5 Days Magical Bhutan Tour

Valid till 31 Dec 2013

Entry, Exit: Paro (Fly in Fly out)
Destination: Paro and Thimphu

DAY 1, ARRIVE PARO:

On your journey to Paro, the panoramic views of the Himalayas are sensational, including the Everest and other famous Himalayan Peaks. The approach through the Bhutanese foothills and the landing, including a few steep turns to land at the tiny airstrip of Paro becomes more exciting as you enter Bhutan.
On arrival received by Bhutanese guide from Ideal Travel Creations.

After lunch, visit

Ta Dzong; an ancient watchtower, which now houses the National Museum of Bhutan.
Paro Rinpung Dzong: **M**eaning "fortress of the heap of jewels". The dzong now serves as the administrative and judicial seat of Paro district and residence for around 200 monks of Paro and was built at the same time of Drukgyel Dzong.The famous Paro tshechhu (festival) is held here in spring.

Overnight in Hotel

Day 2. PARO

After breakfast, excursion to Taktshang Monastery.

Taktshang Monastery; The primary lhakhang was built surrounding Guru Rimpoche's Meditation cave in the 1684 by Gyaltse Tenzin Rabgay. his incredible monastery clings to the edge of a sheer Rock cliff that plunges 900 meters into the valley below. Legend has it that Guru Padmasambhava flew here on the back of a tigress. It is a two to three hours excursion uphill; however, one feels truly blessed reaching the monastery.

After lunch sightseeing includes;

Ruins of the Drukgyal Dzong. It was here that the Bhutanese finally defeated the invading Tibetans and drove them back. Peak of Jumolhari 'Mountain of the Goddess' can be seen on a clear day from here (Alt. 7,329 m /24,029 ft.).

Kyichu Lhakhang: This temple is one of the oldest buddhist temple in Bhutan. The Tibetan King, Songtsen Gompo, to consecrate the entire region of Himalaya, in the 7th century miraculously built 108 temples. Kyichu Lhakhang is considered to be one of them.

Over night in Hotel.

Day 3: PARO - THIMPHU *(65 Kms, 1.5-2 Hrs drive)*

After breakfast, sightseeing includes;

Dungtse Lhakhang: This is a little three storied chorten-shaped temple. Built in 1421 by Thangtong Gyelpo on the top of head an ogress. The temple restored in 1841 by the 25th Head

Abbot of Bhutan, Sherab Gyeltshen. This temple is unique in Bhutan and shows the progressive stages of tantric Buddhism.

Ugyen Pelri palace: Built by the then Paro penlop, Tshering Penjor, this palace is in a scheluded wooded compound on the west side of the Paro Rinpung Dzong. The palace is designed after the Guru Rinpoche's Celestial paradise, known as Zangtopelri.

Drive to Thimphu.

After lunch, sightseeing in Thimphu includes;

Sangaygang view point: (2685 meters) to have view of whole Thimphu valley and walk through hundreds of colorful prayer flags that dot the hill overlooking the Thimphu valley.
Takin Reserve Centre. The takin, the national animal of Bhutan can be seen here. This particular animal is found only in the Himalayan region.

Drupthob Lhakhang: This Lhakhang is one of the few surviving nunneries in Bhutan.
Changangkha Monastery: This monastery is built on a hill over looking the Thimphu valley. It was built in 15th Century by Lama Phajo Drugom Zhipo. Many parents of Thimphu take their their new born babies to this monastery to be blessed by a high lama.

Over Night in Hotel.

Day 4: THIMPHU – PARO.

After breakfast, sightseeing includes:

Kuenselphodrang: **A place for refreshing with a huge statue of Buddha on the top of the Kuenselphodrang. The area also gives a very good view of the Thimphu valley from the west.**

National Memorial Chorten: Built in 1974 in the honour of our late King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck.

Textile Museum: The museum showcases the living national art of Bhutanese weaving. Operated by the National Commission for Cultural Affairs in Bhutan, the Museum was established in 2001. Since it's establishment the museum has a substantial collection of antique textile artifacts, exclusive to Bhutan and has generated national and international attention.

After lunch, sightseeing includes:
The Folk Heritage Museum**:** Founded by Her Majesty the Queen Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck the museum is one of a kind that portrays the lifestyle of a family in the Thimphu valley in the olden days.

The Institude for Zorig Chusum: Students are taught the 13 traditional arts and crafts of Bhutan in this institute.

The Institute of Traditional medicine: Medicines are prepared according to the Tradition practices here.

Tashichho Dzong: Seat of the National Government and the Central Monastic Body, including the summer residence of the Je Khenpo, The Chief Abbot of Bhutan.
In the evening, drive to Paro.
Over night in hotel.

DAY 5, DEPARTURE:

After breakfast, drive to Paro Airport and farewell.

Package Cost for foreign Nationals other than Indian, Bangladeshi and Maldivians

High Season (March, April, May, September, October, November)

1 pax	**– USD**	**1350**
2 pax	**– USD**	**1310 per pax**
3 – 10 pax	**- USD**	**1190 per pax**
11 – 15 pax	**- USD**	**1150 per pax**
16 pax and above	**- USD**	**1134 per pax**

Low Season (January, February, June, July August, December)

1 pax	**– USD**	**1170**
2 pax	**– USD**	**1130 per pax**
3 – 10 pax	**- USD**	**1010 per pax**
11 – 15 pax	**- USD**	**978 per pax**
16 pax and above	**- USD**	**965 per pax**

The above cost covers 3 meals a day, driver, English speaking certified guide, Transportation within the country, accommodation on twin sharing basis, Government Royalty and taxes, sightseeing, visa fee and museums and monuments fees only.

The cost does not include Druk Air fares, bar bills, laundry bills, Telephone bills and other bills of personal nature, any kinds of bottled drinks

Nature of Tour: The Tour will be a private Tour with your own guide and a Driver (which means you will not join any other group).

Vehicle: We use imported Japanese Cars and buses for the Tour.

Guide: We use highly experienced, Government certified and licensed guide.

Hotel: We use Government approved Hotels for International Tourists. Hotels in Bhutan are categorized into Class A, B, C and D depending upon the services. Class A being the best and Class D being the lowest Category. We use only Class A Hotels.

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