, Rafting Charges.
- Cost for service provided on a personal request.
- Cost for personal expenses such as laundry, soft drinks, incidentals, porter charges, tips etc.
- Cost for any other service not mentioned under the "Cost Includes" head.
- Difference in cost arising due to extra usage of vehicle, other than scheduled & mentioned in the itinerary.
- Difference in cost arising due to mishaps, political unrest, natural calamities like - landslides, road blockage, etc.
- AC in the vehicle will not be kept on when the vehicle is not moving . i.e. When the vehicle is parked at some sightseeing place, restaurant or any place , the AC will not be kept on.



# HOTELS

**VALIDITY DATES :** *14 Apr 2025 - 30 Sep 2025*

**PLAN: BUDGET**

- 2 Night(s) in Thimphu at Hotel Migmar or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Punakha at Hotel Vara or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Paro at Norwangs Villa or similar

**PLAN: STANDARD**

- 2 Night(s) in Thimphu at Tara Phendeyling Hotel / Peaceful Resort & Spa or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Punakha at Himalayan Dragons Nest Hotel or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Paro at Taktsang Village Resort / Lhayhuel Resort or similar

**PLAN: DELUXE**

- 2 Night(s) in Thimphu at Ariya Hotel or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Punakha at Zhingkhram Resort / Khuru Resort or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Paro at Jagathang Village Inn or similar

**PLAN: PREMIUM**

- 2 Night(s) in Thimphu at Terma Linca Resort & Spa or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Punakha at RKPO Green Resort or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Paro at Naksel Boutique Hotel & Spa or similar

**PLAN: LUXURY**

- 2 Night(s) in Thimphu at Le Meridien Thimphu or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Punakha at Dhensa Boutique Resort or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Paro at Le Meridien Paro Riverfront or similar

**Philosophy Of The Bhutan Tour:**

- Rates Are Different For The NRI & Foreign Nationals. NRI Clients Have To Take Visa To Travel To Bhutan.
- Bhutan Is A Very Simple Country Yet Very Scenic. The Itinerary Is Not Filled With Lot Of Sightseeing Places Because Bhutan Is Mainly Famous For Scenic Beauty Like Mountains, Valleys & The Local Culture To Explore By The Tourist.
- There Are Hilly Drives Involved During The Tour.
- Due To Hilly Drives, The Vehicles Used Here Will Not Have Overhead Carriers To Store The Luggage. Luggage Will Be Stored Inside The Car Only.
- It Is Strictly Advisable To Travel Light. 1 Medium Size Bag & 1 Carry Bag Per Person Is Allowed As Per The Transport Norms.
- Most Of The Hotels Do Not Have Light Facility. Clients Have To Climb The Stairs.
- Food At The Hotels Is Basic, With Local Flavour & Limited Options Available.
- Tempo Traveller Is Not As Comfortable As Innova.
- The Tempo Traveller In This Destination Is Modified As Per The Roads Of This Place & So The Seats Are Narrow , Leg Space Is Very Less , Seats Are Non-Push Back & The Middle Row Is Also Narrow.

# SIGHTSEEINGS

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## Thimphu, Bhutan

- Kuenselphodrang ( Buddha Point )
- Textiles Museum
- Sangaygang View Point
- National Institute for Zorig Chusum
- Shop from Handicrafts Market
- Simply Bhutan
- Motithang Takin Preserve Centre

## Wangdue Phodrang, Bhutan

- Dochu La Pass

## Punakha, Bhutan

- Dochula Pass
- Punakha Dzong
- Punakha Suspension Bridge
- Chimi Lhakhang (Chime Monastery or Temple)

## Paro, Bhutan

- Tamchog Lhakhang (Iron Bridge)
- Chuzom (Confluence)
- Jangtsa Dumtseg Lhakhang
- Ta Dzong, The National Museum
- Rinpung Dzong
- Taktsang Lhakhang ( Tigers Nest )
- Kyichu Lhakang

# MEALS

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- 5 Breakfast
- 5 Dinner



# TRIP COST

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- 1 Night(s) in Punakha at Hotel Vara or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Paro at Norwangs Villa or similar

	Double Sharing (Per Person)	Triple Sharing (Per Person)	CWB (Per Person)	CNB (Per Person)
2 Pax	INR 48,500	INR 39,340	INR 17,000	INR 10,500
4 Pax	INR 38,000	INR 32,340	INR 17,000	INR 10,500
6 Pax	INR 36,000	INR 31,000	INR 17,000	INR 10,500
8 Pax	INR 32,500	INR 28,670	INR 17,000	INR 10,500

\* Note: 5% GST Additional On Total Tour Cost. T&C Apply at time of Booking.

\* Exclusive of TCS.

## PLAN: STANDARD

### INCLUDED HOTELS

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- 1 Night(s) in Punakha at Himalayan Dragons Nest Hotel or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Paro at Taktsang Village Resort / Lhayhuel Resort or similar

	Double Sharing (Per Person)	Triple Sharing (Per Person)	CWB (Per Person)	CNB (Per Person)
2 Pax	INR 50,000	INR 40,500	INR 16,000	INR 6,900
4 Pax	INR 39,000	INR 33,170	INR 16,000	INR 6,900
6 Pax	INR 37,000	INR 31,840	INR 16,000	INR 6,900
8 Pax	INR 33,500	INR 29,500	INR 16,000	INR 6,900

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## PLAN: DELUXE

### INCLUDED HOTELS

- 2 Night(s) in Thimphu at Ariya Hotel or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Punakha at Zhingkhram Resort / Khuru Resort or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Paro at Jagathang Village Inn or similar

Double Sharing	Triple Sharing	CWB	CNB
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	(Per Person)	(Per Person)	(Per Person)	(Per Person)
<b>2 Pax</b>	INR 57,500	INR 47,170	INR 22,500	INR 15,500
<b>4 Pax</b>	INR 46,500	INR 39,840	INR 22,500	INR 15,500
<b>6 Pax</b>	INR 45,000	INR 38,840	INR 22,500	INR 15,500
<b>8 Pax</b>	INR 41,500	INR 36,500	INR 22,500	INR 15,500

\* Note: 5% GST Additional On Total Tour Cost. T&C Apply at time of Booking.

\* Exclusive of TCS.

## PLAN:PREMIUM

### INCLUDED HOTELS

- 2 Night(s) in Thimphu at Terma Linca Resort & Spa or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Punakha at RKPO Green Resort or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Paro at Naksel Boutique Hotel & Spa or similar

	Double Sharing (Per Person)	Triple Sharing (Per Person)	CWB (Per Person)	CNB (Per Person)
<b>2 Pax</b>	INR 81,500	INR 69,000	INR 29,500	INR 22,000
<b>4 Pax</b>	INR 71,000	INR 62,000	INR 29,500	INR 22,000
<b>6 Pax</b>	INR 69,000	INR 60,670	INR 29,500	INR 22,000
<b>8 Pax</b>	INR 65,500	INR 58,340	INR 29,500	INR 22,000

\* Note: 5% GST Additional On Total Tour Cost. T&C Apply at time of Booking.

\* Exclusive of TCS.

## PLAN:LUXURY

### INCLUDED HOTELS

- 2 Night(s) in Thimphu at Le Meridien Thimphu or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Punakha at Dhensa Boutique Resort or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Paro at Le Meridien Paro Riverfront or similar

	Double Sharing (Per Person)	Triple Sharing (Per Person)	CWB (Per Person)	CNB (Per Person)
<b>2 Pax</b>	INR 104,000	INR 88,840	INR 50,000	INR 22,500
<b>4 Pax</b>	INR 93,000	INR 81,500	INR 50,000	INR 22,500
<b>6 Pax</b>	INR 91,500	INR 80,500	INR 50,000	INR 22,500
<b>8 Pax</b>	INR 88,000	INR 78,170	INR 50,000	INR 22,500

\* Note: 5% GST Additional On Total Tour Cost. T&C Apply at time of Booking.

## TCS

TCS Applicable on booking of Overseas Tour Package as per provisions of Section 394 of the Income Tax Bill 2025

**5% TCS on spends towards International Holiday Packages for cumulative spends (within or outside Flamingo Transworld Pvt Ltd) up to Rs 10 Lakhs in a financial year and  
20% TCS for incremental spends beyond Rs. 10 Lakhs in the same Financial year**

(Declaration to be submitted by the buyer of overseas tour program package to Flamingo Transworld Pvt Ltd)

The amount of TCS paid is non-refundable in case of cancellation of tour.

On validating **PAN - AADHAR Seeding if found not Linked, TCS will be applicable on 20%** & TCS Credit might not appear in Form 26 / AIS / TIS and TCS Certificates will not be available. Also Booking will get cancelled and Cancellation charges along with 20% TCS will apply.

Refer TCS on Overseas Tour Packages section on [Terms & Conditions](#) for more details.

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## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- ✓ Initial deposit - Rs.25, 000/- per person to confirm you're booking with us.
- ✓ 100% payment to be made at least 30 days before departure.

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## CANCELLATION POLICY

- ✓ 45 days or more prior to the departure, Rs. 25000
- ✓ 45-30 days prior to the departure, 25% of the tour cost
- ✓ 30-15 days prior to the departure, 50% of the tour cost
- ✓ Within 3 Days of Departure 100% of the Tour Cost

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## BANK DETAILS

### **Flamingo Transworld Pvt. Ltd.**

ICICI BANK - JMC HOUSE Account No: 002405008581

JMC HOUSE, OPP. PARIMAL GANDER, AMBAWADI, AHMEDABAD - 380006

IFSC/RTGS/NEFT CODE: ICIC0000024

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# GET SET GO...!!

Day

1

## **Paro Airport (PBH) - Enroute Sightseeing - Thimphu Thimphu (2320 Mts / 7656 Fts, 65 Kms / 01½ to 02 Hrs drive approx)**

On arrival at Paro Airport and after completing your Visa / Permit formalities you will be received by our Bhutan representative who will assist you in boarding your vehicle for transfer from Paro Airport to Thimphu, the capital town of Bhutan. Based on time availability, en route stop at Tamchog Lhakhang (Iron Bridge) & Photo break at Chuzom (Confluence) Meeting point of Thimpu River (Wong Chu) & Paro River (Pa Chu). On arrival at Thimphu, check in to the Hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

☒ Dinner

Day

2

## **Thimphu - Full Day Local sightseeing - Thimphu Thimphu (2320 Mts / 7611 Ft)**

After breakfast go for Thimphu sightseeing covering Sangaygang View Point (BBS Tower) which is located at an elevation of (2865 Mts / 9397Fts), which offers an exquisite view of the whole town of Thimphu, Then after visit Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodong), Institute for Zorig Chusum (Traditional Art & Craft School) (Entrance fee INR 100 (Approx) per person Adult / Child) (Closed on Saturday, Sunday, National Holiday & During Summer & Winter Vacations), Textiles Museum (Entrance fee INR 250 (Approx) per person Adult / Child), Handicrafts Shops (Entrance fee INR 100 (Approx) (Closed on Saturday, Sunday & National Holiday), Zangthapelri Lhakhang (Monastery), Simply Bhutan (Entrance fee INR 1000 (Approx) per person Adult / Child) (Closed on National Holiday), Motithang Takin Preservation Centre (Entrance fee INR 300 (Approx) per person Adult / Child) (Closed on Every Monday). Later return back to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

☒ Breakfast ☒ Dinner

Day

3

## **Thimphu - Punakha Local Sightseeing - Punakha / Wangdi Punakha / Wangdi (1273 Mts / 4177 Fts, 70 Kms / 03 to 3½ Hrs one way drive approx)**

After breakfast, checkout and then drive from Thimphu to Punakha / Wangdi, which is the last town on the highway before entering Central Bhutan. The drive is over Dochu La pass (3080Mts / 10102Fts) which is very scenic with fascinating view of mountains of Bhutan. Visit Punakha Dzong (Entrance fee of INR 500 (Approx) per person Adult / Child), If time permit visit the Suspension Bridge and then proceed to Chimi Lhakhang (Monastery) (Entrance fee INR 1000 (Approx) per person Adult / Child). Overnight at Hotel.

☒ Breakfast ☒ Dinner

Day

4

### **Punakha / Wangdi via Lampari - Paro Paro (2200 Mts / 7218 Fts, 148 Kms / 04 to 05 Hrs approx drive)**

After breakfast, checkout & then transfer from Punakha/ Wangdi to Paro. En route stop at Lamperi to visit Royal Botanical Garden (Entrance fee INR 100 (Approx) per person Adult / Child). On arrival Paro, check in to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

☒ Breakfast ☒ Dinner

Day

5

### **Paro - Full day Local Sightseeing - Paro Paro (2200 Mts / 7216 Fts)**

After breakfast go for Paro Sightseeing visit Duntse Lhakhang, Then stop at Bird eye view point from this point picturesque Paro Valley can be seen from this point and the small Paro International airport in the middle of all of that looks stunning. Ideal time to go here would be between 10-11 AM. Then visit

Ta Dzong (Entrance fee INR 300 (Approx) per person Adult / Child) (National Museum-Closed on National Holiday), Rinpung Dzong (Entrance fee INR 1000 (Approx) per person Adult / Child), Kichu Lhakhang (Entrance fee INR 500 (Approx) per person Adult / Child). Back to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

**OR**

#### **Paro - Hike To Taktsang Lhakhang (Tiger'S Nest) - Paro Paro (2200 Mts / 7216 Fts)**

Start the day early for a day hike to Taktsang Lhakhang (Tiger's Nest Monastery) (Entrance fee INR 1000 (Approx) per person Adult / Child). The hike which is a uphill climb for about 2 ½ to 3 Hrs (Depending on Guest Fitness label) one way through pine forests. Many guest who are unable to make it to the top can hike upto the cafeteria points which is again about 1 to 1 ½ Hrs uphill climb. Later return back to the base where the vehicle will be waiting to take you back to the hotel.

**OR**

#### **Paro - Excursion to Chele - la pass - Paro**

Chele-la pass (3988 Mts / 13080 Fts, 40 Kms / 02 to 02 ½ Hrs - One way drive approx from Paro)

After breakfast go for a day excursion to Chele-la pass. Later drive back to Paro. Overnight at Hotel.

☒ Breakfast ☒ Dinner

Day

6

### **Paro - Paro Airport (PBH) Paro (2200 Mts / 7216 Fts, 6 Kms / 20 to 30 minutes drive approx)**

After breakfast checkout and then transfer from Paro to Paro Airport (PBH), for onwards connection.

☒ Breakfast

# TAKE-OFF...!!

## FLIGHT & TRANSPORT



# IMPORTANT NOTES

- RATES ARE DYNAMIC AND SUBJECT AVAILABILITY. IT WILL FLUCTUATE AS PER HOTEL INVENTORY, FESTIVAL PERIOD, PEAK DATES, CITY SOLD OUT DATES,ETC.....
- Transportation consider Garage to Garage as per valid kms. Extra kms rate will be direct payable by guest only.
- Given cost is estimated, based on lowest hotel rates existing as of now. We Don't Hold Any Confirmation For Hotels. It's Subject To availability at the time of booking. Any difference in cost shall be borne by Passenger.
- In Hill station places (like shimla , Manali , nainital , kausani , Munnar , Thekkady) the AC facility will not be there in the rooms.
- At some places & at some hotels the higher category rooms are there with AC but that will be possible with the supplement cost.
- The vehicle like tempo travelers are not of very good condition so rather opt for Innova.
- Check-in time at Hotel is 1400 Hrs & Check-out time is 1100 Hrs.
- Your tours and transfers are based on tour itinerary & not at disposal basis.
- Your Itinerary will be strictly on timings.
- Room Rates based on Standard Rooms. Supplement cost will be applicable for Valley Facing / higher category rooms.
- Breakfast will start from Day 2 of the itinerary.
- Services will be given in exchange of Original vouchers/Itinerary only.
- Portages and Driver Tips are extra
- Optional sightseeing has to be booked in advance on your own by paying an additional cost.
- There is No Refund for un utilized Service
- All cost are per person based on twin sharing
- Car cost is counted as per children & adults sharing a car
- On hilly areas the CAR AC will not work.
- During sightseeing the vehicle will go up to permissible point only, from that point any arrangement to be made all extra expenses shall have to be borne by the passengers.
- Extra bed in the room means only extra mattress.(no cot)
- Any govt. tax levied must be borne by the passengers only.
- Pre ponement of journey is not allowed. It will be treated as cancellation & accordingly the cancellation charges will be applicable.
- If accommodation is not available in the identified / specific hotel for the particular package tour due to reason beyond our control, we shall make our best efforts to shift the clients to hotel maintaining / having more or less the same standard. No complaint or claim shall be made by the client in this respect.
- If any airline is delayed or cancelled, Flamingo Transworld Pvt. Ltd. is not responsible for any compensation for hotels, meals, sightseeing or any other claim.

The Following Points To Be Noted For Child Rate

Majority of the hotels follows the child policy mentioned below:

- Children above 10+ years will be considered as an adult and will be charged as per EPSR rate.
- Children of 5+ to 10 sharing room with bed / Mattress & Roll Over / Fixed day-bed / Dewan will be charged as per CWB rate.
- Children of 5+ to 10 sharing room without bed / rollaway or mattress will be charged as per CNB rate.
- Children below 5 years will be complimentary without bed (sharing the parent's room).

Notes :

- Hotels are very strict with the child policy. Please carry the age proof so that it can be produced when asked for.
- Some of the 4 star & 5 star hotels have the policy of charging for all child above 3 years as per CWB & CNB. Child below 03 years is treated as complimentary.

Pertaining To Documents Required For Entry Permit & Formalities Involved For Indian National & Indian Passport Holder (Soft Copy To Be Send For Permit & Hardcopy To Be Carried While Travelling, Same Id To Be Carried While Travelling).

- Only person possessing a Passport / Election ID Card (the original needs to be carried on travel) will be eligible to travel to Bhutan. No other document is considered valid for travelling into Bhutan. In case the guest is travelling with an improper / tampered documents this is considered a crime and is liable to be detained from boarding (for such case the airlines charge full cancellation with zero refund) / imprisonment / cash fine or both.
- In case the guest is using a passport for travelling, it must be minimum six months valid from the date of departure from Bhutan.
- Indian National below 18 years who do not have a passport must produce a birth certificate in hard copy (original) for procuring the entry permit. For the case where the traveler is using the printed version of online birth certificate, it must be Notarized / Certified as being a true copy of the original.
- Birth certificates issued in local language should be translated in English and must be support by Affidavit issued by a Notary.
- The entry & route permit can only be processed in advance only for guest travelling with Valid passport / Election ID Card / Birth Certificate.
- The documents which will be shared for permit issuance will have to be same which needs to be carried while travelling.
- For SDF & Permit, we would require scan copy of the valid ID at least 12-15 working days in advance. The scan copy of the passport / Election ID Card / Birth Certificate has to be in color, clear & readable.
- Travel Insurance with Covid-19 Coverage.
- Covid Vaccination certificate (for minimum 2 doses).
- Current color passport size Photograph
- The entry permits are given based on the duration of stay or flight tickets booked by the guest. There is a provision to extend the stay in Bhutan after arrival which has to be processed from Thimphu on a working day (other than Saturday, Sunday & Government Holidays) with proper reason & documents. This extension of permit for Tourism is for maximum 30 days from the date of entry in Bhutan.



# GOT QUESTIONS?

## GENERAL

### Q:What is the ideal time to visit Bhutan?

Being a year-round destination, a tour to Bhutan can be planned at any point in time in the year. Though to be precise we can say that spring is the [best time to visit Bhutan](#) as it brings along the vibrant colors of the season carpeting the valley with new blooms. The summers are pleasant with the right amount of sunlight while winters are really cold with snow covering most parts of the country.

### Q:Do Indians need a visa for Bhutan?

No, It is very important to note that Indians travelling to Nepal and Bhutan do not need a visa if they have valid passports, a photo ID card issued by the Indian government, or an election ID card issued by the Election Commission Of India.

### Q:Which currency is used in Bhutan?

The currency used in Bhutan is Ngultrum and 1 INR is equivalent to 1.15 Ngultrum.

### Q:How many airlines fly to Bhutan?

Currently, there are two airlines that operate to Bhutan: DrukAir and Bhutan Airlines. You can find flights from all the major cities of India like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bagdogra.

### Q:How far is Thimpu from Paro?

The distance between Thimphu and Paro is approximately 65 kilometers. Home to the international airport, Paro is the gateway to Bhutan for international tourists.

### Q:What are some of the best places to visit in Bhutan?

Some of the [best Places to visit in Bhutan](#) are as below:

- [Dochula pass Thimphu](#)
- [Memorial Chorten](#)
- [Chele- La pass](#)
- [Punakha Suspension Bridge](#)
- [Tashiccho Dzong](#)

### Q:What are some of the best Bhutan tour packages offered by Flamingo Transworld?

Flamingo Transworld offers you with some of the best packages for Bhutan and they are as below:

- [Heaven Of Bhutan: 6 Nights/ 7 Days](#)
- [The Dragon Kingdom- Bhutan: 7 Nights/ 8 Days](#)
- [Land of Thunder Dragon- Bhutan: 6 Nights/ 7 Days](#)

### Q:What are the best monasteries to see in Bhutan?

Some of the best monasteries scattered throughout the landscape of Bhutan are:

- Taktsang in Paro,
- Rinpung Dzong,
- Kyichu Lhakhang in Paro,
- Tango, Cheri, Chorten in Thimpu and
- Tamshing Lhakhang, Kurjey Lhakhang in Bumthang

### Q:What can you go buy in Bhutan?

Apart from being the “Land of the Thunder Dragon” Bhutan is also popular for its handicrafts shopping. Thimphu, Paro, and Phuentsholing are the major shopping places in Bhutan. Tourists can buy cane and bamboo handicrafts, jewellery, hand-woven textiles, sculptures and Buddhist paintings, wooden products and much more.

### Q:Is Vegetarian food available in Bhutan?

Vegetarian food will not be a problem at all throughout Bhutan - in fact, meat is an exception. The national dishes are Emma Datshi (Chili peppers and cheese) and the delicious red rice. You will find a tasty variety of fresh vegetables.

### Q:What are some of the best things to do in Bhutan?

Bhutan never fails to surprise travelers with its amazing history, aesthetic culture, and ever-changing scenery, but apart from its historic and cultural significance it also offers lot many [things to do in Bhutan](#) and some of them are as below:

- [Explore Jungshi handmade paper factory](#)
- [Shop from handicrafts market](#)
- [Enjoy a live performance of Khaju Luyang](#)
- [Explore black necked cranes centre](#)
- [Experience thrilling rafting](#)

### Q:Is there snow in Bhutan?

After monsoon season from late September through November Bhutan experiences sunny days and sometimes early snowfall at higher altitudes.

### Q:Is Indian currency accepted in Bhutan?

Bhutan's official currency is Ngultrum which has a small value as the Indian rupee. Indian rupee is also legal in Bhutan. Denomination note of INR 100 or 50 may be used in Bhutan.

### Q:Do Indian sim cards work in Bhutan?

Indian sim cards do not work in Bhutan unless you have International roaming.

## PACKAGE RELATED

### A. About Hotel Services

#### 1) What are the hotels options in Bhutan & what kind of service do they provide?

Bhutan Tourism Policy is based on High value, low volume impact. The hotel rates are comparatively higher to what we get in India. This is also evident from the fact that Bhutan being a small country, its main towns (Thimphu, Paro & Punakha) still houses maximum International brands like Dusit-D2, Lemeridien, Uma, Aman & Six Senses group. The average per night room rate, for these properties ranges from INR 20K to 01 lacs & above. However, into the remotes (Central & Eastern Bhutan) the hotel infrastructures is still equivalent to 2\* to 3\*. For these properties, the average per night rate ranges from INR 04K to 10K.

We have used hotels, which are not to be compared with the Hotels of other developed destinations. We have selected, combined & graded the hotels in a fashion, so that the guest gets similar kind of standard in services & facilities at every destination / place of retirement. For the easy understanding we have termed

**Services rendered by Hotel used under GRADE B1, will be equivalent to 2\* TO 3\* properties.**

#### 2) What are the Standard check in & checkout time?

Check in time at Hotel: 1400 Hrs / Check out time: 1100 Hrs. All the bookings are non-transferable & all in-house hotel rules will be applicable during the stay. As per Government norms valid photo ID for all members staying at the hotel is mandatory. All requests for early check in / late checkout / extending of stay will be subjected to, hotels approval & availability.

#### 3) Does hotel charges extra for room heaters?

In Bhutan, hotels have their in-house policy of providing heater on complimentary basis.

#### **4) Is 24 hours water supply & power failure, an issue in Bhutan?**

In hilly area, scarcity of water & electricity is a natural phenomenon. Although Bhutan produces surplus power, which is sold to India but still there is issue with power transmission due to hilly terrain. In case of Load shedding, kindly bear with such situation. We strongly regret the inconvenience. Most of the high-end hotels do have power back-up system. All hotels runs on 220/240 volts with round hole two-pin and three-pin power outlets what we generally use in India. It is highly recommended that you bring flat-to-round pin converters for your electronic devices if necessary; however, some hotels offer multi plug sockets.

#### **5) Do all the hotels have lifts?**

Most of the hotels, in the area do not have lift. One has to climb stairs to reach the lobby or the allotted rooms. In case of problems related to blood pressure, breathing, knee & heart or even if the guest cannot climb higher floors, then we request them to let us know, at the time of briefing call. Ideally this should have been communicated at the time of quotation so that the correct hotel could have been selected and costing could have been done accordingly. If the problem is highlighted at the time of briefing call, the FHE gets time to handle in advance and the hotels assigns room, which will be convenient than the ones quoted/reserved for the guest (subjected to availability). In case of any **difference in price arising due to this displacement, this will have to be settled directly by the guest, at the time of check-in.**

#### **6) About the hotels located in Down town / City Center area?**

Other than Thimphu – Capital City, all other places in Bhutan are small town where good hotels are located slightly away from the market place. In Thimphu, most hotels are located in the city, while new and higher-level hotels are located a short distance from the city centre. It is obvious that the constructions of most of the hotel located in City Centre (Down Town) area are in cluster. Such hotels are built in area where they have no view, or view of the building in front, beside or behind them. Services of many hotels located in City Centre are not up to the marks (as their main source of business is of walking tourist). The City Centre hotels have been selected (used in the packages) on the basis of SERVICE & their reliability.

#### **7) About getting the best view rooms in the hotels during peak season time?**

Many clients have mentioned that in spite of booking the tour very well in advance, why have they not been provided, the room with the best view. Kindly be informed, April, May, June, October & November, happens to be the busiest months & the rooms are allotted to the guest, on the day of check-in, which is allocated against the check-out on that day. No hotel will guarantee a room to any one unless it falls in a special category. Being a backward area, the hotels are small in size. Maximum hotels will not exceed above 20 to 30 rooms. The number of such hotels will not be more than 5 to 10 hotels per destinations. We understand very well, the size of India & its population. We also understand well that most of the holidays for families in India falls during spring & summer, which also happens to be under the heat wave. There are not many places, where one can go for relief at this given time. Now even if 0.1% of the population turns up, towards such destinations, the area runs out of capacity. Everything becomes chaotic. Delivering the promised service, itself, becomes an issue. Patience & understanding becomes an important part in getting the tour organized & making the holiday into a memorable one. We will request all the guests to keep this in mind & cooperate while on tour.

### **B. About Food Provided By The Hotels**

#### **1) About Pure Vegetarian & Jain Food available in Bhutan?**

Indian food is available in Bhutan but no regional specific cuisines are served. The people of this area are mostly Non Vegetarian. Most of the hotels, serves both Vegetarian & Non-Vegetarian food. The Jain food served by these hotels will be basic & cannot be compared, to the ones available, at the hometown of the traveler. For the understanding, the food provided will be pure vegetarian meals, which will not include onion, potato, garlic etc, and items, which are grown underground. With changes in food habit globally, few hotels in Bhutan, are exclusively serving vegetable food to its entire guest.

### **C. About Transportation Services**

#### **1) What kinds of vehicles are used for servicing Tourist in Bhutan?**

**As far as vehicle usage is concerned, below vehicle are used for different group size :**

For 24 pax – We use 04 Non AC Jumbo Haice (High Roof) & 01 Hyundai H1

## **2) Why use Tourist Number Plate vehicle only?**

As a matter of policy & honest practices, we do not use private numbers vehicle for Bhutan operation. God forbid, in case of any mishap all your insurance policies will stand void and the insurance company will not honor any claim.

## **3) Does the vehicle change city wise or remains the same throughout?**

Under normal circumstances (other than break downs & unseen calamities) in Bhutan both the vehicle & guides remain same from your arrival until departure from Bhutan. No one else shares the vehicle. It is exclusively used for the bona-fide guest.

## **4) Can we take the allocated vehicle for shopping and evening dinner to local restaurant & hotels?**

The allocated vehicle is exclusively for you, which will not be at disposal & will operate strictly as per the itinerary. In case the guest want to go for shopping, it is advisable to inform the Trip leader in advance helping them to plan the day accordingly. However, in case of late intimation or extra vehicle usage after scheduled duty, then there will be additional charge of INR 3000 per vehicle for minimum 02 Hrs & INR 5000.00 per vehicle for maximum 04 Hrs)

## **5) Do we have the option of upgrading or changing the vehicle?**

Since the Vehicles are limited in number, the demand does not meet the supply. It is wise and works out cheaper to get the vehicle upgraded at the time of booking itself.

## **6) Do we have the option of upgrading or changing the vehicle while on tour?**

Should this be the case, vehicle up-gradation while on tour will be subjected to availability and upon paying the full cancellation for the vehicle in use plus the charges for the upgraded vehicle.

## **7) Right to change the allocated vehicle while on / before tour?**

The right to change the vehicle will always remain with us, without assigning any reasons. Usually it happens in case of mechanical failure, driver falling sick, unforeseen circumstances etc.

## **8) Does the vehicle provided to tourist in Bhutan have Air-conditioning?**

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## **9) Does the vehicle provided to tourist in Bhutan have roof top carrier?**

Other than Coaster buses roof top carrier are not a usual practice in Bhutan as most of the smaller & Mid segment vehicle do have good boot / Back space for guest luggage. In case you have a specific requirement, then will have to put the request for the same in advance.

## **10) Does the vehicle provided to tourist in Bhutan have music system?**

Yes, usually majority vehicles have a music system but we do not guarantee the compatibility with your electronic tools. In the past, it was observed that the guest brought in their gadgets and these gadgets were not compatible with the music system fitted in the car.

## **D. About Trip Leader (Guide) Services**

### **1) Does my tour have an exclusive Guide or he/she will be a Driver cum Trip Leader (Guide)?**

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## **E. About Area Operations**

### **1) When is the best time to travel?**

One can visit Bhutan throughout the year, where January & February is winter, will be very cold. If one is not very keen on festival then it would be wise to avoid Bhutan Tshechu (Festival) dates due to excessive rush and high price.

## 2) What will be the weather conditions in Bhutan?

The below chart provides a fair idea about the area's average maximum / minimum temperature, rainfall and the probability of seeing a clear skies through the year:

MONTH	PARO				THIMPU				PHUENTSHOLING			
	MIN. TEMP	MAX. TEMP	AVG. TEMP	AVG R/F	MIN. TEMP	MAX. TEMP	AVG. TEMP	AVG R/F	MIN. TEMP	MAX. TEMP	AVG. TEMP	AVG R/F
JAN	9.4	-5.8	6.5	19.1	12.3	-2.6	11	19.1	23.9	16.2	32	39.1
FEB	13.4	1.5	14.15	38.6	14.4	0.6	14.7	38.6	26.5	5.1	29.05	58.6
MAR	14.5	0.6	14.8	83.7	16.4	3.9	18.35	83.7	29.5	18.2	38.6	103.7
APR	17.6	4.6	19.9	127	20	7.1	23.55	127	31.1	6.3	34.25	157
MAY	23.5	10.6	28.8	217.6	22.5	13.1	29.05	217.6	32.4	20.9	42.85	277.6
JUN	25.4	13.1	31.95	266.9	24.4	15.2	32	266.9	32.6	10.1	37.65	306.9
JUL	26.8	14.9	34.25	444.3	18.9	13.4	25.6	444.3	31.9	23.1	43.45	554.3
AUG	25.3	14.7	32.65	367.6	25	15.8	32.9	367.6	32.6	11.9	38.55	467.6
SEP	23.4	11.7	29.25	248.3	23.1	15	30.6	248.3	31.6	24.8	44	308.3
OCT	18.7	7.4	22.4	108.2	21.9	10.4	27.1	108.2	31.2	15.6	39	148.2
NOV	13.9	1.4	14.6	24.8	17.9	5	20.4	24.8	28.3	26	41.3	44.8
DEC	11.2	-1.7	10.35	14.1	14.5	-1.1	13.95	14.1	22.7	17.2	31.3	34.1

### Note:

Please note Higher the altitude, lower the temperature and rainfall. For current forecast on weather you may visit the link by clicking on [BHUTAN WEATHER](#)

The figure mentioned above in the temperature column is in Celsius.

The figure mentioned above in the average rainfall column is in millimeter (mm).

The maximum chances of having clear skies will be in the month of Jan, Feb, Mar, Nov & Dec.

It is advisable that one should be prepared with layer clothing also in summers and carry heavy woolen in winters.

### 3) How is the mobile roaming & connectivity facilities in Bhutan? Which local mobile operator has good network?

Mobile SIM Card for Indians nationals travelling is easily available at Paro Airport. However, in case the passengers have missed to collect it at the airport we could organize a SIM from a counter of local telecom provider. The personal presence of guest is mandatory along with the Passport / Voter Id Card & Bhutan Entry Permit in original. The SIM Card provided gets activated within 02-04 hours. There are mainly two local operators namely Tashi Cell & B Mobile who offer good network for voice call as well as Data plan. However, Indian operator like BSNL, Airtel & Vodafone-Idea have good international roaming network in Bhutan.

### 4) How safe is Bhutan for Tourist, especially for Female traveler?

Bhutan is one of the safest countries to travel. The crime rate in Bhutan is negligible in Global index with family quarrel & petty theft accounting maximum count. It is completely safe for female travelers.

### 5) Any special briefing that is required for Senior Citizens?

Few hotels used in the itinerary are tower / spread out properties, which involves walking & climbing of stairs. Most of the hotels of the area, do not have lift facility & one may have to climb stairs. In case of guests having problems with heart & pressure disorder, breathing & joints condition or if they are unable to climb the higher floors, ideally such information should be provided at the time of booking helping us to select the hotels accordingly.

In case such information is missed out at the time of booking, we would request you to inform it immediately helping us to take corrective measure. Such requests are all subjected to availability.

### 6) Do sightseeing involve walking?

Being a mountain destination, most of the sightseeing points involves walking & climbing of stairs. You are requested to carry comfortable walking shoe, to avoid inconvenience & discomfort.

### 7) What is the Operational Status of sightseeing points (Post COVID)?

Few of the sightseeing points operations in new normal scenario will largely depend on Government directives, during the course of our pre tour briefing call, we will update you on the operational status



then.

### **8) Is there any specific dress code for visiting Monasteries?**

The Bhutanese Constitution of 2008 provides freedom of religion & worship in Bhutan. As Bhutan is predominantly a Buddhist country, there are certain dress codes for visiting religious monuments. Short, mini & Sleeve cut are not permitted; it is also wise to take off hats while entering a Dzong, temple or monastery. It is safer to dress up in smart casual. Always walk in clockwise direction while visiting religious places or do not walk over any clothes, books, heap or materials left open in religious sites.

### **9) What are the custom, administrative restrictions in Bhutan?**

#### **A) Custom restrictions**

**There are certain items that are strictly prohibited by Bhutan customs namely:**

Arms, ammunition and explosives

All narcotics and drugs except medically prescribed drugs

Wildlife products, especially those of endangered species

Antiques

Import of plants, soils etc, are subject to quarantine regulations.

**Notes: Visitors are advised to be cautious in purchasing old and used items, especially of religious or cultural significance, as such items may not be exported without a clearance certificate.**

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#### **C) Restrictions on carrying Tobacco & Smoking in Bhutan**

It is the only country in the world that completely bans the sale, production of tobacco. Smoking is banned in public places and the offender can be booked for penalty, imprisonment, or both.

As per the latest amendment made to the Tobacco Control Act of Bhutan in 2014, the following tobacco products are permitted to be carried for personal consumption:

800 sticks of cigarettes

150 pieces of cigars

750 grams of other tobacco products.

A person shall be allowed to import only one tobacco or tobacco product at a time as stated above. A proof or receipt of tax Payment shall be valid only for one month from the date of payment of Tax on import of cigarettes and other tobacco products depend on the place of import.

Place of Import	Tax
India	100% Sales Tax
Other Countries	100% Sales Tax & 100% Customs Duty

**Note: While in Bhutan, visitors must retain the tax receipt to present to, if you encounter any checking by Tobacco control Inspectors.**

#### **d) Restrictions on consumption of alcohol in Bhutan**

Consumption of Alcohol is allowed in Bhutan. However, Tuesday is a dry day. Good brands of alcohol are easily available at duty free shop at the airport. Tourists are allowed to carry back 2 liters of alcohol per head in & out of Bhutan under duty free allowance.

### **10) Who is an FHE and what is a Pre-briefing call?**

The executive who is pre- assigned for the tour and is in direct contact with the guest over the phone for smooth & proper coordination. This FHE (File handling Executive) calls the guest 02 to 03 days prior to the journey date and helps the guest in informing about the dos & don'ts of the area, what to expect on tour and take necessary preparation.

### **11) Where do we meet our Trip leader (Guide) /arrival officer?**

A) NJP (New Jalpaiguri) Railway Station – If you are arriving at NJP Railway station which has 03 entry & exit gate, please be informed that you will be meeting our arrival officer at the new exit gate, beside the escalator holding placard in your name / or as advised by you. The Trip Leader will meet the guest at Phuntsholing hotel.

B) IXB (Bagdogra) Airport - Please note that our Executive will hold placard just outside the only exit gate of Bagdogra Airport. The Trip Leader will meet the guest at Phuntsholing hotel.

C ) PBH (Paro) International Airport – The Trip Leader (Guide) will hold placard just outside the exit gate of Paro International Airport.

**12) Who will be the one point of contact for the tour?**

FHE (File handling Executive) will be the one point of contact for all matters apart from your Trip Leader.

**13) Are sightseeing / monument entrance fee included in the tour cost?**

The same is not included as it provides the guest the freedom to choose & pay the monuments entrance fee directly as per their preference. The cost estimate is provided in the above itinerary, beside each sightseeing points.

**14) What is a MUST KNOW point for guest travelling during peak season?**

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**15) What is the arrangement for the vehicle in case of arriving very early in the morning at NJP Railway station?**

In case of early arrival, the guest will have to wait at the Waiting / Retiring Room of the station. Our Arrival Officer will be meeting you at 0600 hrs in the morning for the meet & greet and arrival transfer. This has been planned keeping your security factors in mind.

**16) As the guests are arriving early, what happens to their meal?**

In case the guest is booked on MAPAI (Half Board) the 1st Day meal starts with dinner & ends with breakfast at the booked hotel, on the last day.

**17) What will be the arrangement in case the flight are cancelled / missed by the guests, who in turn are not able to start the tour as planned?**

In case of any Flight Cancellation or missed connection, which affects the operation of the tour, the Company will not be responsible for the same and the cancellation as per the policy will be applicable. We will try our best to help the guest wherever possible to minimize the damages.

**18) Who pays extra charges incurred in situation arising due to landslide or any other unseen, forced measures, leading to diversion from the main tour?**

Landslide is a common occurrence in hilly areas. Expenses incurred for diversion or any other unseen, forced reasons will have to be borne by the guest / traveler directly as per actual.

**19) Are the tour planned rigid or some minor changes can be made?**

We try our best to assist the guest with minor changes wherever possible until & unless it does incur financial damages. The cost for any alteration will be collected directly from the guest as per the actual.

**20) Does the guest have the option of adding extra sightseeing & add-on tours / activities while on tour?**

Yes, the guest have the option of adding extra sightseeing or activities while on tour at additional cost which will be further subjected to availability & operational condition. This has to be consulted with the FHE & the Trip Leader. Since the people in mountain sleeps early, it is necessary to intimate timely so that the FHE / Trip Leader can incorporate the changes.

**21) Just in case, if some sightseeing are closed on a particular day, do the guest have the option of covering it on the next day?**

We make all contingency plans so that the sightseeing points do not fall on a closing day. Incase due to inevitable situation if the sightseeing falls on a closing day, it will have to be left out & cannot be carried forward to the next day. If you are taking the left out tour on the next day, you will have to pay the extra against the vehicle charges as advised by the FHE (File Handling Executive).

**22) If the guest are unable to utilize some services of the tour, will there be any refund?**

There will be no refund for unutilized service in part or in full, what so ever may be the reason.

**23) Once all the services are confirmed, is there any possibility of incorporating any changes?**

After confirmation, any changes, will be treated as cancellation of the booked tour & will attract an amendment fee of INR 5000.00 + GST or 5% of the package cost (whichever is higher), along with the charges attracted due to change.

In view of local strikes / landslide / any unforeseen happening, which are beyond our control, all schedule and itineraries will be subjected to availability and operational condition. Every effort will be made to maintain the itinerary, at the time of actual travelling. The right to change the itinerary without any intimation and explanation will remain with our company.

**Important Information On Transport & Guide Services**

Concept of vehicle on disposal is not a practice in Bhutan. The vehicle + Trip leader (Guide) will be with the guest generally from (0900 Hrs till 1700 Hrs – Summer & 0900 -1600Hrs in Winters). The vehicle used will be exclusive for the group but will not be at disposal. It will be as per contract & may change in case of any operational or mechanical problems.

The allocated vehicle is exclusively for the guest, but not at disposal & will operate strictly as per the itinerary. In case the guest want to go for shopping, it is advisable to inform the Trip leader in advance helping them to plan the day accordingly. However, in case of late intimation or extra vehicle usage after scheduled duty, then there will be additional charge of INR 3000 per vehicle for minimum 02 Hrs & INR 5000.00 per vehicle for maximum 04 Hrs.

Every effort will be made to maintain the itinerary, in view of local strikes, landslide etc., which are beyond our control, all schedule and itineraries are subject to last moment changes and any additional cost if any, will be borne by the **guests directly**. Based on the operational conditions, at the time of actual travelling, the itinerary **could be altered, changed**. All such right are reserved with the operating company.

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Cancellation – Since **the Vehicles are limited** in number, **cancellation rules will be applicable** on the complete tour package including the transport cost.

**Entry Formalities For Indian Nationals Travelling To Bhutan**

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ISSUING PERMIT (Original need to carry while travelling) :  
FOR ADULT**

Colour & scanned Passport copy with minimum 06 month Validity OR Election Identity card ONLY for all passengers traveling to Bhutan (Original need to be carried while travelling).

Recent colour & scanned passport size photograph (Copy need to be carried while travelling).

Indian National if flying to/from Bhutan, to/from to any second country can travel only with passport with six month validity.

Indian National if flying to Bhutan from Nepal require Passport with six month validity along with the NOC from embassy of Indian, Kathmandu if they have entered Nepal using Election ID card.

OCI (Oversea Citizen of India) & PIO (Person of Indian Origin) passport are not considered as valid document in Bhutan, as Indian Citizen proof.

All NRI, OCI & PIO passport holder will be considered FOREIGN NATIONALS & will have to pay USD RATE as fixed by the Bhutan Government.

All FOREIGN NATIONALS tourist must obtain a visa clearance prior to travel to Bhutan. Foreign nationals are required to send the clear readable and viewable photo-page of their passport to us & we will apply for their visa. For your kind information, once the full payment for the holiday has been wire transferred and received by the TCB (Tourism Council of Bhutan), the visa will be processed by them. At the point of entry, foreign nationals will have to show their visa clearance letter, for the visa to be stamped on their passport.

Oversea Travel Insurance with Covid Coverage is required for travel to Bhutan.

**Notes :** Advance Entry & route permit can only be process & procured for guest travelling with passport, rest all guest need to get the entry permit upon arrival after due documents & payment of SDF (Sustainable Development fee).

**For Children (Whose Parents Are Indian Passport Holders)**

Colour & scanned Passport copy with minimum 06 month Validity OR Birth Certificate in English ONLY for all passengers traveling to Bhutan (Original need to be carried while travelling).

Recent colour & scanned passport size photograph (Copy need to be carried while travelling).

In case the Birth Certificate is in Regional Language, then an affidavit from the Magistrate. Click on the word affidavit for sample copy. Along with ...

Along with School / College identity card. They must be accompanied by their parents with Election ID card / Valid Indian Passport. (Bona-fide letter from School or College are not valid documents for Bhutan Entry for minors).

Indian national children if flying to/from Bhutan, to/from to any second country require six month valid passport only.

Indian National if flying to Bhutan from Nepal require Passport with six month validity along with the NOC from embassy of Indian, Kathmandu if they have entered Nepal using Birth Certificate or any other documents.

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Important Note : Days When Foreign / Regional Tourist Not Permitted

15TH DAY OF 1ST MONTH (CHOTRUL DUCHEN)

10TH OF 3RD MONTH (ZHABDRUNG KUCHOE)

15TH DAY OF 4TH MONTH (SAGA DAWA GUCHEN / LORD BUDDHA PARINIRVANA)

10TH DAY OF 5TH MONTH (BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF GURU RIMPOCHE)

04TH DAY OF 06TH MONTH (CHOKHOR DUCHEN / FIRST SERMON OF LORD BUDDHA )

22TH DAY OF 9TH MONTH (LHA BAB DUCHEN / DESCENDING DAY OF LORD BUDDHA )

**Distances And Travel Time Within & To Bhutan**

FROM	TO	DISTANCE	TRAVEL TIME APPROX	
			HRS	MIN
Phuentsholing	Paro	176 km	06-07 hours	00 Min
Phuentsholing	Thimphu	176 km	06-07 hours	00 Min
Paro	Thimphu	65 km	1 hour	00 Min
Paro	Haa	65 km	1.5-02 hours	00 Min
Thimphu	Haa	115 km	03-04 hours	00 Min
Thimphu	Wangduephodrang	70 km	03 hours	45 Min
Thimphu	Punakha	77 km	03 hours	30 Min
Punakha	Wangduephodrang	13 km	0 hours	45 Min
Punakha	Gangtey (Phobjikha)	78 km	03 hours	00 Min
Punakha	Bumthang	212 km	08 hours	00 Min
Bumthang	Gangtey(Phobjikha)	188 km	05-06 hours	00 Min
Gangtey(Phobjikha)	Trongsa	120 km	4.5-05 hours	00 Min
Gangtey	Wangduephodrang	65 km	2.5-03 hours	00 Min
Trongsa	Wangduephodrang	129 km	4.5-05 hours	00 Min
Trongsa	Bumthang	68 km	02 hours	00 Min

Bumthang	Mongar	198 km	07-08 hours	00 Min
Mongar	Lhuentse	76 km	03 hours	00 Min
Mongar	Trashigang	91 km	03-04 hours	00 Min
Trashigang	Chorten Kora	52 km	02 hours	00 Min
Trashigang	Samdrup Jongkhar	180 km	07 hours	00 Min
Trashigang	Trashiyangtse	55 km	02 km	00 Min
Samdrup Jongkhar	Guwahati (Assam, India)	110 km	03 hours	00 Min
Samdrup Jongkhar	Phuentsholing	400 km	10 hours	00 Min
Phuentsholing	Bagdogra (West Bengal, India)	165 km	04 hours	30 Min
Phuentsholing	Siliguri (West Bengal, India)	155 km	04 hours	00 Min
Phuentsholing	Darjeeling (West Bengal, India)	200 km	06 hours	00 Min
Phuentsholing	Kalimpong (West Bengal, India)	185 km	05 hours	00 Min
Phuentsholing	Gangtok (Sikkim, India)	220 km	07 hours	00 Min
Phuentsholing	Doars(Chalsa) (West Bengal, India)	110 km	02 hours	30 Min
Phuentsholing	Hasimara ( West Bengal, India)	20 km	00 hours	30 Min
Phuentsholing	Alipurduar ( West Bengal, India)	60 km	01 hours	30 Min

### Altitude Of Some Important Places Of Bhutan

#### Note:

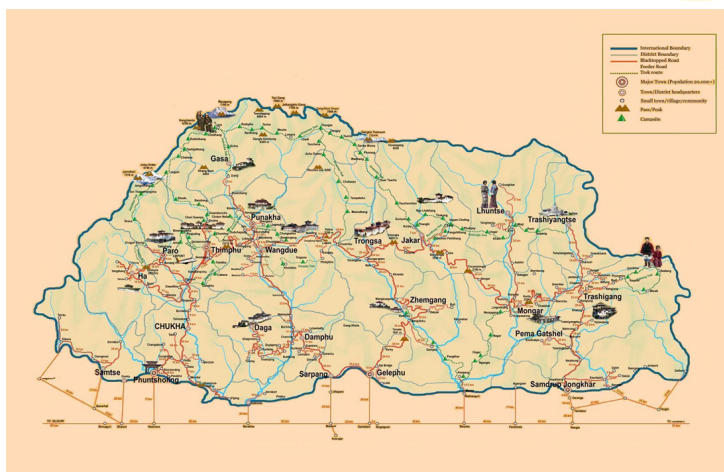
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