

## Bhutan Heritage Tour

### Trip Facts

**Duration:** 5 days

**Trip Destination:** Bhutan

**Trip Start & End Point:** Paro

**Duration Of Trip:** 05 Days

**Group Size:** 1 Person Or Above

**Accommodation:** Hotel

**Tour Type:** Private Service

**Maximum Altitude:** 2300 M

**Transportation & Drive Hours:** Private Vehicle (Approx. 1 To 2 Hrs)

**Trip Grade:** Comfortable

**Best Season:** April Through November

**Highlighted Places:** Paro-Thimpu

Bhutan is the last unspoiled Himalayan kingdom often known to the world as Shangri-La. It is situated in the Eastern Himalayas of southern Central Asia and is bordered by Tibet in the North, Sikkim in the west, Indian states of Arunachal Pradesh in the east and Bengal and Assam in the south. Bhutan is a landlocked mountain kingdom, sandwiched in the Himalayas between India and the Tibetan region of China. Many naturalized citizens came originally from Tibet and India. Bhutan's indigenous population is the Drukpa. Three main ethnic groups, the Sharchops, Ngalops and the Lhotshampas (of Nepalese origin) make up today's Drukpa.

## Day to Day Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu or Delhi or Bangkok

You have many options of flying from different destination for Paro flight. The major destinations are Kathmandu, Delhi, Bangkok, Kolkata & Mumbai from where you can take flight to Paro to commence your Bhutan tour. With your booking confirmation, we will manage all travel permit and visa arrangement as per your feasible destination and we will provide you the copy of visa to fly Paro from mentioned city. Overnight at Hotel.

### Day 2: City Tour & Preparation Day

Today you have leisure day for the preparation of the trip and wonder around city tour. Overnight at Hotel.

### Day 3: Fly to Paro & transfer to Thimphu

Today you have flight to Paro from your suitable city and upon arrival in Paro your guide at the airport will receive you then transfer to Thimphu by private car. The scenic journey following Pachu river to the river confluence at Chuzom takes approx 2 hours drive covering 65 km distance from Paro to Thimphu. Enroute you can have glimpse view of Tachogang Temple and the nunnery at Sitsina. Check into hotel with warm welcome and rest day at relaxation. You will be have short tour briefing through guide on your program itinerary and you can wonder around Thimphu streets on your own. Thimphu was a wooded farming valley until 1961, when it became the national capital of Bhutan officially. The massive Tashicho Dzong, which is about 700 years old was carefully revamped by the late King Jigme Dorji Wangchuk in 1960,'s to house the royal and main government offices. Even today, it still only has a few streets and no traffic lights with estimated population of 70,000 people. Overnight at Hotel in Thimphu

### Day 4: Thimphu Sightseeing

Today, you will have breakfast in the hotel in morning and our guide will meet you to begin your sightseeing tour. The tour will follow visiting below highlighted places:- Weekend Market is local market open on Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday only so you can be lucky if your stay lies in any of these days in Thimphu. 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. Overnight Hotel in Thimphu

### Day 5: Thimphu – Paro

Today we will retrace our drive to Paro after breakfast. And visit National Museum, the first of its kind which

has a collection from natural history to religious paintings. Visit 17 century Paro Dzong (Fortress) on foot and continue walking through the oldest wooden bridge still in use. Evening stroll Old Paro town and peep into some local handicrafts stores. One can also venture to try local restaurant for dinner. Overnight Hotel at Paro

#### **Day 6: Paro Sightseeing**

Today we visit two oldest temple of the country. Visit Kichu Lhakhang, built by Tibetan King Songtsen Gampo in the 7th century who miraculously built 108 temples, along with Jorkhang in Lhasa and Kichu is also considered to be one of them. And historic ruin Drukgyal Dzong (Fortress), built in 1644 to commemorate the victory of Bhutan over Tibet. Then after drive north of Paro town and begin trek to the famed Taktsang (Tiger's lair) monastery, the most revered temple that literally hangs on a granite vertical cliff overlooking Paro. The trail begins near the Satsam (2650m) and climbs steeply uphill to the Cafeteria (2,940m), an area of exposed ridge with panoramic view of Takstang and after further an hour hike reach there. You will also find several other temples and sites within the vicinity. And return trek through steep downhill to the road where your driver will meet and transfer to Paro hotel. Overnight Hotel at Paro

#### **Day 7: Departure**

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

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### **Trip Cost Includes**

- Bhutan Group Visa Arrangement
- Government Royalty & Taxes
- Accommodations in 3 star standard hotels approved by the Tourism Council of Bhutan
- Twin / triple sharing room with all meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- English speaking guide
- Private transportation for airport pick up/ drop
- All sightseeing as per given itinerary
- Monuments entrance fees
- Mineral water bottle
- Service Taxes

### **Trip Cost Excludes**

- Druk Air (Royal Bhutan Airline) fare for Paro flight
- Any alcoholic/non alcoholic beverages
- Any other personal expenses
- Gratuities to guide, driver, trekking staff, hotel service, etc
- Travel Insurance
- Upgrade hotel into 5 star deluxe accommodation arrange at an additional cost
- Any additional expenses due to unforeseen circumstances & not mentioned above