

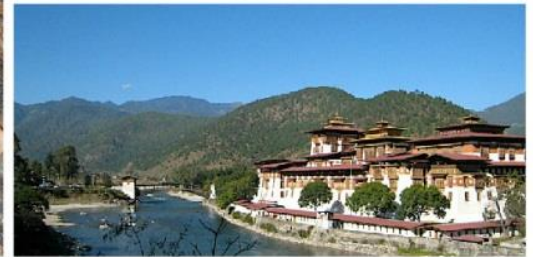
Bhutan Tour via Bagdogra

08 Nights / 09 Days

1N Phuentsholing - 2N Thimpu - 2N Punakha -
2N Paro - 1N Phuentsholing

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- In Thimpu, visit Trashichhoedzong, National Library, Arts & Crafts School, Handicrafts Emporium and Memorial Chorten stupa
- Stopover at Dochula pass
- In Punakha, visit Punakha Dzong and local market
- Simtokha Dzong- the oldest fortress of the Bhutan Kingdom
- In Paro, visit Ta Dzong - the National Museum of the Kingdom, and Rinpung Dzong
- In Phuentsholing – Visit the Zangtopelri Lhakhang and Karbandi Monastery
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Assistance at airport and sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start and End in Bagdogra



ITINERARY:

Day 01 Arrival at Bagdogra - Phuentsholing

On arrival at Bagdogra airport, where you would be greeted by our Bagdogra representative at the airport and assist you in your transfer to Phuentsholing (5 hours / approx. 160Km). The city would be your entry point for Bhutan and is the perfect mix of traditions, landscapes and culture. After your check-in at the hotel you have rest of the day for leisure. You could visit the Bhutan Gate (own expense) - the main gateway for entry from India to Bhutan. It is one of the most photographed sites of Bhutan with depictions of traditional Bhutanese architecture embodying the gate. After exploring the city, you can enjoy a delicious dinner at the hotel.

Day 02 Phuentsholing – Thimphu

After breakfast you will be transfer to Thimphu (5 hours / approx. 165Km), Thimphu is the capital town of Bhutan. Evening free at Leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 03 Thimphu Sightseeing

After breakfasts go for Thimphu sightseeing covering Memorial Chorten, Tashichho Dzong, Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodong), Changangkha Lhakhang (Monastery), Motithang Takin Preservation Centre, Drukthob Goemba / Zilukha Nunnery, National Library (Closed on Saturday, Sunday & National Holiday), Institute for Zorig Chusum (Traditional Art & Craft School-Closed on Saturday, Sunday, National Holiday & During Summer & Winter Vacations), Textiles Museum (Handicrafts Shops - Closed on Saturday, Sunday & National Holiday), Zangthopelri Lhakhang (Monastery). Overnight at Hotel.

Day 04 Thimphu – Punakha / Wangdi

After breakfast drive to Punakha (1200Mts / 3936Fts, 77 Kms / 03 to 3½ Hrs) / Wangdi (Wangdiphodrang) (1350Mts / 4430Fts, 70 Kms / 03 to 3½ Hrs). Punakha / Wangdi 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, If time permit visit the Suspension Bridge and then proceed to Chimi Lhakhang (Monastery). Overnight at the Hotel in Wangdi.

Day 05 Punakha / Wangdi

After breakfast today you the Punakha Valley or can even take the Rafting Options on Punakha River. Back to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

OR

Punakha / Wangdi - Gangtey Excursion – Punakha / Wangdi

Today the day start early for full day excursion to Gangtey & Phobjikha Valley (3000Mts / 9845fts , 85Kms / 3 to 3½ Hrs One way) The valley of Gangtey is one of the most beautiful spots in Bhutan. At Gangtey visit Black Necked Crane Information Centre , Gangtey Goempa (Monastery), Back to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 06 Punakha / Wangdi – Paro

After breakfast transfer to Paro (2134Mts / 7000Fts, 135 Kms / 05 Hrs). Enroute Stop at Lamperi to visit Royal Botanical Garden. On arrival Paro, check in to the hotel. Afternoon free at leisure. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 07 Paro

After breakfast go for Paro Sightseeing covering Drukgyel Dzong (Presently closed for tourist), Ta Dzong (National Museum-Closed on Saturday, Sunday & National Holiday), Rinpung Dzong, Kyichu Lhakhang (Monastery), Back to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

OR

Paro - Full Day hike to Taktsang Lhakhang (Tiger's Nest)

Start the day early for a day hike to Taktsang Lhakhang (Tiger's Nest Monastery) - The hike which is all the way uphill takes about 2 /3 hours one way through pine forests. Afternoon at leisure for go for shopping in the market. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 08 Paro - Phuentsholing

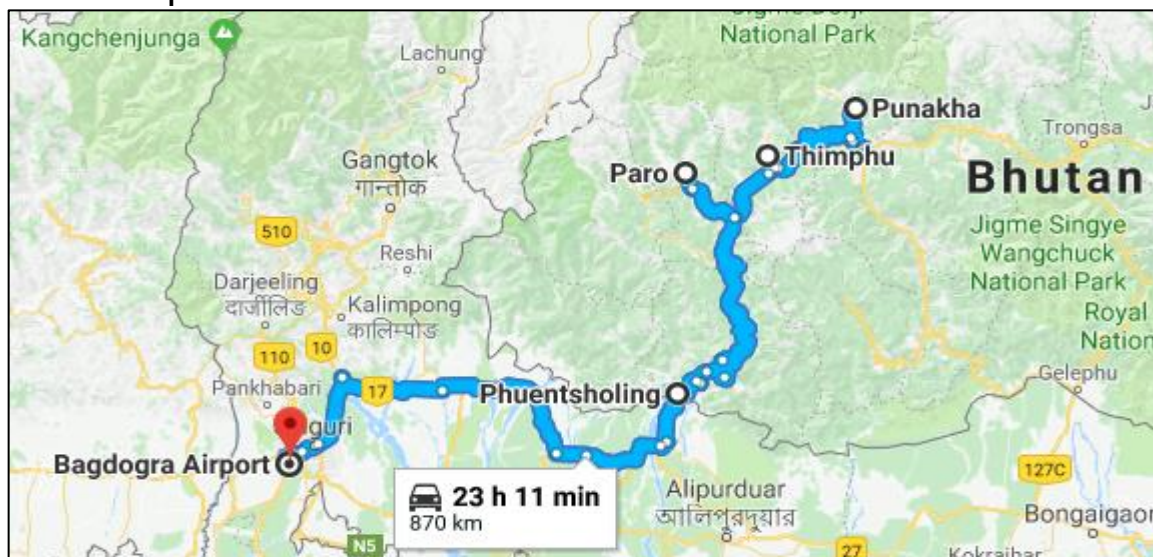
After breakfast you would be picked up from the hotel, at around 8.30 am, for a transfer to Phuentsholing. The distance between Paro and Phuentsholing is 165 km and would take approximately 5 hours to cover. After your arrival and check-in, you would be taken for sightseeing. Here, you would be visiting the Zangtopelri Lhakhang: The structure is a modern replica of Guru Rinpoche's celestial abode. It is surrounded by lush scenic garden where you can take a walk or spin the prayer wheels in a gesture that is a huge part of Buddhist rituals. This would be followed by a visit to the Karbandi Monastery: the temple is flocked with visits from couples wishing for children. The temple became a port of call for aspiring parents after an Indian pilgrim became pregnant as a result of praying at this monastery. Along with answering prayers it also offers a mesmerizing view of the Phuentsholing valley and the Bengal Plains. In the evening, you would be dropped back at the hotel for an appetizing dinner.

Day 09: Departure from Phuentsholing (5 hours / approx. 160Km)

After breakfast, you would check out from the hotel and be transferred to Bagdogra airport for your onward journey.

End of Services.

Route Map:



HOTELS OFFERED:

City	Nights	Category A	Category B	Category C	Meal Plan
Phuentsholing	2	Hotel Druk	Hotel Druk	Hotel Park	Breakfast & Dinner
Thimphu	2	Terma Linca Resort	Hotel Ramada	Peaceful Resort	Breakfast & Dinner
Punakha / Wangdi	2	RKPO Green Resort	Zingkhom Resort	Punatsangchu Cottage	Breakfast & Dinner
Paro	2	Naksel Boutique	Udumwara Resort	Mandala Resort	Breakfast & Dinner

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- 8 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- Assistance at the airport
- Meal plan as mentioned above
- Services of a Trip Leader will be as per the itinerary for Bhutan Portion only
- Transfer & Sightseeing as per the itinerary by Non Ac Car / Jumbo Hiace for minimum 4 pax (Not at Disposal)
- 01 Bottle water per person per day
- All applicable Transfers & Sightseeing by Specified vehicle which will not be at disposal and will be exclusively used for the guest as per the itinerary only (on point to point basis). Concept of vehicle on disposal is not a practice in Bhutan. The vehicle + Trip Leader (Guide) will be with the guest from (0900 Hrs till 1700 Hrs).
- Drivers allowances, toll taxes and Govt. Service Tax

PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- Cost for supplementary service, optional Tours, Up-gradation Charges, Sightseeing entrance fees.
- Cost for Airfare, Train fare, Insurance Premiums, Rafting Charges.
- Cost for service provided on a personal request.
- Cost for personal expenses such as laundry, bottled water, 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. In such case extra will have to be paid on the spot by the guest directly.

NOTE:

Valid Voter Id or Passport Required for Bhutan Travel

Ta Dzong - Paro (national museum) and Ta Dzong - Trongsa (museum): closed on Sun & Mon

National Library - Thimphu: closed on Sat, Sun & Government Holidays

Folk Heritage Museum - Thimphu : closed on Government Holidays and on Sat open from 10.30 a.m to 1.00 p.m. and on Sun open from 11.30 a.m to 3.00 p.m

Textile Musuem - Thimphu: Closed on Government Holidays and on Sun and on Sat open from 9.00 a.m to 4 p.m.

Institute of Zorig Chusum (Painting School or Arts & Crafts School) - Thimphu: Closed on Sun & Government Holidays and on Sat open from 10 a.m to 12 o'clock

Institute of Traditional Medicine - Thimphu: Closed on Sat, Sun & Government Holidays

Post Office: Closed on Sat, Sun & Government Holidays and other days open from 1000-1700

Paro Dzong opens till 1700 hrs."

Trashi Chhoe Dzong, Thimphu: Open from 5-6pm from Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm on Sat & Sun, 8 am to 5 pm in winter on Sat & Sunday.

Above rates are subject to change due to tariff revision by Tourism Council of Bhutan (TCB), major exchange rate fluctuation, royalty or visa fee revision or in case new taxes are being imposed by govt. of Bhutan.

Bhutan is a Tobacco Free country and hence Tobacco is not easily available. One can carry up to 250 cigarettes for personal use by declaring at customs upon arrival and paying appropriate duty @ 200%. Most of the hotels have both smoking as well non-smoking rooms however they prefer no smoking in the rooms because most of the hotels are made of wood.

One bottle of liquor per person is allowed to be imported Duty Free.

Do not carry Indian Rs. 500/- or Rs. 1000/- currency notes. It is illegal

Santa Fe / Tucson for 2-3 Pax & Hyundai H1 / HI ace for 4-6 Pax

Hotel Check in 1400hrs and check out 1200hrs (Subject to availability)

Package cost will not be valid during public holidays, festivals, exhibitions and long-weekends

A surcharge will be levied and will be advised at the time of booking.

