

Jhomolhari Base Camp Trek

Trip Facts

Duration: 10 days

Trip Destination: Bhutan

Trip Start & End Point: Paro

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Group Size: 2 Person or Above

Accommodation: Hotel

Tour Type: Private Service

Maximum Altitude: 4550 m

Transportation & Drive Hours: Private Vehicle (approx. 2 - 3 hrs)

Trekking Grade: Difficult

Best Season: April through November

Highlighted Places: Paro-Thangthangkha -Yaksa-Thombo



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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 in any of city from where you are flying to Paro on next day. If you have limited time then you can skip this day also.

Day 3: Arrival in Paro & transfer to Thimphu

Upon arrival in Paro International airport you will be received by our Bhutan representative and drive to Thimphu by car/bus. If time permits one can visit weekend market in the evening or relax in your hotel. Overnight at Hotel in Thimphu

Day 4: Sightseeing tour in Thimphu

Morning visit the weekend market (Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday), Handmade paper Mill, School of Arts and crafts where students learn 13 different arts used predominantly in Bhutan, Lunch in town. Drive pass by memorial chorten built in memory of the 3rd King. Visit Changangkha Lhakhang, the oldest temple in the valley, Enclosure where national animal, Takin are kept and Zilukha Nunnery. Overnight at Hotel in Thimphu

Day 5: Thimphu – Paro

Return drive to Paro. One can either make a hike to the most revered temple in the country (Tiger's Nest) which hangs majestically on a granite cliff or if you have missed the first day sightseeing you could visit the National Museum, visit Paro Dzong (Fortress) on foot and continue walking through the oldest wooden bridge, visit Kyichu temple, one of the 2 oldest temple in the country and the historic ruins of the Drukgyal Dzong. Evening stroll around old Paro town and try out a local restaurant for dinner. Overnight at Hotel in Paro

Day 6: Drive, Paro to Shana (2800 m) & start trek to Thangthangkha (3630 m)

Morning drive to the north end of the valley where the good road ends by the ruins of Drugyal Dzong. Over the centuries, it guarded the trail from Tibet into the Paro valley. This is where the dirt road starts for another hour following Paro Chu upstream through the village of Tshento. Finally reaching the army check post, where your trekking crew and ponies will be waiting for you. The trek starts with crossing the army check post and the river. It is a very rocky series of small ups and downs along the Paro Chu and it can be very muddy if it rains. About 2 ½ hours of the trek, you will come at a junction where a trail branches to go to Tibet. Don't go to Tibet! It's a long hike following the valley with gentle ups and down. It's a long trek but you don't have to climb up much as the trail mostly follows the river in the valley. Overnight at Camp

Day 7: Trek, Thangthangkha to Jangothang (4090 m)

Today the trek is much easier and shorter with better trail. You will come across small sparse settlements, and herds of yaks. You will also be crossing the tree line (4000 m). As you approach the camp, the valley opens up. Our camp at Jangothang will bring us face to face with the majestic Chomolhari. Jangothang means the land of ruins; you will see ruins of some old settlements, which no one seems to know much about it. Overnight at Camp

Day 8: Halt for Acclimatization & Exploration

Acclimatization and rest day. A good optional hike is to climb to the Tshophu Lake at 4300m, which is about 2 hrs from Jangothang. Or could hike up right at the base of the Mt. Jhomolhari offering magnificent glacier lakes and you will often hear the sound of the ice falling off. You will also get to spot many Blue Sheeps. Overnight at Camp

Day 9: Trek, Jangothang to Yaksa (3800m)

Today for the first half of day, you will be climbing all the way up. 2 hours from camp is the Tshophu Lake, which you probably visited yesterday. From the lake, it's another 2 hours to the pass. Climbing up to the pass Bongtey La (4820 m), we will be rewarded with stunning views of the Chomolhari and Jichu Drakey behind you. From the pass, it's all the way downhill until our camp at Yaksa. Overnight at Camp

Day 10: Trek, Yaksa to Thombu (4150 m)

Climbing out of Yaksa, you will see the few houses that make up the Yaksa village across the valley, and the pass you came over yesterday. About 2 hours of gradual climbing and you will cross the tree line, entering another valley. The Thombu la high pass (4550 m) is 1 hour climb from here. From the pass, you can see the yak herders grazing grounds of Thombu, our camp. On a clear day, you can even see some houses in Tibet. Overnight at Camp

Day 11: Thombu to Gunitsawa (End of trek) – 17 km / 6 hrs & drive to Paro

A short steep climb will take us out of the Thombu basin, traversing along a trail cut into a rocky cliff with a dizzying drop. 4 hours of steep and dusty descent (1 ½ k of vertical descent) will bring us to the army check post that we crossed on the first day of our trek. Our transport will be waiting here for us. This is where we say goodbye to our trekking crews and drive back to Paro through the dirt road. Check in to your hotel, get to unpack your stuff and do all the washing. Hot stone bath available at additional cost. Overnight at Hotel in Paro

Day 12: 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
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- 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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