

## Bhutan – 07 dias



### Day 01 Arrival Paro- drive to Thimpu

Breakfast at hotel, the flight into Bhutan takes you over the great Himalayas, offering the scintillating scenery of the world's highest glacial peaks.

As you enter Paro valley, you will see the silvery Pa Chu (Paro River) meandering down the valley, the Paro Dzong (fortress) and Ta Dzong (watch tower).

On arrival in Paro you will be received by our representative

Drive to Thimpu(55 Kms/ 01 Hr.). En route visit **Simtokha Dzong**, the oldest fortress of the Kingdom which now houses the School for religious and cultural studies. Evening free. Overnight Thimpu

### Day 02 Thimpu

There are a good many things to see in the capital which has a very relaxed, laid-back feel about it. Thimphu is relatively small having a population of approximately 90,000 people and the streets are wide and tree lined. In the morning visit the Buddha Point, the National Library,

#### **Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang)**

Located at a short drive from Thimphu city centre, visitors can get a good overview of the Thimphu valley from the Buddha point (Kuensel Phodrang). You can pay your obeisance and offer prayers to the Buddha, the largest statue in the country and then walk around and take a glimpse of the valley.



Visit **National Memorial**

**Chorten:** The building of

this landmark was envisaged by the third king, His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, as a monument to world peace and prosperity. Completed in 1974 after his untimely death, it is both a memorial to the Late King (“the Father of modern Bhutan”) and a monument to world peace. The paintings and statues inside the monument provide a deep insight into Buddhist philosophy. **Overnight at hotel**

### Day 03

**THIMPU – Punakha 2 &1/2 Hrs.**



In the morning after early breakfast we drive to Punakha VIA Dochula. Leaving Thimphu the road climbs via a series of zigzags over the Dochu La Pass, 10,000ft/3,048m. On a clear day panoramic views can be had of the eastern Himalaya, including Bhutan's highest mountain, Gangkar Punsum, 24,770ft/7,550m.

Punakha the old winter capital is 3 Hrs. drive from Thimphu. After Dochula the road drops down through varied forest finally emerging into the highly-cultivated Punakha valley. In the afternoon hike to Chimi Lhakhang, the divine mad monk's temple. It is a beautiful walk through a lovely village. The temple can be visited and there is a tree outside which is supposed to have sprouted up after Drukpa Kunley sent a thunderbolt from an adjoining valley to kill some evil spirits who had gathered at the site. Also visit the courtyard of Punakha Dzong . Overnight in Punakha.

#### DAY 4: Punakha

Visit the beautiful Khamsum Yule Namgyel temple ( 30 mins round trip from the road). Overnight Punakha.

Drive through the idyllic countryside north of Punakha and trek for about (½ hr each way) to visit Khamsum Yeulley Chorten temple. In addition to its great art-works, there walk to and from is interesting through the paddies and village and the view is also magnificent



#### Day 05 Punakha – Paro 3 & ½ Hrs.



After breakfast drive back to Paro VIA Thimphu Upon arrival check in at the Hotel . Afternoon City Tour  
**Ta Dzong** (Sun, Mon Govt holiday closed): once a watchtower, built to defend Rinpung Dzong during inter-valley wars of the 17th century, Ta Dzong was inaugurated as Bhutan's National Museum in 1968. It holds fascinating collection of art, relics, religious thangka paintings and Bhutan's exquisite postage stamps. The museum circular shape augments its varied collection displayed over several floors.

Afterwards, walk down a hillside trail to visit

**Rinpung Dzong**, which has a long and fascinating history. 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. The approach to the Dzong is through a traditional covered bridge called Nemi Zam. A walk through the bridge, over a stone inlaid path, offers a good view of the architectural wonder of the Dzong as well as life around it. It is also the venue of Paro Tshechu, held once a year in the spring. **Overnight at hotel**



#### Day 06 Paro

##### Day excursion to Tiger's Nest

Taktshang or 'Tiger's Nest' as it is often referred to for Taktshang Pelphung monastery, is one of the most venerated and famous of Bhutan's monasteries. It is located on the face of a 900m sheer cliff. It is an impressive and unmissable site, but accessible only by walk or to ride mules/pony. From the trail head at Rumtokto (2600m), the walk till the Cafeteria is a steep one hour uphill (about 350m ascent). From the Cafeteria (2940m), one can get a good close-up view of Taktshang. Savor views of the monastery over a well deserved cup of tea and biscuits at the cafeteria and continue uphill for another 45 minutes to a high observation point (3140m) where there is a Chorten. From this vantage point, the lookout to the monastery is a very spectacular and seems almost close enough to touch. It is now on the other side of a deep chasm, only around 150m away as bird flies, but takes half hour or even more to reach. Continue down the flight of cliff-hanging steps on the



narrow trail to a beautiful waterfall that plunges down the deep chasm and alongside is a retreat hermitage, jammed dramatically into a rock crevice. Then climb up the flight of steep steps to the monastery. At any point on this walk, you can always return if you find it too difficult. Once inside the monastery, there are several shrines or temples with few monks in residence. After visiting Taktshang monastery's many shrines, most tours schedule lunch at the Cafeteria upon return. After lunch, retrace back to the road-head where you started in the morning. The return from Cafeteria is all downhill and takes just over half hour. Further, if you have more time, energy and ready for more challenging day, you can start early and trek beyond Takstang to see several monasteries, temples, retreat houses in the surrounding area. The most notable among them are Zangdopelri and Ugyen Tsemo. Pony/horse can be hired for ride up till the Cafeteria. However you cannot ride beyond the cafeteria or come down hill on the horse. According to the legend, Guru Padmasambhava or Guru Rinpoche, who spread the Buddhism across the entire Himalayas is said to have flown here in the 8th century on the back of a Tigress, in order to subdue negative spiritual forces that were hostile to spread of Buddhism. In 853, one of his students, Pelgyi Senge mediated here in the main cave. The stupa inside one of the temples contains his mortal remains and therefore the cave is known as 'Pelphung or Pelgi's cave'. Subsequently many great spiritual masters such as Milarepa, Thangthong Gyalpo, Phajo Dugom Zhigpo, Shadrung and many others, passed periods here in profound meditation. In 1692, Tenzin Rabgye built a two storey temple around what little may have existed previously. This was expanded and refurbished many times over the period of time. Taktshang and several temples in the area were burnt down in 1951 by fire accident but much of them remained intact and most of the relics were saved. Soon after, the, Taktshang was rebuilt by population of Tsento village. Again in April of 1998, a major fire destroyed the main structure of the building and its contents (some believe it to be arson). Reconstruction began in 2000 and was completed and consecrated after extensive efforts and financial support of Governments as well as donors.

**Day 07 Paro- Departure Flight**

**After breakfast in time transfer to Paro Airport to connect departure flight.**

(El monto en dólares estadounidenses debe enviarse directamente a nuestra oficina de Bután, incluidos los cargos de transferencia aplicables)  
 PUEDE aplicarse un suplemento para el hotel Paro en caso de que la reserva se realice del 20 al 26 de marzo, siendo el 24 el período del Festival de Paro.  
 Necesitaremos una copia clara de los siguientes documentos en formato JPEG para aplicar SDF  
 Pasaportes válidos del huésped.  
 Fotografía tamaño pasaporte  
 Seguro de viaje al extranjero

**Hotels Envisaged:**

Option	Thimpu	Punakha	Paro
Standard	Thimpu Residency / Amodhara	Pema Karpo / Punakha Residency	Soenam Tshokang / Nirvana Inn – Veg. / Khamsum – Veg. / Yang Bhutan / Zhideychen Resort
Superior	Phuentshopelri / Gakyil / Pedling	Zhingkhram / Sonamgang / Vara / Damchen	Olathang / Rema Resort / Metta Resort / Shomo



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**Incluye:**

Estancia de seis noches (2 Paro + 2 Thimpu + 2 Punakha) en Bután según itinerario en habitación de categoría base  
Desayuno y cena diarios  
Almuerzo en restaurante local.  
Todo el transporte en el lado de Bután según el itinerario en Creta o SUV equivalente.  
SDF a 100 USD por persona y noche para huéspedes entrantes  
Guía de habla inglesa cum acompañante  
Tarifa de VISA para huéspedes extranjeros @ US\$ 40 por persona  
Todos los impuestos aplicables actuales

**Extras a pagar:**

Entradas a monumentos @ US\$100 por persona  
Todos los gastos de carácter personal como propinas, lavandería, llamadas telefónicas, bebidas en la mesa, seguro de viaje, etc.  
En caso de que la habitación de categoría base NO esté disponible en el momento de la reserva, se aplicará el suplemento de la siguiente categoría disponible.  
Las cotizaciones se basan en habitaciones de categoría base en los hoteles mencionados; en caso de que las habitaciones de categoría base NO estén disponibles, se aplicará el suplemento de la siguiente categoría disponible.  
Cobertura de seguro médico y de viaje.  
Bebida/bebida de mesa.  
Bebidas/bebidas durante las visitas turísticas/conducciones.  
Gastos de comunicación, lavandería, propinas, porteros en hoteles.  
Pony para caminata hasta el Nido del Tigre @ US\$25 P.P. hasta la cafetería a mitad de camino  
**El billete de avión Delhi-Paro-Katmandu es de aprox. US \$ 580/-personas en clase económica, impuestos incluidos; fecha sujeta a cambios y asiento disponible a partir de ahora según los siguientes detalles:**

22 de marzo del 24 Delhi-Paro KB 203 0410 Hrs. / 06.40 Hrs.  
28 de marzo de 24 Paro-Katmandu KB 400 07.40 h. / 08.40 Hrs.

TODAS LAS TARIFAS AÉREAS MENCIONADAS ARRIBA: vigentes en la fecha, sujetas a cambios

**Nota especial:**



Cotización basada en habitaciones de categoría BASE en los respectivos hoteles; en caso de que la categoría base NO esté disponible, se aplicará el suplemento de la siguiente categoría disponible.

El pago debe enviarse mediante transferencia bancaria en dólares estadounidenses, incluidos todos los cargos de transferencia bancaria aplicables.

Bután es un país libre de tabaco y, por lo tanto, el tabaco no está disponible legalmente. Se pueden transportar hasta 300 cigarrillos para uso personal declarándolos en la aduana a su llegada y pagando los derechos correspondientes al 100% sobre los cigarrillos indios y al 200% sobre los cigarrillos fabricados en el extranjero.

La mayoría de los hoteles tienen habitaciones tanto para fumadores como para no fumadores; sin embargo, los hoteleros prefieren no fumar en las habitaciones porque la mayoría de los hoteles están hechos de madera.

La mayoría de los hoteles en Bután tienen habitaciones con dos camas individuales en lugar de habitaciones dobles (la mayoría), aunque también hay disponibles un número limitado de habitaciones con camas dobles. Las habitaciones reservadas para sus invitados tienen cama doble.

Se permite importar una botella de licor por persona libre de impuestos a Bután.

La hora de cenar en Bután suele ser a las 7 de la tarde. Los hoteles/restaurantes pueden tener buffet solo en caso de que tengan un grupo en el hotel que vaya a cenar con ellos, de lo contrario sería un menú fijo. Los pedidos a la carta suelen ser muy lentos, por lo que si desea cenar en su hotel, se recomienda realizar su pedido al menos antes de las 5 p. m. para la cena y antes de las 11:00 hrs. para el almuerzo.

Los conductores y guías butaneses son sinceros, trabajadores, honestos y puntuales. Sin embargo, como desayunan muy temprano en la mañana (generalmente antes de las 7 am, están acostumbrados a almorzar entre las 11 y las 12 am, por favor tenga esto en cuenta especialmente). Mientras viaja con un conductor largo, ya que su conductor podría pedir un descanso para almorzar, cenar en el mismo restaurante (dentro del restaurante en la mayoría de los lugares en lugar de sentarse en un área diferente).

El vehículo estará con usted estrictamente según el itinerario y no estará a su disposición.

#### **Cancellation policy for package:**

60-45 days before arrival 30% cancellation

45-30 days before arrival 50% cancellation

30 days from arrival 100% cancellation

No refund for early departure/unutilised services

#### **Bhutan VISA for Foreigners :**

Effective 1<sup>st</sup> August'2010, Tourism Council of Bhutan in association with Immigrations Department issues e-VISA notification. To process the VISA, we shall require scanned copy of guest's passport and information about entry / exit ports, duration of stay and hotels being used during entire stay in Bhutan. Present Bhutan VISA fee is US\$ 40 per person and is usually payable with Bhutan Package cost unless specified mentioned. Once e-VISA is being handed over to the guests, they must carry it along with to board the flight to Paro or to enter Bhutan by surface because based on this e-VISA, Immigration officer at respective entry point shall endorse VISA in guest's passport, the **passport MUST be valid for at least 6 months from the date of guest's final departure from the country.**

The Department of Immigration has put in place the biometric system for all foreigners flying into Bhutan. The passengers will enrol their finger prints through a biometric system along with a photograph which will be captured and recorded. The application of the new system started on 12<sup>th</sup> March'2014. The biometric system will soon be placed at the Border Immigration Check Points at Samdrup Jongkhar and Phuntsholing as well.

#### **Bhutan Flight cancellation for normal FIT fare is as follows:**

##### **TICKET CANCELLATION CHARGES:**

Cancel more than 30 Days 10%

Cancel from 10-29 Days 25%

Cancel from 09-04 Days 50%

**Cancelled within 3 days Non Refundable.**

GST taxes also will be charged in all cancellations along with Rs1000/- service charge per ticket.

(Cancellation received after 4 PM on Monday to Friday will be treated as received next working day, cancellation received on Saturday / Sunday / Holiday will be treated as received NEXT working day)

**Opening & closing timings of places of tourist interest:**

Name	Place	Timings	Closed On
Taksang / Tiger Nest Temple	Paro	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	-
Memorial Chorten	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	-
Punakha Dzong	Punakha	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	-
Paper Factory	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	Gov. Holidays
School of Arts & Crafts	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	Gov. Holidays
National Museum	Paro	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	Gov. Holidays
Royal Textile Museum	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturdays	Sundays & Gov. Holidays
Folk Heritage Museum	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sundays	Gov. Holidays
Institute of Traditional Medicine Museum	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday	Sundays & Gov. Holidays
Ta Dzong Museum	Trongsa	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	Gov. Holiday
Takin Zoo	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Tuesdays - Sunday	Mondays
Tashi Chho Dzong	Thimphu	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Weekdays 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Weekends	-
Royal Botanical Garden	Serbithang	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Summer 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Winter	-
Royal Botanical Park	Lamperi	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Summer 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Winter	-
Black Necked Crane	Phobjikha	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Summer 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Winter	-
Ogyen Choling Museum	Bumthang	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Summer 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Winter	-