

# BHUTAN, LAND OF THUNDER DRAGON FOR 8 D / 7 N



## ☰ Daywise Itinerary

### Day 1 Arrive Phuentsholing from Bagdogra (165 KM 4 Hrs 35 Min)

Begin your journey to Bhutan with a picturesque drive from Bagdogra to Phuentsholing (165 km, approx. 4.5 hours). Upon arrival, complete the immigration formalities and meet your local guide.

Phuentsholing, a bustling border town, offers a unique blend of Bhutanese and Indian cultures. Spend the rest of the day at leisure, exploring the vibrant local markets or enjoying the serene surroundings of this gateway to Bhutan.

Overnight Stay: Phuentsholing

Meals Included: Dinner

City  Phuentsholing Meals included  Dinner

### Day 2 Phuentsholing - Thimphu – capital city 179 km 5 -6 hrs drive

After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Bhutan's capital city, Thimphu (179 km, approx. 5-6 hours). The journey takes you through winding roads, tea plantations, and dramatic mountain landscapes.

En route, admire the lush greenery and quaint villages dotting the countryside. Once in Thimphu, check in to your hotel and relax. In the evening, take a leisurely stroll at the Clock Tower Square, a charming spot filled with local shops and cafes.

Overnight Stay: Thimphu

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

City  Thimphu Meals included  Breakfast  Dinner

### Day 3 Thimphu - Punakha via Dochula pass 77 km 3 hours drive

Process for route permit After that to low lands of Punakha valley touching Dochula pass 10,000 ft and on the stop at Hongtsho village. Stop at the immigration check point to stamp in your permit.


Next to the check point you will find small local stalls selling fresh juicy local apples available for sale in plastic bags you could try some. You will be driving through the first mountain pass in the western part of Bhutan. You will find the 108 Druk Wangyal chortens on the top of the pass where the ridges are draped in colorful prayer flags greet you.

You could take three rounds and offer prayers, take some best photo shots. If the weather is clear you will be able to see the highest peaks towards the north, Gangar Punsum among others is the highest unclimbed peak (24,000 ft) in the world. Proceed down to Thinleygang village and upon reaching Lobesa turn left and enter Punakha valley.

Check in the hotel. Afternoon visit majestic Punakha Dzong placed strategically at the junction of the Pho Chu and Mo Chu rivers, the dzong was built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal to serve as the religious and administrative seat of the region.

It was here that the dual system of government was introduced in the 17th century and in 1907, enthroned the first King Gongsar Ugyen Wangchuk.

Evening at leisure. O/n at Punakha

City  Punakha Meals included  Breakfast  Dinner

### Day 4 Punakha – Paro 145 km 4 hours drive

Post breakfast, journey to Paro (145 km, approx. 4 hours), with a stop at the Royal Botanical Park in Lamperi. Explore the park's diverse flora and fauna, including the elusive red panda and various bird species.

Upon reaching Paro, visit the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong, a fortress with stunning views of the surrounding valley. Later, drive to the base of the iconic Tiger's Nest Monastery (Taksang) and admire its dramatic cliffside setting.

Conclude your day by relaxing at your hotel or exploring Paro's charming streets.

Overnight Stay: Paro

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

City  Paro Meals included  Breakfast  Dinner

### Day 5 Paro sightseeing - Tiger Nest

Morning - if you are adventurous and physically fit to you could hike to the world famous "Tigers Nest" or popularly known as "Taksang" one of the popular spiritual heritage sites.

It was here that the great tantric master Guru Padma Sambhava flew in from Tibet on a tiger to bring Buddhist teachings to Bhutan. (round hike take 7 hours). OR Hike to Dzongdrakha temple often called as mini Taksang, the temple is built in the cliffs above Bondey village.

The walk is not as strenuous as to Tigers Nest OR Hike to Kila Gompa – if you are fit as mountain goat Kila Gompa awaits you. These magnificent clustered temples are built on the cliffs and have been home for nuns for a longtime.

Kila in Sanskrit means subjugating spiritual dagger that destroys the negativities. Hike up and subjugate all your negative energies within you and if it does not give you any spiritual satisfaction you will feel physically rejuvenated after the hike. OR If you want to spend some time near by the river side before reaching Tigers Nest base you will come across a small river where you could stop and walk down near the riverbed.

Experience and feel close to nature and visit some Farm House where you will be able to see the lifestyle of the villagers of Paro.

Afternoon if you are left with some energy you could visit the town for shopping or leisure.

#### Overnight at Paro

City  Paro Meals included  Breakfast  Dinner

#### Day 6 Full Day Haa Valley Excursion

Embark on a full-day excursion to the picturesque Haa Valley, known for its untouched beauty and serene ambiance. The valley is dotted with quaint villages, lush green fields, and pristine rivers.

Explore local temples and enjoy the scenic drive through Chele La Pass, Bhutan's highest motorable road, offering magnificent views of Mount Jomolhari.

Return to Paro in the evening for a relaxed overnight stay.

#### Overnight Stay: Paro

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

City  Paro Meals included  Breakfast  Dinner

#### Day 7 Paro – Phuentsholing 172 km 5 – 6 hrs drive

After breakfast, drive back to Phuentsholing (172 km, approx. 5-6 hours). En route, visit the serene Kharbandi Gompa, a monastery offering panoramic views of the Phuentsholing valley and Bengal plains.

Check in to your hotel and spend your evening at leisure, reflecting on the memories of your Bhutanese adventure.

#### Overnight Stay: Phuentsholing

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

City  Phuentsholing Meals included  Breakfast  Dinner

#### Day 8 Departure

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Bagdogra Airport for your onward journey.

Bid farewell to Bhutan, carrying memories of its tranquil landscapes and vibrant culture.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Meals included  Breakfast

#### Other Facility

- Sightseeing Transfers - Private
- Airport transfers - Private

#### Inclusions

- Accommodation in deluxe hotels as per itinerary.
- Meal Plan: MAP (Breakfast and Dinner).
- Private vehicle for all transfers and sightseeing.
- Entry fees to specified monuments and attractions.
- Permits and guide charges.

### Exclusions

- 5% Gst & Tcs
- Airfare/train tickets.
- Trekking gear and personal expenses.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals other than those specified in the inclusions.
- Anything not explicitly mentioned under inclusions.

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