

Bhutan Full Itinerary



Day 1: 22 October

Arrive Paro (2200m) – Travel to Thimpu (2320m)

Jen Pa Leg Sho! Welcome to Bhutan. Today you will be landing at the stunning Paro International Airport, framed by dramatic Himalayan scenery. After being warmly received by our guide at the airport, we will drive to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital. En route, stop at the confluence of Paro and Thimphu rivers. There will be time to refresh at your hotel. Then get to know Thimphu – enjoy some relaxed time exploring the local craft market, where traditional textiles, handicrafts and souvenirs reflect Bhutan's artisanal heritage, visit Buddha Dordenma and Memorial Chorten. In the evening, enjoy a stroll through the capital and observe local life.

Accommodation: Terma Linca Resort & Spa (or similar)

Meals: Lunch/Dinner

Travel Time: approximately 1.5 hours

Day 2: 23 October

Thimpu (2320m)

After breakfast, spend the day exploring Bhutan's cultural and spiritual heritage. This day provides an excellent introduction to Bhutanese traditions, values and daily life. Visit Traditional Arts & Crafts School, Folk Heritage Museum, Simply Bhutan Living Museum, Takin Mini Zoo. Evening visit to local cafes and markets.

Accommodation: Terma Linca Resort & Spa (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3: 24 October

Travel from Thimphu to Gangtey via Dochula Pass

Enjoy your journey today across the breathtaking Dochula Pass (3,100m), where on clear days you'll be rewarded with sweeping panoramic views of the majestic Himalayan range. Descend into the enchanting Phobjikha Valley, a pristine glacial basin renowned for its natural beauty and deep cultural heritage – truly one of Bhutan's most captivating landscapes. Your experiences today include Visiting the serene and spiritually significant Gangtey Monastery Exploring the Black-necked Crane Information Centre to learn about these rare and sacred birds Enjoying a traditional archery experience Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of the valley and interact with friendly local residents Immerse yourself in the valley's tranquil atmosphere, connect with its warm community, and experience the authentic charm of rural Bhutan in its most peaceful setting.

Accommodation: Gangtey Tent Resort (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Driving time: 5 to 6 hours/150kms



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Day 4: 25 October

Gangtey Nature Trail & Khewang Village Hike

Today's immersive hike combines nature, culture and village life. Begin from Gangtey Monastery and follow the renowned Gangtey Nature Trail through pine forests, open meadows and wetlands. Continue beyond the standard trail into the traditional villages of Phobjikha Valley, passing farmhouses and cultivated fields before reaching Khewang Village and its historic temple. The hike offers opportunities to engage with local villagers and gain insight into rural Bhutanese life.

Accommodation: Gangtey Tent Resort (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hiking duration: 4-5 hours (easy to moderate)

Day 5: 26 October

Gangtey to Punakha

Descend from the cool alpine landscapes into the lush, subtropical beauty of Punakha Valley, where warmer air, terraced fields and river confluences create a striking contrast. Explore the magnificent Punakha Dzong, one of Bhutan's most impressive and historically significant fortresses, set at the meeting point of two rivers. Walk across the iconic Suspension Bridge over the Pho Chhu River, offering scenic views and a touch of adventure. Visit the sacred Chimi Lhakhang (Temple of Fertility), a revered pilgrimage site surrounded by picturesque countryside. Soak in the vibrant scenery – making this one of the most memorable highlights of your Bhutan journey.

Accommodation: Lobesa Boutique Hotel (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Hiking duration: 3 hours (easy to moderate)

Day 6: 27 October

Khamsum Vulley Hike & Punakha Valley Village Walk

Begin with a scenic hike through terraced rice fields to the magnificent Khamsum Vulley Namgyal Chorten. The temple sits on a ridge overlooking the valley and offers exceptional views of the Mo Chhu River and surrounding mountains. After visiting the temple, continue walking through rural villages, farmlands and riverside trails, interacting with local farmers and experiencing daily life in one of Bhutan's most fertile valleys. This extended hike provides a wonderful combination of nature, spirituality and cultural immersion.

Accommodation: Lobesa Boutique Hotel (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hiking duration: 4-5 hours (moderate)



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Day 7: 28 October

Punakha to Paro

This morning begin the journey west back to picturesque Paro Valley, where timeless landscapes and rich history still awaits. We will visit Rinpung Dzong, a traditional Bhutanese fortress monastery and one of Bhutan's most important and beautiful dzongs. We will also visit Kyichu Lhakhang and the National Museum. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Bhutanese farmhouse dinner. As an option, hot stone bath experience is highly recommended and can be arranged on request (at additional expense).

Accommodation: Kaachi Grand (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Travel time: driving 3.5 hours

Day 8: 29 October

Hike to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest)

Balanced 900m above the valley floor sits Taktsang, or the Tiger's Nest – a beautiful monastery and Bhutan's most recognised building. After breakfast, lace up your hiking boots and begin a hike through pine forests, passing beneath thousands of brightly coloured prayer flags. Our leader will guide us up into the mountains for a closer view of the temple, sharing the legend of its history along the way. This site is a deeply sacred place and is visited by all Bhutanese at least once in their lifetime. Reach a small teahouse and stop for lunch and refreshments while taking in truly unforgettable views. For those interested, it is possible to get a closer look at the Tiger's Net by hiking another hour each way to reach the temple. Anyone not interested in hiking further can relax at the teahouse and soak it all in. After you've returned to your hotel and had time to freshen up, join our leader for a stroll around the streets and market area of Paro.

Accommodation: Kaachi Grand (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Hiking duration: 6 hours (moderate, can be challenging in some places)

Day 9: 30 October

Paro - Departure

Today brings to an end our Bhutan adventure with Over the Travel Fence – I'm sure you will have had a wonderful time. There will be a group transfer from our hotel in time for our outbound flight. Please note, this is a group departure – all guests must depart on the same flight out of Paro, no additional nights can be added to this itinerary due to the strict rules of the Bhutanese Tourist

Meals: Breakfast

Pricing: \$7540.00 per person twin share. \$8766.00 per person single room

There are 14 places available on this trip.

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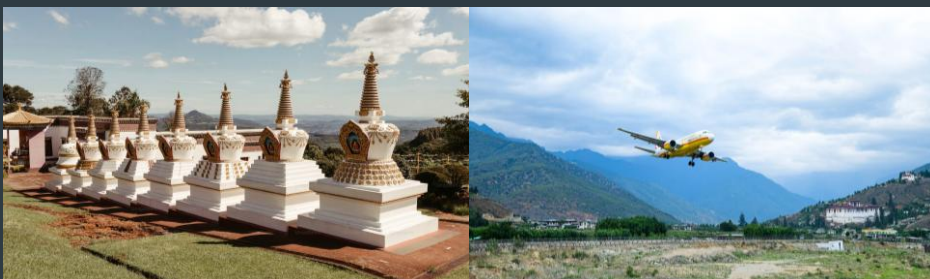
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SPECIAL NOTES

- The accommodation has been handpicked for our group, it is, however, subject to change depending on availability at the time of confirming all 16 guests (this depends on how many take up single supplement and twin share options).
- All flights to and from Bhutan are operated by a Bhutanese national carrier which fly direct to several cities within Asia/Middle East. It is not uncommon for these airlines to make last minute changes to their flight timetables or be subject to delays. Therefore, it is recommended that you allow plenty of transit time both before connecting flight to Bhutan and after your flight from Bhutan ahead of your onward flight connection.
- The sustainable Development Fee charged by the government of Bhutan is included in your trip price.
- This trip spends time at altitude, you should ensure that you're able to travel to altitude, seek medical advice for further information.
- In Bhutan short distances can take much longer due to small, narrow roads and mountain passes. Motion sickness can be an issue on longer driving days on windy roads.
- All meals are included due to the nature of travelling in Bhutan. This means there may be limited choices on some days.



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