

A unique opportunity to experience a rare and beautiful mountain kingdom located in the Eastern Himalayas, similar in size to Switzerland, and bordered by Tibet in the north and India to the south.



Spectacular scenery

Enjoy a drive to Punakha with a road that climbs over the Dochu La Pass at over 3,000metres. Remember to take your camera to capture your view of the eastern Himalayas, including Bhutan's highest mountain, Gangkar Punsum.

Untouched by the outside world

Bhutan features a rich culture and way of life, virtually untouched by the outside world until the 1960s. Enjoy meeting the locals, experience a typical Bhutanese village home and a cooking demonstration of local delights.

Hiking adventures

With easy to moderate hiking options to choose from you'll find yourself exploring lovely villages, the Tiger's Lair, one of Bhutan's most famous monasteries and Chele La Pass.

Itinerary

Day 1 Paro - Thimphu

Welcome to Bhutan, known as 'Land of the Thunder Dragon'. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to the capital, Thimphu. [D]

Day 2 Thimphu

Today you enjoy a sightseeing tour of Thimphu. One of the highlights is a visit to the late King's Memorial Chorten. One of the most visible structures in the capital, it has become the focus of daily worship for many Bhutanese. We also visit the National Library, Drubthob Nunnery, Folk Heritage Museum, Takin Preserve and the school of arts and crafts. [B,L,D]

Day 3 Thimphu - Punakha

Drive to Punakha, the old winter capital and enjoy the spectacular scenery as the road climbs over the Dochu La Pass at more than 3,000m. See views of the eastern Himalayas including Bhutan's highest mountain, Gangkar Punsum at 7,550m. In the afternoon, you hike through a lovely village to Chimi Lhakhang, the divine mad monk's temple, then drive to Wangdue to view Wangdi Phodrang Dzong, a fortress built in 1638 in central Bhutan. [B,L,D]

Day 4 Punakha - Paro

You depart this morning for Paro travelling via Thimphu. Upon arrival at Paro you visit the old watch tower "Ta Dzong" (now the national museum) before continuing to the impressive Rinpung Dzong where the Hollywood movie 'Little Buddha' was filmed. [B,L,D]

Day 5 Paro - Hike to Takstang

Today's adventure includes a hike to Tiger's Lair, one of Bhutan's most famous monasteries located on the face of a sheer 900m cliff above the Paro Valley. For the adventurous, there are several challenging hikes to many temples, monasteries and retreat houses in the area. [B,L,D]

Day 6 Paro

After a scenic drive you arrive at Chele La Pass at 3,900m and enjoy a hike on a short descent below the pass. At the end of your hike, you'll be rewarded with amazing views of the fertile Paro Valley below. Upon returning to Paro, experience a typical Bhutanese village home and cooking demonstration of local delights. [B,L,D]

Day 7 Depart Paro

Bid farewell to Bhutan as you transfer to Paro International Airport for your departure. [B]

* Hiking difficulty: easy - moderate

Inclusions

Travel

- All transportation as per itinerary by deluxe vehicle

Accommodation & Meals

- 6 nights twin-share in comfortable hotels (3 star)
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 6 dinners

Sightseeing

- Local English-speaking guide/escort as per the itinerary
- Entrances/permits to monuments and monasteries as per itinerary

Fees

- Tourism development fee
- Bhutan visa fee
- Bhutan royalty fee, taxes and permits

Prices are per person twin-share based on minimum 2 people. Seasonal surcharges apply.

Dates & Prices

Start Date	End Date	Season	Cost	Total Cost	Status
01/04/2012	30/05/2012		\$2,350	\$2,350	On Request
01/06/2012	31/08/2012		\$1,920	\$1,920	On Request
01/09/2012	30/09/2012		\$2,350	\$2,350	On Request
01/10/2012	30/11/2012		\$2,690	\$2,690	On Request
01/12/2012	28/02/2013		\$2,190	\$2,190	On Request
01/03/2013	31/03/2013		\$2,690	\$2,690	On Request

Price per person based on twin-share on minimum of 2 people.
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Accommodation

Druk Hotel, Thimphu

Thimphu Druk Hotel is located in the centre of town, overlooking Clock Tower Square. Its multi cuisine restaurant is noted for Indian food as well as other local delicacies. Druk Hotel has a total of 53 rooms spread over 2 floors, the Executive floor and the Regular Floor. Facilities at the hotel include a health club, beauty parlour, laundry service, room service and Wi-Fi internet access.



Damchen Resort, Punakha

Nestled in beautiful Punakha valley, the hotel is conveniently located close to Punakha town and river. The resort offers 35 well appointed rooms and few with breathtaking view of the fascinating Punakha valley. All rooms are well equipped with necessary amenities such as television, telephone, comfortable mattresses, furniture and fine linen. The bathrooms have comfy bath tubs, showers and toiletries. The resort offers fine dining with its selection of delicious Bhutanese, Chinese and Indian cuisine at its picturesquely located restaurant. Adjacent to the dining is the cosy bar, providing a good range of imported and local spirits.



Tenzinling Resort, Paro

Tenzinling is an intimate, family run resort, located in a strategic location that gives a birds-eye view of the Paro valley with the spectacular Paro Dzong in the background. Built in the ancestral land, the resort is surrounded by a small village amidst apple orchards, and rice fields. Tenzinling pampers you in the luxury of Bhutanese tradition, every room has a personality of its own and is meticulously appointed with unique artwork. Each room is comfortably furnished, sunny and has spectacular views. There is shower and bath in the roomy bathrooms.



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