



10 Days Bhutan Tour

Overview of Trip

- Duration: 10 days
- Activity: Tour, Hike & Ride.
- Max. Altitude: 3100 meters
- Accommodation: Hotel/Guest House
- Route: Paro-Thimphu-Punakha-Haa Valley.
- Trekking days: **
- Cost Per Person: \$500.00
- Group size: 2-15 person
- Difficulty: Simple - Moderate
- Region: Bhutan

Introduction

This ten-day tour in Bhutan offers you major tourist destinations in Bhutan like Paro, Thimphu, Punakha valley, Haa valley, and Gangtey Valley. This trip is best to explore the picturesque views of villages and monasteries in Bhutan. Ancient monasteries and the lifestyle of Bhutanese people are central attractions during this trip; besides this, you have a chance to understand the Bhutanese methods of measurement of development by happiness, a unique and new measure in the global development index.

Punakha Dzong, aka Pungthang Dewa Chhenbi Phodrang, is a magnificent architecture of Bhutan. This majestic architecture was built in 1637-38 and used as an administrative center of the Punakha district. Besides, this tour takes you to one of the unique Buddhist monasteries known as Paro Taktsang, aka Tiger's Nest. Paro Taktsang is iconic Buddhist monastery, where Padma Sambhava meditate and spread the Buddhism in Bhutan. During this trip we visit numerous monastery and monuments, like Dochu-La Pass, one of the highest passes during this trip. This trip is best to explore Bhutan historical sites, religion, culture and people.



important Note

This itinerary may change at any time due to bad weather, natural disaster, authority rules, regulation, and other circumstances beyond our control.



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Day: 1	<p>Arrive in Paro (2200 M.) and drive to Thimphu (2334 M.), Bhutan.</p> <p>Schedule your flight to Paro as per our itinerary date. Our guide or driver will pick you up after approving your visa. After landing in Paro, we drive to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan, an hour and 30 minutes' drive. In Thimphu, we meet with our group members and local guide, and our guide will brief you about our schedule.</p> <p><i>Stay overnight in Thimphu.</i></p> <p><i>(Note: Flight to Paro for international travelers is limited; you can get a direct flight from Bangkok, an Indian city, Singapore, and Kathmandu. For more information, you check Bhutan Airlines and Durkair's websites.)</i></p> <p><i><u>(Note: If you want to book tickets via Imperial Expedition, you have to inform us 20 days before the start of the Trip.)</u></i></p>
Day: 2	<p>Drive Thimphu to Punakha (12,42 M.) - 74 KM. (2.30 hours).</p> <p>Today morning after breakfast, we drive to Punakha. On the way, we pass through one of the high passes, the Dochu-La pass (3,050 M. or 10,007 ft.); this pass is full of monuments built in memory of soldiers who served Bhutan, and a view of Himalaya peak, including hights peak in Bhutan Mt. Gangkar Puensum. After spending an hour, we drive to Punakha, an old capital city of Bhutan, until 1955 AD.</p> <p><i>Stay Overnight in Punakha.</i></p>



Day: 3	Sightseeing in Punakha Town. Explore the Punakha town after breakfast. Your guide will take you to the major tourist attractions and brief you about them. We especially visit the Punakha Dzong, an administrative center of the Punakha district. We also hike to a Buddhist nunnery, meditation center, and Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten. This Chorten is located in the picturesque mountain, where you have to hike an hour to get there after you park your vehicle on the west bank of Riverside. <i>Stay Overnight in Punakha.</i>
Day: 4	Drive to Punakha to Gangtey/Phobjikha (2850 M.) - 73 KM. (3 -4 hours). Today we drive to Gangtey after breakfast, along the Puna Tsang Chu river to the southwest and turn east from Wangdue Phodrang. We will stop at Wangdue for tea, lunch, and sightseeing in the market. After that, we continue to drive to Gangtey towards the east. <i>Stay overnight in Gangtey.</i>
Day: 5	Sightseeing in Gangtey and Phobjikha Village. Discover some of the oldest monasteries in Bhutan, like Gangtey Monastery and the village atmosphere of Bhutan in the Phobjikha Village. In Phobjikha Village, we stop for lunch, hiking, and sightseeing, then back to Gangtey for an overnight stay. <i>Overnight Stay in Gangtey.</i> [Note: Activities not mentioned in itineraries will charge extra fees.]
Day: 6	Drive back from Gangtey to Thimphu (2,248 M. or 7,375 ft.) - 124 KM. (4 hours). We drive back the same way to Wangdue Phodrang towards the west and start the ascent towards Dorchu-la pass. We will check-in at our hotel and stop for lunch for a few hours. After lunch, we will visit major sites in Thimphu and return to Hotel. <i>Stay overnight in Thimphu.</i>



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Day: 7	Drive to Haa (3065 M.) from Thimphu - 105 KM or 65.5 Miles (3.5 hours). We continue to drive to east Haa/Ha/Has Valley, one of the remote towns in Bhutan. After arriving in Haa, we check-in our hotel and stopped for Lunch. During day time, we visit ancient monasteries and temples in Haa. We visit Lhakhang Nagpo and Lhakhang Karpo temple, also known as the black and white temple. <i>Stay overnight in Haa.</i>
Day: 8	Drive Haa to Paro (2200 M.) - 39.8 Miles (2.5 hours). Today, we drive to Paro from Haa valley. Along the way, you will pass through the towns of Chelela and Soe, where you can stop to take in the views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. On the way back, we will stop for a few minutes to visit Kyichu Lhakhang monastery, located on the side of the Paro Chu river. <i>Stay Overnight in Paro.</i>
Day: 9	Sightseeing in Paro and Tiger's Nest. After breakfast, we take a short hike to visit the iconic structure of Bhutan Paro Taktsang, also known as the Tiger's Nest. This monastery is on the mountain's cliff, where you have to hike for around 3 hours to ascend 700 meters altitude. The hiking distance is around 8.5 KM from/to the bus park. After this Tiger's Nest Visit, we back to lunch and visit Drukgyal Dzong, an old fortress built to protect the Paro town. <i>Stay Overnight in Paro.</i>
Day: 10	Departure from Paro, Bhutan. Our guide or driver will escort you to the airport. You have to inform your flight schedule to your guide before departure.



What's included

- ✓ Accommodation in 4 stars hotel in Paro and Thimphu on the sharing basis.
- ✓ 3-star hotel and resort in Haa, Punakha and Gangtey on the sharing basis.
- ✓ All necessary entry tickets during the tour in Bhutan.
- ✓ Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner during Bhutan tour.
- ✓ All listed transport Jeep, Car, or Bus based on group size.
- ✓ Sustainable Development Fees (SDF) and Visa Fees.
- ✓ English Speaking guide and driver during trip.
- ✓ Proper Insurance of all local staff.
- ✓ Service Charge & Government Taxes.

What's not included

- ✗ Personal Travel and Medical Insurances.
- ✗ Personal Trekking Gear and Equipment.
- ✗ Tips and gratitude to the guide and driver.
- ✗ International flight tickets.
- ✗ Personal expenses, like laundry, phone calls, snacks, alcoholic & soft drinks.
- ✗ Extra cost occurs due to unforeseen circumstances.
- ✗ COVID -19 and other vaccination.

Do's and Don'ts during Tibet Tour.

- ✗ Don't photograph locals' people and inside monasteries without their consent.
- ✗ Don't buy and carry antiques, endangered animal parts, or items made from them.
- ✗ Don't touch the Statues and religious scriptures inside monasteries.
- ✗ Avoid wearing too-short skirts or short pants while visiting the temple.
- ✗ Remove you hats and footwear while entering monasteries.
- ✗ Do not make noise while visiting heritage site and monasteries.
- ✗ Carrying drone and using is not allowed in Bhutan.
- ✗ Smoking in public is not allowed in Bhutan.
- ✗ Do not feed animals in National park and on Highway.



Essential Information

Weather

Bhutan is part of the great Himalayas; weather in Bhutan varies based on its topographical characteristic. Mainly Bhutan's climate is divided into four seasons, Spring (March, April, and May); Summer (June, July, and August); autumn (September, October, and December); and winter (January, February, and March). During this season, the temperature and nature of the weather depend upon the altitude and geography; low south side areas are warm and green all season, whereas high altitude and mountain areas are cold in winter. The highest temperature can be experienced in June and July, reaching 31 degrees Celsius, whereas in winter, the temperature goes down to -6 to 10 degrees Celsius.

Spring is the best time to visit Bhutan, where most flowers blossom, like rhododendron and others. During this time weather is clear, and the temperature is moderate; this is one of the best times to visit Bhutan. Summer or Monsoon season is mainly the rainy season in Bhutan; during this time weather is mostly cloudy, and the temperature is humid. Autumn season is another best time to visit Bhutan, in this season weather is clear, and the temperature drops to below 22 degrees Celsius. Winter is cold after the sun goes down, mostly daytime is sunny, and the temperature drops to 0 degrees Celsius at night.

Accommodation

This tour offers all meals and accommodation in tour package. All group members accommodate in twin-sharing rooms and single supplementary base on availability and extra charges. Thimphu and Paro, we stay in 4-star hotel, where as you can ask to upgrade if you are ready to pay extra charges. In Punakha, Gangtey, and Haa we only offer standard hotel or resort, base on the availability. All accommodation is design as per international tour standard and maintain sanitation as per.

Note: Hotel name mention in itineraries and website may varies but standard is not different. This situation occurs when hotel is not available and not able to reach destination due to unforeseen situation

Visas

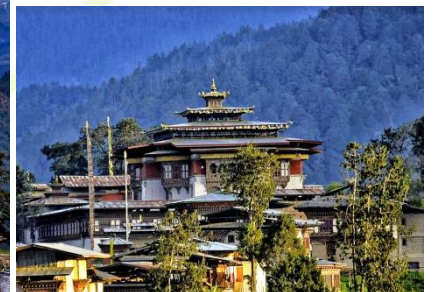
Bhutan Visa can get on arrival at Paro Airport or entry of port in Bhutan, but you have to book a tour package in Bhutan before your entry. Travelers from Imperial Expedition should send all necessary documents once they confirm your trip to Bhutan. We recommend confirming your trip a month earlier to confirm your Visa and seat. While entering Bhutan, you must pay Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) fees for sustainable development and protecting heritage. After you confirm your tour package, Imperial Expedition will apply for your E-visa clearance and send you once Bhutan approves. If you like to extend your visa in Bhutan, you can talk to our guide.

Drinking Water

The most important thing is to be cautious about drinking water, particularly tap water. It's not safe to drink water from the tap or without purification. Bottled water is available everywhere and is safe to drink. On the tour, you can use boiled or bottled water as an alternative, which costs an extra per liter. Mostly hotels provide bottle water or electric boiling water in room. During tour you will provide bottle water and while going hiking and sightseeing you can take bottle water. In restaurant and store you can buy bottle water if needed.

We recommend if you are going trekking in remote region, the best way is to purify the tap water yourself using iodine or handheld UV filters such as a "SteriPEN." Before using these tools, check the product's performance in cold or freezing conditions and battery life (lithium batteries are best in cold conditions).

Main Attraction sites in Bhutan.





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Personal Equipment

You can pack you all equipment in duffle bag or suitcase as your comfortable. You should take small backpack like 15-25 liters to carry your personal belongings and essential items like passport, purse, and water bottle etc.

Pack you back as per you season of time. We recommend carry warm and comfortable shoes and clothes. In case of emergency you can buy personal equipment in Bhutan, you have variety of choice to shop.

Here is the list of items to pack before starting your trip:

- ✓ Couples' passport-size photos
- ✓ Down or feather jacket.
- ✓ water bottles.
- ✓ Waterproof jacket and trousers
- ✓ Trainers/sandals for the evening
- ✓ Warm hat Towel
- ✓ Head torch
- ✓ Plastic bags (bin liners)
- ✓ Toilet paper
- ✓ Trekking pole(s)
- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes.
- ✓ Universal plug adaptor
- ✓ Scarf/Buff
- ✓ Several pairs of walking socks
- ✓ Tracksuit or thermals
- ✓ Mid layer (fleece)
- ✓ Light to mid-weight trousers
- ✓ Shirts, t-shirts, base layers
- ✓ Sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- ✓ lip salve with sun protection
- ✓ Small personal first aid kit
- ✓ Hand washing gel
- ✓ Biodegradable soap/shampoo
- ✓ Solar charger/spare batteries
- ✓ power bank