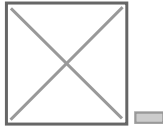


Bhutan Bliss: 4-Star Couple Adventure in Thimphu,Punakha, Paro From Zirakpur

Description



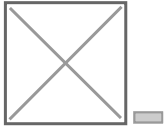
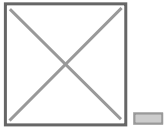
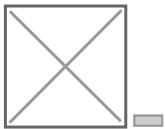
Thimphu, the distinguished capital of Bhutan, is gracefully situated in a stunning valley in the western region of the country. It is not only the center of government but also a hub for sacred Buddhist sites. Among its notable landmarks is the impressive Tashichho Dzong, a fortified monastery and palace that features magnificent roofs adorned with gold leaf. Another significant site is the Memorial Chorten, a striking white structure topped with a golden spire, which serves as a revered shrine dedicated to Bhutanâ??s third king, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck.

In contrast, Punakha is a delightful town nestled within the grand Himalayas, celebrated for the Punakha Dzong, a 17th-century fortress located at the meeting point of the Pho and Mo Chhu rivers. This splendid fortress is the site of the Punakha Tshechu, a lively religious festival that features mesmerizing masked dances and enchanting music. The beautiful Punakha Valley is also home to sacred temples, such as the fertility-focused Chimi Lhakhang and the hilltop Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten, which provides stunning views of the surrounding rivers and mountains.

Further to the west lies Paro, a tranquil valley town that is home to Bhutanâ??s only international airport and is renowned for its many sacred sites. The iconic Taktsang Palphug (Tigerâ??s Nest) monastery dramatically clings to the cliffs above the lush Paro Valley, dominating the northern landscape. To the northwest, the ruins of the 17th-century Drukgyel Dzong fortress stand as a powerful reminder of Bhutanâ??s rich historical heritage.

Highlights Of This Tour Package(Inclusions):

- Luxurious accommodation on a twin or double sharing basis.
- Gourmet meal plan featuring breakfast and dinner.
- Exclusive air-conditioned vehicle for seamless transfers and sightseeing in Bhutan.
- All necessary permit fees and hotel taxes included as per the itinerary.
- Elegant lodging arrangements in double occupancy at the specified hotels.
- Delectable meals served at the hotels as outlined above.
- Comprehensive transfers and sightseeing arranged via a private air-conditioned vehicle in Bhutan.
- An English-speaking guide will accompany you throughout the Bhutan tour (please note, there will be no guide at Gorumara).
- All parking fees for the designated sightseeing locations are covered.
- A Sustainable Development Fee of INR 1200 per person per night is applicable for the Bhutan tour.
- Visa on arrival for tourists is facilitated.

**Accommodation:****CityHotel, Thimphu Or Similar 4 Star Hotel W/ Meals****Khuru Resort Punaka, Bhutan Or Similar W/ Meals****Shomo Chuki Resort Paro Or Similar W/ Meals****Day Wise Itinerary:****Day 01: Paro Airport to Thimphu (Distance: 65 kms. / Driving Time: 2 hrs. / Altitude of Thimphu: 2350 mts.)**

On Day 01, upon your arrival at Paro Airport, you will be greeted and subsequently transferred to Thimphu, which is located 65 kilometers away and has a driving duration of approximately 2 hours. Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan, is situated at an altitude of 2,350 meters (7,710 feet). After checking into your hotel upon arrival, you will have the opportunity to explore the town of Thimphu on foot in the evening. You will then spend the night in Thimphu.

Day 02 : Thimphu Local Sightseeing

On the second day, following breakfast, you will embark on a sightseeing tour of Thimphu. The first stop is the National Folk Heritage Museum, also referred to as Phelchey Toenkyim, which is housed in a traditional 19th-century Bhutanese residence constructed from rammed mud and timber. Next, animal enthusiasts will appreciate a visit to the Motithang Takin Preserve, originally established as a small zoo but now serving as a sanctuary for the Takin, Bhutan's national animal.

The tour continues to the Buddha Dordenma Statue, a monumental golden Buddha located on a hill, which overlooks the city and contains 125,000 smaller Buddha statues within its gilded meditation hall, surpassing the local population of 100,000. Additionally, you will visit the Painting School, known as the Institute for Zorig Chusum, where students are instructed in traditional arts such as drawing, painting, and carving. The National Memorial Chorten, a significant religious site built in memory of Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, the third king of Bhutan, is another highlight of the day. Finally, the National Library, established in 1967, serves as a repository for Bhutan's national archives, including Tibetan and Bhutanese texts and manuscripts.

Changangkha Lhakhang is an ancient temple in Bhutan, dating back 800 years to the 12th century, and it attracts numerous local visitors each day. This temple is also recognized as the spiritual sanctuary for newborns in the Chang Valley. The Clock Tower Square stands as a remarkable architectural achievement, featuring a tower adorned with four clock faces, distinguishing it from other structures in Bhutan. It is a favored destination for tourists, particularly in the evening when visitors can appreciate the exquisite paintings and carvings.

The area surrounding the tower is bustling with restaurants and souvenir shops, contributing to its status as one of the most frequented sites in the town. The Bhutan Postal Museum, located in the heart of Thimphu city, serves as a significant tourist attraction where visitors can have their photographs printed on Bhutanese stamps on the spot. Simply Bhutan is an essential destination that offers an engaging experience to learn about Bhutanese culture and history in an interactive setting.

Day 03: Thimphu → Dochu → La → Pass → Punakha/Wangdue Sightseeing (Distance: 77 kms. / Driving Time: 3 hrs. / Altitude of Punakha: 1310 mts.)

On Day 03, the journey commences from Thimphu to Punakha, with a notable stop at Dochu-La Pass, situated at an altitude of 3150 meters. This scenic pass, located between Thimphu and Punakha, offers breathtaking views of the Eastern Himalayas. The area is adorned with 108 stupas, and during the winter months, it is blanketed in snow, enhancing its picturesque beauty. The total distance covered is 77 kilometers, with an estimated driving time of three hours, and Punakha itself is located at an altitude of 1310 meters.

Punakha Dzong is renowned as the most stunning Dzong, situated at the confluence of two rivers, Pho Chu (male) and Mo Chu (female), in Punakha. Mo Chu is particularly favored by first-time visitors, children, and the elderly. Constructed in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, it served as the governmental seat for many years until the reign of the second king. The Dzong was originally named Druk Pungthang Dechen Phodrang, which translates to → Palace of Great Happiness. → Even today, Punakha remains the winter residence of the Je-Khenpo, and it was here that King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck convened the inaugural National Assembly in 1952.

Following a visit to the Punakha Dzong, one can embark on a brief excursion to Chhimi Lhakhang, also referred to as → The Temple of Fertility, → which was established by Lama Drukpa Kuenley, known as → The Divine Mad Man. → Visitors to Punakha Dzong will not only be captivated by the exquisite Bhutanese architecture but will also have the chance to delve into the rich sacred history of this ancient site. Additionally, the Punakha Suspension Bridge, one of the oldest of its kind globally, is believed to have been constructed by the Buddhist monk Thangtong Gyalpo. This historic hanging bridge, adorned with prayer flags, offers an ideal location for bird watching and nature photography, and is celebrated for its scenic beauty. An overnight stay in Punakha or Wangdue is recommended.

Day 04: Bhumthang to Punakha Via Gangtey (Phobjikha Valley) (Distance: 230 kms. One way / Driving Time: 7-8 hrs.)

On Day 04, the journey commences from Bhumthang to Punakha, passing through the scenic Gangtey in the Phobjikha Valley, covering a distance of 230 kilometers, which typically takes between 7 to 8

hours of driving. Following breakfast, guests will check out from the hotel and embark on their transfer to Punakha. En route, a visit to Gangtey, situated at an elevation of 9,840 feet, is planned.

Here, travelers will have the opportunity to explore Gangtey Gompha, the sole Nyingmapa monastery in western Bhutan, founded in the 17th century. Subsequently, the itinerary includes a visit to the Phobjikha Valley, renowned for its stunning glacial landscapes and as the winter habitat for the endangered Black Necked Cranes that migrate from the arid regions of Tibet. In the late afternoon, the journey continues towards Punakha, where guests will check into their hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 05: Punakha/Wangdue to Paro (Distance: 140 kms. / Driving Time: 4 hrs. / Altitude of Paro: 2280 mts)

On the fifth day, travel from Punakha/Wangdue to Paro, covering a distance of 140 kilometers, which will take approximately four hours. Paro is situated at an altitude of 2,280 meters (7,483 feet). After enjoying breakfast, commence your journey to Paro, making a stop at Lamperi to explore the Royal Botanical Park. This park is renowned for its diverse range of flora and fauna, including numerous endangered species.

Additionally, visit the Chime Lhakhang, a Buddhist monastery located in the Punakha District of Bhutan, near Lobesa. This monastery, founded in 1499 by the Drukpa Kagyu lama Ngawang Chogyal, the 14th abbot of Ralung Monastery, is perched on a small hill. Upon arrival in Paro, check in at your hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 06: Paro Local Sightseeing

On Day 06, after enjoying breakfast, embark on a local sightseeing tour in Paro. Begin with a visit to the Ta Dzong National Museum of Bhutan, an ancient watchtower that now houses a vast collection of Bhutanese artifacts and artworks, including traditional costumes, weaponry, and daily life implements. This museum showcases the rich cultural heritage of Bhutan. Next, explore Rinpung Dzong, also known as Paro Dzong, which was constructed in 1644 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. Renowned for its exceptional architecture, Rinpung Dzong exemplifies traditional Bhutanese design and serves as a major tourist attraction in Paro.

Continue your journey to Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest monasteries in Bhutan, built in the 7th century by the Tibetan King Songtsen Gampo. According to legend, the king constructed 108 temples to subdue a giant demoness who obstructed the spread of Buddhism, with this temple located on her left knee. It is believed that the two orange trees within the monastery miraculously bear fruit year-round. Finally, visit the Paro Airport, celebrated as one of the most picturesque airports globally and the only international airport in Bhutan, offering breathtaking views and making it a must-see destination in Paro. Conclude your day with an overnight stay at a hotel in Paro.

Day 07: Paro Sightseeing- Taktsang Monastery. (Trekking by Own)

On Day 07, visitors will engage in sightseeing in Paro, specifically at the renowned Taktsang Monastery, also referred to as 'The Tiger's Nest Monastery'. This remarkable temple is perched precariously on a steep cliff, soaring 900 meters above the Paro Valley. Situated approximately 10 kilometers north of Paro town at an elevation of 3,120 meters, Taktsang Lhakhang

requires visitors to embark on a trek lasting about 2 to 3 hours through picturesque, shaded pine forests. A visit to this breathtaking heritage site is essential for anyone traveling to Bhutan. Accommodation will be provided at a hotel in Paro for the night.

Day 08: Paro Airport Departure

Following breakfast, guests are required to finalize their check-out procedures at the hotel. Afterward, transportation will be arranged to take you to Paro Airport, where you will proceed with your onward journey. The tour concludes, leaving you with cherished memories.

Package Cost Excludes:

- Airfare and train fare are not included in the package.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips, gratuities, mineral water, soft drinks, hard drinks, rafting, rock climbing, paragliding, joy rides (Toy Train), ropeway, and portage are excluded.
- Any additional sightseeing or extra vehicle usage not specified in the itinerary is not covered.
- The costs for elephant and jeep safaris in Lataguri are not included.
- Charges for forest entrance fees and guide services are not part of the package.
- Any expenses incurred due to natural disasters, such as landslides, road blockages, or political disturbances (strikes), must be paid by the client on-site.
- Increases in taxes or fuel prices that affect surface transportation and land arrangements prior to departure will be the responsibility of the client.
- Charges for room heaters are not included.
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the inclusions are excluded.
- The rates are applicable only to Indian nationals.

Child Policy:

- Children aged 12 years and older will incur charges equivalent to the Adult Rate.
- For children between the ages of 5 and 11 who share a room with their parents, charges will apply based on the Child With Bed (CWB) or Child No Bed (CNB) rates.
- Children under the age of 5 will be accommodated free of charge.
- The policy applies uniformly to all guests regardless of the booking method.
- It is essential to inform the hotel of the number of children at the time of booking.
- Additional charges may apply for extra bedding or amenities requested for children.
- The hotel reserves the right to verify the age of children at check-in.
- Parents are encouraged to review the policy to avoid any misunderstandings regarding charges.
- This policy is designed to ensure a comfortable stay for families.
- For any inquiries regarding the child policy, please contact the hotel directly.

Payment Policy:

- A reservation will be secured only upon receipt of a 50% deposit of the total package cost.
- All tour payments must be completed at least 2 days before departure.
- Final documentation will be provided only after the remaining balance has been settled.

Entry Formalities For Indian Tourist:

- Indian citizens are exempt from needing a visa to enter Bhutan.
- However, they must secure a travel permit prior to their journey.
- A Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) of INR 1200 per individual per night is required for entry into Bhutan.
- Children aged 6 to 12 years are eligible for a 50% discount on the SDF.
- Children aged 5 years and under are exempt from the SDF entirely.
- To obtain the entry permit for Bhutan, certain documents must be presented.
- A valid Indian passport, with at least 6 months of validity from the departure date, is necessary for individuals aged 18 and older.
- For children under 5 years, an original birth certificate in English is mandatory.
- For children aged 6 to 17 years, a school identity card along with the birth certificate is required.
- Additional requirements include passport-sized photographs, travel insurance with the insurer's seal, and a Covid-19 vaccination certificate, which can be substituted by the parents' certificate if traveling with them.

Important Notes:

- Photography requires prior permission before capturing images of individuals, events, or objects.
- Photography is strictly prohibited within the confines of temples, dzongs, or monasteries.
- Images may only be taken in the courtyard area of these religious sites.
- Touching religious artifacts or antiques is not allowed under any circumstances.
- The purchase of religious items, particularly antiques, is forbidden.
- It is essential to show respect by not climbing on or disrespecting Buddhist artifacts, regardless of their condition.
- Hats must be removed upon entering dzongs, temples, or monasteries.
- Entry into dzongs, temples, or monasteries is not permitted while wearing shorts, half pants, or slippers.
- Full-sleeved shirts or collared T-shirts are required for entry into certain dzongs and monasteries.
- Mobile phones must be turned off or set to silent mode before entering religious premises, and conversations should be kept to a whisper.
- Visitors should always walk in a clockwise direction when at religious sites.
- Pointing with a single finger is discouraged; instead, use an upturned flat hand to indicate sacred objects or places.
- Rubbish should only be disposed of in designated areas to maintain cleanliness.
- Touching ritual objects or mural paintings is prohibited to preserve their sanctity.
- Visitors should avoid stepping on any clothing, books, or materials left in religious areas.
- Smoking or consuming alcohol is not allowed in religious locations.
- If uncertain about any customs, it is advisable to consult local individuals or guides for guidance.
- Maintain a safe distance from lakes or rivers to prevent accidents.
- The use of tobacco products, including cigarettes, is banned throughout the kingdom.
- For personal use, travelers may bring in 200 imported cigarettes (10 packets) subject to a 200 percent duty, and Indian tobacco products are subject to a 100 percent duty.
- Indian nationals are permitted to carry currency notes up to Rs 100 while in Bhutan.
- Currency notes of Rs 500 and higher are prohibited by law in Bhutan.
- Only a limited number of ATM machines are accessible in Thimphu and Paro; it is advisable to consult your service provider for further information.



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