

7 Days Amazing Bhutan Cultural Tour

Day 01| Arrival in Paro – Thimphu (Driving hours - 1.5 Hr) L/D

Upon your arrival in Paro airport our guide will be there to welcome you and transfer to Thimphu. After Lunch visit the **Memorial Chorten** built in memory of the late 3rd King. This place now happens to be a get together point for the elderly people, who spend their whole day chanting prayers and meeting their friends. Visit **Changangkha Lhakhang**, the oldest temple in the valley offering a beautiful view of the valley. Enclosure where the national animal, **Takins** are kept and drive to visit the largest and the newly built statue of Buddha offering magnificent view of entire Thimphu valley, After 5 PM, visit the fortress of Thimphu, **Tashichho Dzong**, which houses the throne of the king. Evening walk around the happening town, the largest and the most crowded town in Bhutan

Overnight: Thimphu | Altitude: 2300m

Day 02| Thimphu Sightseeing B/L/D

Morning visit the happening **weekend market** (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) where the locals from the surrounding villages come to sell their produce. They sell their goods and in return they buy their basic necessities. In olden days, bata system was practiced by everyone. Visit the **traditional Hand Made Paper Mill**. Visit the **School of Arts and Crafts** where students learn 13 different arts used predominantly in Bhutan. Visit **Folk Heritage Museum** which explains how a traditional house used to be like in the olden days, later visit the **National Library** which houses the collection of Bhutanese rich religious text and the contemporary Buddhism teachings from master all around the world. Drive further up to visit the **Dechenphodrang monastic school** and meet the young monks. Later continue to **Zilukha nunnery** to meet the nuns and interact with them.

Overnight: Thimphu | Altitude: 2300m

Day 03| Thimphu – Punakha (Driving hours- 3 Hrs) B/L/D

Morning drive to Punakha, crossing over **Dochula pass (3200 mts)**, If the weather permits one can enjoy a spectacular breath taking view of the highest mountain peaks of Bhutan at a site that stretches almost 180 degrees. Take a break and walk around the newly built 108 stupas and continue to the sub-tropical valley of Punakha offering a different vegetation. En route just before arriving the hotel, take a nice hike through the paddy field and old village to **visit Chimi Lhakhang**, the temple of fertility associated with religious art of phallus.

Visit **Punakha Dzong**, which houses the most elaborated temple in the country, This is a must to see fortress in Bhutan and a fine example of Bhutanese rich Art and Architecture. After the visit if you are in mood for a nice half-day hike, you could start the hike right above the Dzong with a short steep climb offering a great view of the valley with houses spread all around and the never ending turquoise river and its sandy river bed. This trail is also popular for mountain biking. The hike ends through the farm field crossing the newly constructed bridge, where your car will be waiting at the other side of the river. If you choose the entire activity can be done on foot from your hotel. After lunch could relax in the balcony of the hotel to enjoy the view and the nature, or could go for an hour hike (uphill) to the temple of **Khamsum Yuley Lhakhang** overlooking the paddy field and the snakelike river bends. Later back to the hotel.

Overnight: Punakha

Day 04| Punakha – Paro (Driving hours- 4.5 Hrs) B/L/D

Early morning it will be a treat to walk up to the hilltop to visit the nunnery and interact with the nuns and enjoy the magnificent view of **Punakha and Wangdi valley**. Later after breakfast retrace your drive back to Paro. En route could stop in Thimphu for lunch. After lunch could continue some of the sightseeing that you might have had missed earlier, later in the afternoon continue your drive to Paro. Upon arrival in Paro, we will visit **Farm House**, after that, check in the hotel.

Overnight: Paro | Altitude: 2200m

Day 05 | Paro Sightseeing B/L/D

Morning drive to **Chelela Pass, 3800m** one of the highest motorable road in Bhutan, If the weather permits one can view the most scared and the highest mountain peak in the country Mt. Jomolhari (7314m) overlooking at you. Walk around the pass with prayer flag fluttering and enjoy the fresh air, afternoon back to the hotel. Later visit **Paro Dzong** on foot and continue walking through the oldest wooden bridge still in use. Continue further to stroll around the old Paro town and peep into some local handicrafts stores. Could get some opportunity to see the traditional game, **Archery match** going on, Evening back to the hotel

Overnight: Paro

Day 06 | Paro Sightseeing B/L/D

Morning drive to the base for the hike (3 hrs uphill) to **Tiger's Nest**, the most revered temple in the country that literally hangs on a granite cliff overlooking the Paro valley. Most of the day will go on the hike. On the way back, if you have the energy and time visit the **Kichu Lakhang**, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan which marks the beginning of Buddhism in the country, farewell dinner with your guide

Overnight: Paro

Day 07 | Departure B

Morning transfer (15 mins) to the airport for your departure flight, your guide will bid you farewell at the airport.

Tariff as follow

7 Days Bhutan Package 2020-2021 Tariff

Season/ Package Cost	1 Pax	2 Pax	3 Pax & 3 Pax above
Low Season (January, February, June, July, August & December)	USD2575	USD2515	USD2335
Peak Season (March, April, May, September, October & November)	USD2875	USD2815	USD2635

** Tariff is based on US Dollars (USD) per person per package

Included in the minimum daily tariff package:

- * Visa process and arrangement – **Passport copy required only**
- * Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) and all other taxes
- * All accommodations in 3 star standard hotels—Twin sharing room

Hotel Options

- Thimphu:** Osel Hotel or similar
- Paro:** Tenzinling Resort or similar
- Punakha:** Zhingkhram resort or similar
- * All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)
- * Full time English speaking guide
- * Private transportation for airport pick up/ drop and all sightseeing
- * Entrance fees to events, historic sites, museums and parks as indicated in the itinerary
- * Complimentary 1 bottle of mineral water daily in the vehicle only
- * **International flight ex SIN: Singapore – Paro, Bhutan – Singapore return flight – economy class,**
 KB541 SIN –PBH 1155-1555HRS
 KB540 PBH –SIN 0805 -1610HRS
 (Stopover in Guwahati, no need get off from aircraft)

Not included in the minimum daily tariff package:

- * Refreshment, water and any alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages
- * Travel Insurance – strongly recommended
- * Luxury star hotels and resorts available at an additional cost
- * Luxury camping/trekking can be arranged at an additional cost
- * Gratuities to guide, driver, trekking staff, etc
- * Specialized guides (Foreign Language, Photography, Bird Watching, Buddhism or any specialized guide) available at an additional cost
- * Any personal expense

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