

DURATION : 9 Days and 10 Nights Day 01. Arrive Paro (By Druk Air)

Arrive Paro by Druk Air flight. During this flight, one will experience breathtaking views of Mt. Everest, Kanchen Junga and other Himalayan peaks, including the sacred Chomolhari and Mt. Jichu Drakey in Bhutan.

On arrival at Paro our representative will receive you. The drive to the hotel through the Paro valley is enchanting. After lunch you will be taken to Ta-Dzong (museum). Visit to Paro Dzong and walk over the bridge crossing the (Pa- Chu) River of Paro. Overnight hotel.

Day 02. Paro sightseeing

Drive up to Ramthangkha (10 Km from Paro Town) and walk to Taktsang Goemba. The name Taktsang means "Tiger's Nest" The Monastery is perched on a rocky ledge with a sheer drop of nearly 4000 ft. And overlooks the Paro valley. Taktsang is one of the most venerated pilgrimage sites in the Himalayan world.

However, most people can only visit the main site called Taktsang Pel-phu. According to legend Padmasambhava founded Taktsang Monastery in the eighth century. It is believed that the Guru came to this place on the back of a tigress from Kheimpajong in the Kurtoe region and meditated here for three months in a cave at Taktsang and converted the Paro valley to Buddhism.

Day 3. Paro - Thimphu. Distance: 65 KM. Driving: 2 Hours

This morning follow the winding road beside the Pa-Chu (Chu means water) downstream to its confluence and then up the Wangchu River to Thimphu, the capital. Afternoon. Visit the Memorial Chorten. Built in 1974 by the Royal Grand Mother.

The shrine is dedicated to the late king Jigme Dorji Wangchuk You will see a lot people circumambulating to atone their present sins and receive merit for the next life. Overnight hotel.

Day 4. Thimphu - Punakha

Distance: 77 Km. Driving: 3 Hours.(Punakha Altitude 4200ft/1280m)

Early rise and drive to the Dochula (3150m pass) for breakfast. If the weather is clear, the Dochula offers the most spectacular views of the eastern Himalayan mountain ranges. We then drive to Punakha for lunch at the hotel. After lunch we visit Punakha Dzong, the most beautiful in Bhutan. Built in 1637 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyel. The Dzong is located at the confluence of two rivers, the Pho-Chu & Mo-Chu. We then drive to Nyzergang to visit the Khamsum Yuelly Namgyal Temple. Night Punakha.

Day 5. Punakha - Limukha

Distance 12 km, about 4 -5 hours. Limukha altitude: 7280/2220m)

Drive to Punakha Dzong. The trek begins with the gradual climb through Chirpine forests. A stop to visit the village of Dampo-la can be organized depending on the group's choice. Overnight Camp.

Day 6. Limukha - Chungsakha

Distance -14 km, about 5 -6 hours. Chungsakha alt:6070ft/1850m)

The trail today takes you through rhododendron and oak forested areas. En route pass the famous Drukpa Kunley Lhakhang. Overnight Camp.

Day 7. Chungsakha - Samtengang

Distance -13 km, about 4- 5 hours. Samtengang alt.:6725ft/2050m

The trail now takes you through the village of Sha Wangdue district. Camping at Samtengang lakeside.

Day 8. Samtengang- Chhuzomsa - Wangdue. 10Km. about 1-2 hours

The trail now drops down to the main road. Drive to Wangduephodrang. Lunch at the hotel. Rest day or you can visit Wangdue Dzong or take a hike to the Divine Mad Man Monastery (Chimi Lhakhang). Overnight hotel.

Day 9. Wangdue – Thimphu – Paro

Early morning drive to Thimphu for lunch. Some last day shopping and sightseeing if you have some part of Thimphu you would like to see. Late evening drive to Paro.

Day 10. Departure

In morning drive to Airport for your departure back home.