

At the heart of Bhutan



Days: 12
Price: 2250 EUR
International flight not included
Comfort: ★★★★★
Difficult: ★★★☆☆
📍 Hiking 📍 history 📍 Mountains
📍 photographic 📍 Culture

You will be wowed by many of the great sights of Bhutan: great Himalayas, fabulous places, holy monasteries, sacred temples, unspoiled culture, simple traditional lifestyle, deeply Buddhist religion, the charming, welcoming and friendliness of the people – so you've come to the right place to immerse yourself a tranquil honeymoon of your life's most important holiday. "No visit to Bhutan would be considered as complete without a trip to the famous Chimmi Lhakhang (Fertility Temple) esp. for honeymooners...why? Our English-speaking guide will unfold a whole humor to you as you get on nearer to the fertility temple!"

Day 1. Arrival in Paro and transfer to Thimphu



Paro Airport 📍
🚗 65km - ⌚ 1h 50m
Thimphu 📍

Paro Airport - Thimphu

- We arrive at Paro International Airport. Our tour guide and our driver will meet us and take us on a short one-hour drive along the Paro and Thimphu river valleys to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital, at an elevation of 2320 meters.
- Once settled in our hotel, we begin to unlock the mysteries of Bhutan by touring Thimphu's most important sites.

After lunch we visit the Memorial Chorten built in the memory of late Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, Buddha Point, 15th century Changangkha Lhakhang, Textile Museum where we learn about Bhutan's living national art of weaving and primary center of learning for Bhutanese artists School of Thirteen Arts & Crafts.

- In the evening we can stroll in Thimphu Town, Handicrafts Stall or Centenary Farmer's weekend Market.

🍴 Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
🍷 Dinner	3 star hotel
🏠 Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 2. Hike to Cheri Monastery



- In the morning drive to north of **Thimphu** Valley (15kms) and hike to Cheri Monastery for 30 – 45mins. Cheri Monastery was established in 1620 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal and is now a major teaching and retreat center of the Southern Drukpa Kagyu sect.
- After Lunch, visit Handmade Paper Factory followed by visit to National Takin Reserve and Zihlukha nunnery, biggest nunnery in Bhutan and is a good place to photograph and interact with the nuns and learn about what it takes and feels like to be a Bhutanese Buddhist Nun.

Thimphu 📍

☕ Breakfast	3 star hotel
🍴 Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
🍷 Dinner	3 star hotel
🏠 Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 3. Visit to Administrative and Religious Center



Thimphu 📍
🚗 77km - ⌚ 3h
Punakha 📍

Thimphu - Punakha

- After breakfast, we will drive from Thimphu to Punakha on national highway, which leads from the cold of Thimphu to the hot, almost tropical area of the Punakha Valley. En route, we will stop at Dochula Pass, where you can visit the marvelous 108 stupas and have a coffee break.
- Upon arrival in Punakha visit Chimmi Lhakhang - Takes a 45mins hike round trip. This monastery is also referred to as the "Abode of Fertility"
- After lunch we go visiting the beautiful Punakha Dzong, seated at the confluence of **Pho Chu** and **Mo Chu** rivers and Punakha suspension bridge, an exciting bridge for photography enthusiasts.

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🍴 Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
🍷 Dinner	3 star hotel
🏠 Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 4. Historic Dzongkhag



Punakha 📍
🚗 217km - ⌚ 8h 40m
Bumthang 📍

Punakha - Bumthang

- Today we go to Bumthang. With an average altitude of 2600m, this region has an individuality that charms its visitors and separates it from other regions. Comprised of four smaller valleys of Chumey, Choeskhor, Tang and Ura, the **deeply spiritual** region of Bumthang is **shrouded in religious legend**.
- After lunch you can explore visiting some farm house and handicrafts shops.

☕ Breakfast	3 star hotel
🍴 Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
🍷 Dinner	3 star hotel
🏠 Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 5. Full day sight seeing

- After breakfast we will visit Tang Hovvencholing Palace - Restored in 19th century and en-route



Bumthang

- After breakfast we will visit Tang Ugyenchoing Palace - restored in 15th century and enroute visit Tang Valley.
- After lunch we will be visiting Kurje Lhakhang, Jambay Lhakhang and Jakar Dzong.

☕ Breakfast	3 star hotel
🍴 Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
🍷 Dinner	3 star hotel
🏠 Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 6. Trek through Chamkhar Chu, a river known for trout



Bumthang



Toktu Zampa

12km - ⌚ 4h 30m

Ngang Lhakhang

Bumthang - Toktu Zampa

Toktu Zampa - Ngang Lhakhang

- Ascent: 170 m, Camp altitude 2,720 m

The route follows the **Chamkhar Chu**, a river known for trout and stops for lunch at **Thangbi Lhakhang**. From here the trek enters the **Ngang Yul** (Land of the Swan) at the centre of which lies the **Ngang Lhakhang** (Swan Temple). The valley was once populated by swans, and hence the name Ngang Yul.

☕ Breakfast	3 star hotel
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

Day 7. Trek highest point of the route Phephe La (3,360m)



Ngang Lhakhang

16km - ⌚ 6h

Tahung

Ngang Lhakhang - Tahung

- Ascent: 750 m, Descent: 670 m, Camp altitude: 2,800 m

We will begin the day by crossing verdant meadows and with a beautiful view of the valley below. Then you climb gradually to **Phephe La** (3,360m), the highest point of the trek route. The trail passes through beautiful forested areas where many stops can be made to enjoy the natural beauty of your surroundings. The path leads you downhill into a broad valley. Among several possible camping sites the most likely one is uphill behind the village of **Tahung**.

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

Day 8. Trek ends at Ugyenchoing Palace



Tahung - Mesithang

- Descent: 230 m

After breakfast we will trek through the **Tang Chu**, another trout-filled river. On the bank of the river is the **Tang Rimpoché's Lhakhang**. We will pass the **Mebar Tsho** (Burning Lake) and lead you to Tang Ugyencholing Palace. From here you will soon reach the road head where our Driver will be waiting and drive back to your hotel at Bumthang.

Tahung 📍
16km - ⌚ 5h
Mesithang 📍
🚗 10km - ⌚ 20m
Bumthang 📍

Mesithang - Bumthang

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	3 star hotel
🏠 Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 9. Drive to Phobjikha



Bumthang - Phobjikha

- After breakfast, we will be heading towards Phobjikha, the valley where significant wintering ground of the rare and endangered **Black-necked cranes** in Bhutan are found.
- After lunch, we will be visiting Gangtey Monastery that overlooks the wetlands surrounded by subsistence farms and natural forest areas makes Phobjikha a stunningly beautiful and sacred valley. After that, we will hike through Gangtey Natural Trail (1.5hrs) most beautiful and shortest of the existing nature trails in Bhutan. In the evening, visit Farm House (traditional village house).

Bumthang 📍
🚗 188km - ⌚ 7h
Phobjikha 📍

🍳 Breakfast	3 star hotel
🍴 Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
🍷 Dinner	3 star hotel
🏠 Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 10. Explore Paro Town



Phobjikha - Paro

- After breakfast, we will drive to Paro. En route, we will stop at **Lamperi Botanical Garden** which comprises of over 46 species of **rhododendrons**.
- Afternoon you can relax at the hotel or explore the neighboring villages.

Phobjikha 📍
🚗 214km - ⌚ 7h
Paro 📍

🍳 Breakfast	3 star hotel
🍴 Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
🍷 Dinner	3 star hotel
🏠 Accommodation	3 star hotel

Day 11. Hike to Tiger's Nest

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Paro 📍

- After breakfast, we will hike to Tiger's Nest - Bhutan's most scenic icon or the most important landmark, Taktsang the Tiger's nest clings to the side of a steep cliff 300 meters above the Paro valley.
- Today we will be having full day sightseeing visiting Rinpung Dzong built in 1646 by **Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal**, Ta Dzong (the watchtower) one time watch tower built to defend Rinpung Dzong during inter-valley wars of the 17th century, Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest and most sacred shrines of the Kingdom dating back to 7th century and Drukgyel Dzong - This Dzong, with a delightful village nestling at its foot, was built in 1646.

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🍴 Lunch	Zakhang (traditional restaurant)
🍷 Dinner	3 star hotel
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Day 12. Have a nice journey and see you soon !

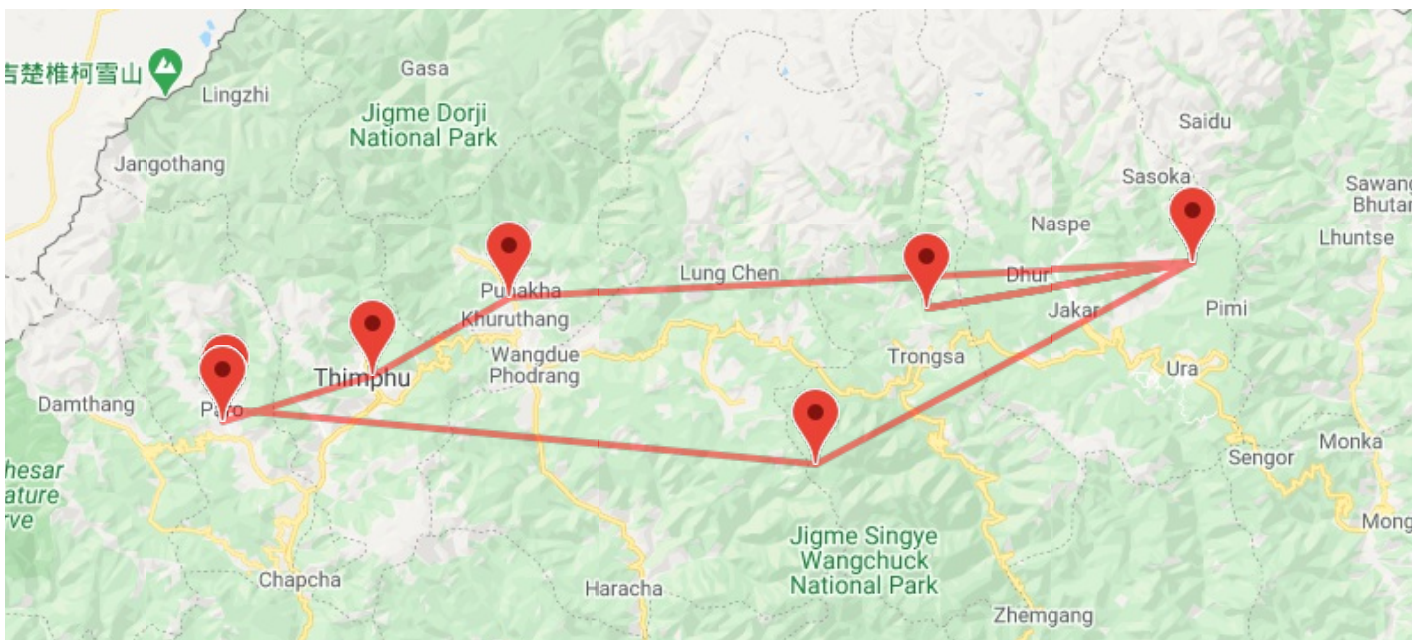


Paro Airport 📍

- We drive you back at the airport accordingly to your flight departure.

☕ Breakfast	3 star hotel
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Itinerary map





Individual price per person

1-1	2-2	3-4	5-8
3550 EUR	2900 EUR	2400 EUR	2250 EUR

Included

- Bhutan Tourist Tariff Royalty & Govt Surcharge
- Visa fees.
- All private excursions and transfers in superior air-conditioned vehicle.
- Local English speaking guide/tour leader.
- Experienced driver.
- Accommodation in 3 Star Hotel, highest standard government approved hotels & guesthouses.
- All meals in Bhutan.
- All entrance fees and permits.
- Tents

Not included

- All personal expenses such as bars, beverages, laundry, telephone and tips.
- Medical / Travel Insurance.
- Air-fare