Bhutan Drukpath Trek

Trip Facts

Duration: 9 days
Trip Destination: Bhutan
Trip Start & End Point: Paro
Duration of Trip: 09 Days
Group Size: 2 Person or Above
Accommodation: Hotel
Tour Type: Private Service
Maximum Altitude: 3500 m
Transportation & Drive Hours: Private Vehicle (approx. 2 - 3 hrs)
Trekking Grade: Moderate
Best Season: April through November
Highlighted Places: Paro-Drukpath - Thimpu

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Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1:Arrival in Kathmandu or Delhi or Bangkok

You can arrive in any of one city among Kathmandu, Delhi or Bangkok to commence your trip to Bhutan as you will get flight to Paro from these cities. We will manage all travel permit and visa in advance and send the copy to you through which you can fly to Paro.

Day 2:Preparation Day & Sightseeing Tour

Today you can keep this day as leisure for the preparation, relaxation and make city sightseeing tour as well. If you have limited time then you can skip this day also.

Day 3:Arrival in Paro (2200 m)

Your flight to Paro will offer you a beautiful mountain views. On this flight the views of the Everest, Kanchenjunga and other Himalayan peaks, including the sacred Jumolhari and Jichu Drakey in Bhutan are awesome. On arrival in Paro our guide will receive you and check you into your hotel. After lunch we will see the rich history of Bhutan exhibited in the 17th century National Museum. The Paro Dzong, a massive fortress built in the 17th century now houses the monastic body. A tour of this beautiful Dzong will introduce us to the unique aspects of the Bhutanese Buddhism. A lovely stroll downhill from the Dzong over an old cantilever bridge wraps up an eventful first day in this magical kingdom. Overnight in Paro at Hotel

Day 4:Paro sightseeing

Taktsang or the tiger's nest temple is the most revered temple to the Buddhist. This magical temple clings to a vertical granite cliff 800m above the valley. Legend has it that in the 8th century, Guru Rimpochey, a tantric master flew here on the back of a tigress and meditated in a cave around which the temple is built. A hike to this temple will take up most of our morning. In the afternoon, we will host a special Buddhist prayer ceremony at the beautiful 1200 year old Kyichu Lhakhang Temple, to bring us good luck for the rest of the journey. Overnight in Paro at Hotel

Day 5:Start Druk Path Trek towards Jela Dzong (3000 m)

The start of the Drukpath Trek is at the historic Ta Dzong, the National Museum. We follow a dirt road until it gives way to our trail in the pine forests. The trail is uphill all the way till Jela Dzong, a temple built as a war fortress in the olden days, overlooking the Paro valley below. Overnight at Camp

Day 6:Jela Dzong to Jangchublakha (3200 m)

Today's trail looks like the setting of Stephen Spielberg's Jurassic Park. With ancient firs wrapped in Spanish moss, a dinosaur or a Bhutanese Yeti might actually surprise you around the bend. You may see yak herders around the campsite. Overnight at Camp

Day 7:Jangchublakha to Jimilangtsho (3300 m)

The trek today starts off with a climb, overlooking the rolling valleys below. Rhododendrons and other high altitude shrubs decorate the rocky trail which climbs up and down. On a clear day the Jumolhari can be seen.

Our camp is at the lake of Jimilangtsho. Overnight at Camp

Day 8:Jimilangtsho to Labana (3500 m)

The trail will take us through dwarf rhododendrons and junipers. We will also pass the lakes of Janatso and Simkotha. The view of the far ridge across the valley which you trekked will fill you with a sense of personal satisfaction and renew you with extra confidence in yourself. Tonight is going to be the coldest of all our camps. Overnight at Camp

Day 9:Labana to trek end point near Thimphu (2300 m)

An hours' climb from the camp will take us over the highest pass on this trek at Pumo La, 4200m. On a clear day we can see the Gangkhar Puensum, the highest peak in Bhutan. Descending from the pass over rocky steps, we will be greeted by the sight of Thimphu far below in the valley. From this point on, it's all downhill. We will be passing through the temple and meditation center complex of Phajoding. Our transport will meet us just as we start emerging from the forest and drive to Thimpu. Overnight in Thimpu at Hotel

Day 10:Sightseeing Tour in Thimphu & Drive to Paro (2200 m)

Breakfast in the hotel and then we begin your sightseeing tour through our guide. Hand Made Paper Mill which is also called Traditional Paper Factory, the paper made from the Danphe plant with cosmos flower petals and other plants using simple methods. School of Arts and crafts where students learn 13 different techniques of traditional paintings, sculptures, and other forms of traditional arts that used predominantly in Bhutan, Lunch in town at decent restaurant. Then continue our visit by Memorial Chorten (temple) built in 1974, in the memory of the late 3rd King Jigme Dorji Wangchuk. The white building with four storey contains statues and iconography of deities from complex tantric teaching. Visit Changangkha Lhakhang, the oldest temple in the valley, Enclosure where national animal, Takin are kept, which is believed to be crafted by a Divine Madman – Drukpa Kinley with its animal's appearance resemblance to goat by front and cow from behind and Zilukha Nunnery, which has been housed in Drubthob Goemba with about 70 nuns who live and pray in monastery. Then after we drive about an hour further to Paro. Overnight in Paro at Hotel

Day 11:Departure

Transfer to airport for your departure flight. Our tour staff will bid you farewell at the airport.

Trip Cost Includes

- Visa process and arrangement
- Royalty to the government and other taxes
- All accommodations in standard hotels approved by the Tourism Council of Bhutan
- Twin sharing on full board meals
- English speaking guide
- Private transportation and all sightseeing as per itinerary
- Entrance fees to events, historic sites, museums and parks as indicated in the itinerary
- Bhutan Visa fee for a single entry
- Camping trek arrangements like tents, kitchen equipments, foods
- Camping staffs like cook, helpers

- Mineral water bottle for drinking
- Service Tax & Government Tax

Trip Cost Excludes

- Any alcoholic/non alcoholic beverages
- Any other personal expenses
- Druk Air flight for Paro to & fro
- Gratuities to guide, driver, trekking staff, etc
- Travel Insurance
- Luxury star hotels (5 star) available at an additional cost
- Any additional expenses due to unforeseen circumstances or not mentioned above

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