

Bhutan Senior Citizen Special Sept.14`24



Destination Introduction

They say happiness is contagious so why not go to the happiest country in the world- Bhutan!

Bhutan is the country of rolling hills and towering crags exuding an ultimate charm. With magnificent mountains, dense forests, delightful people, pure air and architectural inspiration, the country turns into a superb place for holidaying. Our Bhutan tour offers a pleasant trip to Bhutan, memorable stay in its hotels, sightseeing and various fun activities. Book This Bhutan tours and join us for a memorable vacation.

Main Cities

- Phuentsholing
- Thimphu
- Punakha
- Dochula Pass
- Paro
- Chelele -La – Pass
- Phuentsholing.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01 - Bagdogra – Phuentsholing

Meet & greet on arrival at Bagdogra Airport (IXB) and drive towards Indo Bhutanese Border (Jaigaon Phuentsholing) through the Tea Estates. After reaching Phuentsholing check in to Hotel & Evening for Leisure Overnight in Phuentsholing.

Meals: Dinner

Day 02 - Welcome to Bhutan And Transfer To Thimphu

After breakfast proceeds towards Thimphu via the wonderful mystic town Gedu, which is about 9000 ft above the sea and Chukha Dam. On the way visit Crocodile Park, Kharbondi Gumpha, Wankha waterfalls and halt at Chojum to take photographs of the confluence of two rivers of Bhutan, Thimphu Chu, and Paro Chu. Reach Thimphu at Afternoon & Check in Hotel. In Evening go For-Tashi Choe Dzong or the Fortress of the Glorious Region is another 'must visit' site. Situated on the west bank of Wang Chhu river, Tashi Chhoe Dzong is the formal coronation site of the fifth King. The Dzong also hosts the annual Tsechu festival. Built-in 1641 by the political and religious Unifier of Bhutan, Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, it was reconstructed in the 1960s in traditional Bhutanese manner, without nails or architectural plans. Overnight in Thimphu.

Meals : Breakfast & Dinner

Day 03 - Thimpu Local Sightseeing

As the sun spreads its warm rays across the beautiful Thimphu valley, begin your day with a hot cup of Suja (Butter Tea) and move towards the breakfast table to enjoy their delicious spread before leaving for Thimphu local sightseeing.

The National Memorial Chorten – Also known as Thimphu Chorten is a site for evening prayer. The chorten was built in the third King's memory, and it was continuously circumambulated by people, murmuring mantras and spinning their prayer wheels. The idea to construct this landmark was proposed by Bhutan third King, His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuk ("the father of modern Bhutan"), who wished to erect a monument to the World for peace and prosperity. Completed in 1974 after Majesty's untimely death, it served as a memorial to the late King and a monument of peace.

Shakyamuni Buddha – On the top of Kuensel Phodrang hill sits the statue of Great Buddha Dordenma. The 51.5- meter long gilded bronze statue would surely attract you, and the uninterrupted view of the valley would leave you spellbound. This site is also known as Buddha Viewpoint.

Changangkha Lhakhang – At Thimphu, you will come across several monasteries and temples, but Changangkha Lhakhang is the most important religious structure amongst all. The fabric is dedicated to Avalokiteshvara, a sign of compassion dating back to the 15th century, the oldest in the region, and from here, enjoy the grand view of Thimphu valley.

Takin Zoo – In here, you will find the National animal of Bhutan, "Takin". Takin is one of the most

endangered species of the World, and it is available only in Bhutan, preserved in open habitat.

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Meals : Breakfast & Dinner

Day 04 - Thimpu To Punakha

As your Hot Ngaja (a Sweet Bhutanese milk tea) arrives sip into it while enjoying the beautiful valley from the room. Post breakfast, Check out From Thimpu Hotel, heads towards Punakha, the former capital of Bhutan. Punakha is much backward from the chaotic city life at an elevation of 1200 m, which makes this place quite warm in winter and hot during summer. The valley is famous for Red and white rice farming along the Pho and Mo Chu river’s stretch.

En-route visit.

Punakha Dzong:

Also known as “the palace of great happiness”, Punakha Dzong is located at the confluence of the Pho Chhu (father) and Mo Chhu (mother) rivers in the Punakha–Wangdue valley. This Dzong is the most picturesque of all Bhutan ancient fortresses and it joins the mainland by an arched wooden bridge that contains many precious relics from the days when successive kings reigned the Kingdom from this Punakha valley.

Chimi Lhakhang:

Stationed at the top of a hillock, the Chimi Lhakhang is a site dedicated to Lama Drukpa Kuenley. Known as the ‘Divine Madman,’ Lama Drukpa Kuenley is said to use songs, humor, and outrageous behavior to preach his teachings. Chimi Lhakhang temple is believed to be the temple of fertility, and the Bhutanese hold a strong belief that childless couples are blessed by Lama Drukpa Kuenley if they visit the temple and pray for a child. The road to the temple follows a picturesque rural trail through the paddy field that takes visitors to the temple from the road, and after crossing the paddy field, you will find a tiny stream from where Chimi Lhakhang is just a short climb away. **Suspension Bridge:**

This hidden treasure in the Punakha Valley connects the rest of the valley to the old administrative center of Punakha Dzongkhag. The whole deck is covered with prayer flags and Provides a perfect spot for bird watching and photography. Overnight stay in Punakha.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 05 - Punakha To Paro Transfer & Sightseeing

From the beautiful valley, the next destination is the picturesque Paro town, located at an elevation of 2200 m. Paro valley is the most extensive valley in entire Bhutan and is blessed with mesmerizing nature, fertile rice fields, deep valleys, and a crystalline river. The beautiful view of the mountains, clear sky, and dense coniferous forest with chirping birds can make you fall in love with its first glimpse.

En-route enjoy Paro sightseeing –

National Museum of Bhutan: In 1968, The National Museum of Bhutan was built, which stands inside the ancient Ta-dzong building that showcases Bhutan culture and is stationed right above Rinpung Dzong in Paro. This museum is the house of beautiful specimens from Bhutanese art and culture, with main highlights are the paintings and bronze statues, which are placed in extensive galleries, from where you can get to know a lot about Bhutan art and culture.

Rinpung Dzong:

Built by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal in 1646, the first spiritual and temporal ruler of Bhutan, the Dzong houses the monastic body of Paro, the office of the Dzongda (district administrative head) and Thrimpon (judge) of Paro district. The approach to the Dzong is through a traditional covered bridge called Nemi Zam. The Paro town is full of Dzongs (monasteries), where you can join the monks for prayers as they wrap themselves in red robes with priceless smiles or walk down to the bed of Paro Chu and dip your feet in the cold crystalline water, Overnight stay in Paro.

Meals : Breakfast & Dinner

Day 06 - Paro To Che -le-La- Pass /Taktsang Monastery (Tiger Nest)

From the beautiful valley, let's move towards the Chela-La-Pass (3,998m). So, post breakfast let & 39;s proceed towards the gateway to mini heaven aka the spectacular Chela – La- Pass, which is barely a few hours from the Paro town and is well known for being the highest motorable pass in Bhutan, that offers a panoramic view of Bhutan's second-highest sacred peak, Mt. Jomolhari(7314m) and other snow-clad ranges on a clear day. The journey through the winding roads is very charming as the green valleys, chirping birds, snowy mountains, and the fantastic view on both sides are sure to keep everyone glued, and the breathtaking scenery keeps you going. OR As the sun rays touch the beautiful Paro valley, wake up in the middle of Mother Nature and relish the beautiful view of the river and mountains in a single frame. Enjoy the gala spread but make sure to add some protein to it, as climbing to the top of the Taktsang Monastery and back will require a good boost. Taktsang Monastery: After covering 1200 meters on a fierce cliff, you will reach this sacred site known as the Tiger Nest. Once you climb to the top, take a deep breath of the fresh air and soothe the eyes and soul with the stunning view of the scenic surroundings and the valley lying underneath—the Taktsang Monastery, established by Sain Guru Rinpoche in 747 CE. Construction of the complex was completed in 1694. After 3 hours of some adventurous trek, discover the Tiger Nest monastery, and if you wish, opt for a horse ride from the parking lot to reach the top. While trekking, witness the glorious view of the Paro town, with its lush green valleys, sparkling river, clear blue sky, and moving clouds, in-short, enjoy nature at its best, Overnight in Paro.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 07- Paro – Phuentsholing

After breakfast, start towards Phuentsholing, After reaching check in to Hotel. Rest of the time free for leisure, Overnight in Phuentsholing.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner.

Day 08- Phuentsholing - Bagdogra - Hometown

After breakfast proceed to Bagdogra Airport to board flight to your hometown.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Tour Concludes.

See you soon!

Package Inclusions

Please Check Package Inclusions Carefully,

- SDF Charges (Sustainable Development Fees)
- Private Vehicle Ex. Bagdogra Airport
- Accommodation in comfortable hotels on twin | Double sharing basis
- Meals –Breakfast & dinner
- Water Bottle (1 Litre) per person per day
- All Tips – Guide, Driver & Restaurants
- Travel Insurance with Covid Coverage is mandatory for travelling to Bhutan.
- Sunrays Holiday Caring Tour Manager Ex. Srinagar Airport
- All Permits/E-Visa
- Local Tour Guide (Phuentsholing - Phuentsholing)
- Local SIM Card
- Both Way transfers by 02 AC INNOVA (private basis) Bagdogra - Phuentsholing - Bagdogra
- In Bhutan -All transfers and sightseeing's by 01 Non-AC COASTER BUS (private basis)Phuentsholing-Phuentsholing

Package Exclusions

Please Read Package Exclusions List Carefully.

Air Tickets | Bus Tickets | Train Tickets Govt Tax of 5% over and above the Tour Cost mentionedAny increase in tax, fuel surcharge etc.Any increase in Govt Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and any applicability of new taxes from GovtAny up gradation in vehicle class or hotel room categoryAny extra expense such as route change, Airline change, Date change, Accommodation facilities, etc. incurred due to the unforeseen, unavoidable forced majeure circumstances during the tourPorterage, laundry, telephone charges, shopping, wines & alcoholic beverages, items of personal nature and food or drink which is not part of a set group menuAny extra cost incurred on behalf of an individual due to illness, accident, hospitalization, or any personal emergencyCost of insuranceAny services or activity charges other than those included in the group tour itineraryLunchAnything specifically not mentioned in the 'tour price includes' column.

Additional Information / Notes

Mandatory Documents

- ADULT: Voters ID / Passport
- INFANT: Birth certificate
- ID card, ID card type and ID card number is mandatory at time of booking, kindly carry the same ID card on tour.
- For NRI and Foreign National Guests along with Passport, Valid Indian Visa/ OCI Card/ PIO Card is mandatory.
- Carry two passport size photographs.

Health & Medications

- Basic Medicine like Vicks,
- Tablets like Avomine, Metacin sariron etc.
- Your Regular Medication (If Any).
- The roads tend to be windy so if you are prone to motion sickness, bring Dramamine or other medication to prevent nausea as you will be spending a lot of time in the car traveling around Bhutan.

There Are Behaviors To Avoid In Bhutan

Here are a few rules you should endeavor to follow when visiting Bhutan:

- You shouldn't play loud music in public, which includes inside religious sites and national parks.
- It's considered impolite to take photos or videos of individuals without first asking their permission. Also, ask for permission from the attending authority before taking any photos or videos inside places like monasteries.
- You'll have a tour guide with you at all times who can serve as your translator.
- In Bhutan, Tuesday is 'Dry Day'. This means locals don't drink alcohol on Tuesday. So it would be respectful to avoid alcohol on Tuesdays too.
- On a similar – though in fact stricter – note, it's illegal for tobacco to be sold in Bhutan. Tourists can bring cigarettes into the country, but you should only smoke them in designated places.
- It's disrespectful to wear revealing clothes when visiting religious sites like monasteries and temples. Also be prepared to take off your shoes in religious sites if requested to do so.
- The Bhutanese are very eco conscious. If you can, avoid using single-use plastic bottles, cans and the like.
- When visiting religious sites, you should dress conservatively and ask before taking photos.
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Know The Seasons

- Paro Tshechu -4th April to 8th April. It generally occurs to mark the arrival of spring.
- Haa Summer Festival -11th and 12th June
- Punakha Drubchen And Tshechu -2nd March to 4th March and 5th March to 7th March respectively.
- Gasa Tshechu -1st April to 3rd April
- Gangtey Tshechu -28th September to 1st October
- Jakar Tshechu -23rd October to 27th October
- Chhukha Tshechu -24th October to 26th October
- Jambey Lhakhang Drup -31st October to 3rd November
- Black Necked Crane Festival -11th November. Visit during November to see the arrival of the elusive Black-necked cranes in the
- Phobjikha valley- The cranes depart in December.
- Trashigang Tshechu -22nd November to 25th November
- Trongsa Tshechu -10th December to 13th December
- Lhuentse Tshechu -21st December to 24th December.

Kindly Note

- Most hotels have WiFi, but if you need more connectivity you can get a local SIM card from Tashi Cell or B-Mobile and top up with prepaid cards. Get a Bhutan Sim card before you depart for Bhutan.
- The official language of Bhutan is Dzongkha, but most Bhutanese are fluent in English as that is the medium of education so communication shouldn't be a problem.
- The local currency is the Ngultrum, which is pegged to the Indian Rupee. Note: The Indian Rupee in denominations of 500 and 1000 are no longer accepted in Bhutan.
- As the Group Tours are prepaid, you'll only need money for your own personal expenses – souvenirs, tips (for driver & guide) and drinks. We normally recommend travelers bring about US\$200
- There are ATMs in Bhutan, they do not work for international cards. It is recommended that you bring some cash which you can exchange at the FX counter at Paro Airport on arrival.
- Credit Cards are only accepted at the international hotel chains like Uma Paro, Six Senses Lodges in Bhutan, Amankora Lodges and Le Meridien Hotels.

Tour Pricing

Cost Per Head

INR: 46999+ Taxes

Ex. Bagdogra (IXB) 7N & 8D

Partial Payment

INR: 25000

100 % Payment Required If Booked Within 30 Days Of Travel Date.