

Day 01: Arrive Paro airport. Transfer to Thimphu hotel (Approx 65 kms – 1.15 hrs drive).

Pick-up from Paro airport & transfer to Thimphu (Alt.2400m/7875ft). Check in at the hotel. Afternoon you can relax in the hotel or you can visit interesting **weekend market (The Centenary Farmer's market)** (Open only from Friday to Sunday) -Vegetable vendors from different pockets of the country come to sell their products. In the evening you can explore the city by walk or visit Tashichho Dzong, presently houses the throne room and offices of the king, the secretariat and the ministries of home affairs and finance. We will also visit **Tashi chhoe Dzong**. Overnight in Thimphu.

Day 02: Thimphu sightseeing and drive to Punakha /Wangdue via Dochula pass (Approx 70 kms / 2.30 hrs)

After breakfast proceed for sightseeing (Approx Time Frame: 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m) includes **National Memorial Chorten**- This stupa was built in 1974 in the memory of Bhutan's third King, His Late Majesty, King Jigme Dorji Wangchuk, who is popularly regarded as Father of modern Bhutan; **Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang)**, visitors can get a good overview of the Thimphu valley from here; **Simply Bhutan –A living Museum**

Afternoon proceed for sightseeing (Approx Time Frame: 2:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m) After permit (Permit is not issued on Saturdays, Sundays & Govt holidays) drive to Punakha/Wangdue, with a stop en route at **Dochu La Pass** (3,100 meters), where on a clear day you can get spectacular views of the highest mountains of Bhutan. After a photo break, drive to warm valley of Punakha. Visit **Punakha Dzong** built at the confluence of the Po and Mo Chu Rivers in the 17th Century by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyel and served as capital of Bhutan until 1955. (Note: The Punakha Dzong is closed in winter months when the monk's body is in Punakha) Overnight stay will be in Punakha/Wangdue.

Day 03: Punakha /Wangdue to Paro (Approx 160 kms / 4 hrs)

After breakfast Also visit **Chhimi Lhakhang** in Punakha. drive to Paro (Alt. 2200 m/7,300 ft). On the way enjoy the view of **Shaba River Point** and Paro airport view. Check in at the hotel. Visit **Rinpung Dzong** (also known as Paro Dzong) which has a long and fascinating history. Overnight stay will be in Paro.

Day 04: Hike to Taktsang

Today after the leisurely breakfast we will proceed for an excursion to the famous place called **Taktsang Monastery** (5hrs hike).

Taktshang Monastery (Tiger Nest) is located at top of about 800 meter cliff in Paro. It takes slightly more than an hour and a half to reach the monastery on foot from the nearest road point. Taktshang or the Tigers lair as the monastery is widely regarded is one of the most important in Bhutan. Its history is associated with the visit of Guru Padmasambhava, the Indian saint who came to Bhutan in the 8th century AD. The cave was named Taktshang after Guru Rinpoche flew into the cave from Kurtoe Singye Dzong in eastern Bhutan riding on a tigress. Later in 1692 the fourth DrukDesi Tenzin Rabgye started to construct monastery and finally completed after three years in 1694.

“Trip to Bhutan is never complete without climbing to Taktshang”, says one tourist. Indeed it's true as the journey there fills you with spiritual bliss.

On the way back into town visit: **Kyichu Lhakhang**, one of the oldest and most sacred shrines of the Kingdom. Evening stroll at Paro town and peep into some local handicrafts stores. Return at hotel. Overnight at Paro

Day 05: Drop to Paro international airport. Depart Bhutan.

After breakfast, drop to Paro airport. Like all good things, your Bhutan tours will come to an end. We will be happy to see you back. Do visit us because Bhutan has more to offer to you.

Tour Ends.

Hotel Offered 3 stars

Thimphu: White Tara/ Kuenden Boutique hotel

Paro: Tashi Namgay Resort

Punakha: Hotel Lobesa / Pema Karpo

Package Inclusive

- Bhutan Government Royalty of US\$ 65/person/night
- FIT surcharges of US\$40/person/night for a single traveler and US\$30/person/night for a double
- Twin sharing hotel rooms at 3 star hotels
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner & light refreshments) with standard menu at 3 star hotels
- English speaking tour guide service
- All transfers and excursions by private vehicles
- All entrance fees to museums and monuments
- All internal taxes and fees
- Mineral drinking water (Day Tour)
- Visa fee of US\$40/person (must be paid in advance with tour cost)

The above tour prices do not include the following:

- Single room supplement of US\$40/room/night during low season and US\$ 50/room/night during high season (optional)
- Airfares (optional)
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- 4 star and 5 star accommodations and meals (optional)
- Other personal expenses like overseas calls, laundry, etc

The Total Cost for the trip is \$2120/-

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