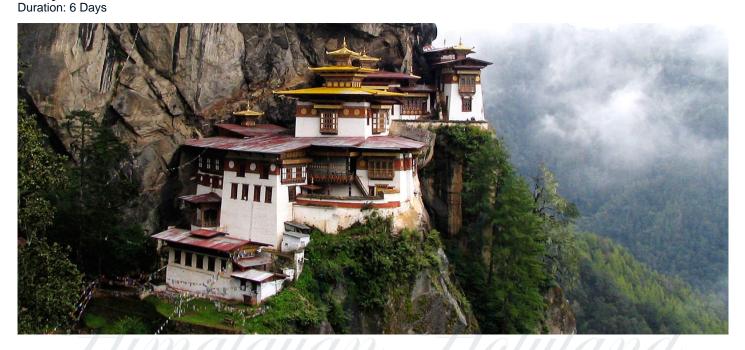


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6 Days Bhutan Tour



### Overview

Trip Grade: Easy	Max Altitude:
Activity:	Group Size:
Arrival On: Kathmandu, Nepal	Departure From: Kathmandu, Nepal
Meals: All meals during trek & breakfast in kathmandu	Accommodation: Stone Built Houses (tea houses) during trek

Bhutan is small in size but a nice kingdom that is nestled in between the two countries, India and autonomous of China. Bhutan, the Kingdom of thunder land is also believed to be the country of "The Last Shangrila―. The majority of people in Bhutan follow Buddhism. Our 6 days <u>Bhutan Tour</u> covers mostly must see places in Bhutan. This short trip enables you to unlock the unusual geography of Bhutan. The tropical plain land is on the south and high Himalaya of elevation more than (7,000 m)Â is on the north. This 5 nights 6 days tour Bhutan is concerned in visiting the historical treasure, monastery, museum and art gallery that comprises centuries back antique. The cosy accommodation in a local owned cultural hotel and receiving unique hospitality is sure to attract you during your touring in Bhutan. You need a valid passport with at least 6 months of validity date for making a trip to Bhutan. We guarantee your Bhutan tour will not go in vain. In fact, this trip might be a pleasant experience you have ever had. Feel free to join with <u>Himalayan Holyland Treks & amp; Expedition</u>Â for your memorable and adventure trip to Bhutan.

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#### Itinerary

Day 01:

#### Arrive Paro by Druk Air:

Druk Air flight to Paro is one of the most spectacular of all mountain flights. Whether flying along the Himalayan range from Kathmandu or over the foothills, each flight is a mesmerizing feat and offers exciting descent into the Kingdom. On arrival at the airport, received by representative of Dream Tibet Travel and then transfer to Thimphu, the modern capital town of Bhutan.

#### Day 02:

#### Thimphu:

After breakfast Thimphu sightseeing. Visit Trashichhoedzong, the beautiful medieval fortress/monastery which houses most of the Government's office and King's Throne room It is also the summer residence of Je Khenpo, the Chief Abbot. Then visit National Library which has vast collection of ancient Buddhist texts and manuscripts.

After that drive to Arts & Crafts School, famous for traditional thangkha paintings. Here you will see, students at work producing intricate design on cloth.

After lunch visit Handicrafts Emporium which displays wide assortment of beautifully handwoven and crafted products. Then drive to Memorial Chorten, the stupa built in the memory of Bhutan's Third King who is popularly regarded as Father of modern Bhutan. The paintings and statues inside this monument provide a deep insight into Buddhist philosophy. Overnight at the hotel in Thimphu.

#### Day 03:

## TREKS & EXPEDITION (P.) Thimphu/ Punakha (75 Km, 3 Hours )/ Wangdue :

## After breakfast drive to Punakha with a short stop at Dochula pass

(3,080m) stopping briefly here to take in the view and admire the chorten, mani wall, and prayer flags which decorate the highest point on the road. If skies are clear, the following peaks can be seen from this pass (left to right): Masagang (7,158m), Tsendagang (6,960m), Terigang (7,060m), Jejegangphugang (7,158 m), Kangphugang (7,170 m), Zongphugang (7,060 m), a table mountain that dominates the isolated region of Lunana – finally Gangkar puensum, the highest peak in Bhutan at 7,497m.

Later visit Punakha Dzong, built strategically at the junction of Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers in 1637 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal to serve as the religious and administrative centre of the region, Punakha Dzong has played an important role in Bhutan's history. Damaged by four catastrophic fires and an earthquake, the Dzong has now been fully restored.

After that drive to Wangduephodrang visiting Dzong and local market. The district of Wangduephodrang is also famous for its bamboo products, slate and stone carvings.

Overnight at the hotel in Punakha.

#### Day 04:

#### Punakha – Paro (125 Km, 4 Hours):

After breakfast drive to Paro en route visit Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress of the Kingdom built in 1627, it now houses the School for religious studies.

Afternoon in Paro visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum of the Kingdom. Originally built as Watch Tower since 1967 it is serving as the



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National Museum of the country and holding fascinating collection of art, artifacts, thangkha paintings and Bhutan's exquisite postage stamps.

Afterwards, walk down a hillside trail to visit Rinpung Dzong. Built in 1646 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, the first spiritual and temporal ruler of Bhutan, the Dzong houses the monastic body of Paro, the office of the Dzongda (district administrative head) and Thrimpon (judge) of Paro district.

Overnight at the hotel in Paro.

### Day 05:

After breakfast drive north of Paro valley to ruins of Drukgyel Dozng. From this fort Bhutanese repelled several invasions by Tibetan armies. Nearby visit traditional Bhutanese Farm House which offers good insight into lifestyle of local people.

Then take an excursion to Taktsang Monastery, the most famous of Bhutanese monasteries. It is said that Guru Rinpoche arrived here on the back of a tigress and meditated at this monastery hence it is called "Tiger's Nest". The excursion to monastery takes about 5 hours for round trip.

While return to Paro town visit en route Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest and most sacred shrines of the Kingdom. Overnight at the hotel in Paro.

Day 06:

#### Depart from Paro:

After breakfast drive to the airport for flight to onward destination.



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### **Cost Includes**

- => Private transportation.
- => All necessary travel permits.
- => English speaking local guide.
- => Accommodation on single/twin sharing room basis.
- => Sightseeing and monastery entrance fees as per the itinerary.
- => Meal plan: Full Board Basis.

#### **Cost Excludes**

- => Insurance of any kind.
- => Additional cost due to natural calamity and unforeseen circumstance.
- => Personal expenses such as drink, alcohol etc.
- => Tips to guide.

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