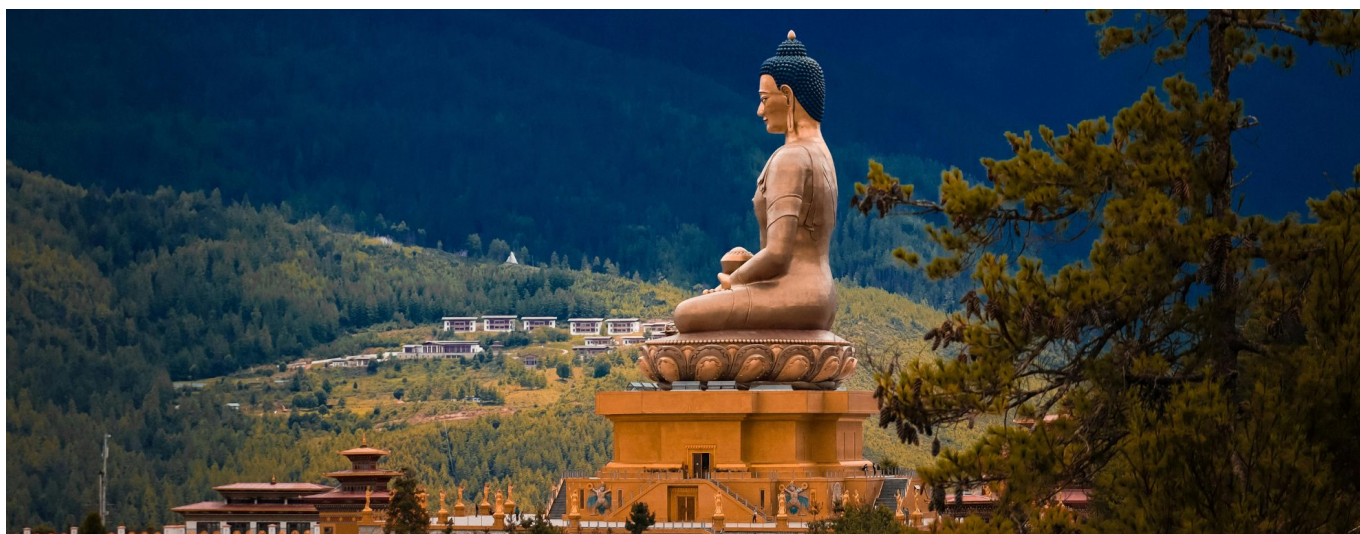




Experience Bhutan – 7 nights– 8 days

Day	Destination
2 nights	Paro - Thimphu
2 nights	Punakha/Wangdue
3 nights	Paro

Day 1: DAY 1: PARO AIRPORT - THIMPHU

Meet & Greet on arrival at Paro Airport and transfer to Thimphu (7,710 ft.), the capital city of Bhutan. On arrival, check in at the hotel. In the evening, you may choose to relax at the hotel or take a leisurely walk around Thimphu City. Overnight stay in Thimphu.

Day 2: DAY 2: THIMPHU SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, visit the **Kuenselphodrang** (Buddha Dordenma). Located at a short drive from Thimphu City Centre, Kuenselphodrang offers a good overview of the Thimphu valley. The largest statue of Buddha in the country sits here, which houses over one hundred thousand smaller Buddha statues. Then visit the **National Memorial Chorten** built in memory of the Third King of Bhutan, and visit the **Folk Heritage Museum**.



(The iconic National Memorial Chorten in Thimphu is one of Bhutan's most revered Buddhist landmarks and a major cultural attraction.)

Afternoon visit **Sangaygang View Point**. The Lookout point offers a stunning panoramic view of the entire Thimphu. On the way back, visit the **Takin Preserve Centre**. Takin is the National animal of Bhutan. Then visit the **Changangkha Lhakhang**. This is a popular Buddhist temple and is especially visited by parents to receive blessings for their newborn. Its interiors are full of murals that depict different stories. In the evening, visit the Tashichho Dzong, first built in 1216 A.D. by Lama Gyalwa Lhanangpa. The Dzong is the seat of the National Government and the Central Monastic Body, including the summer residence of the Je Khenpo (Chief Abbot of Bhutan). Overnight stay in Thimphu.

Day 3: DAY 3: THIMPHU - PUNAKHA/WANGDUE SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, drive to Punakha/Wangdue (4298 ft.), on the way, stop at Dochu-La-Pass (10334 ft.) to view the higher Himalayas. The pass is approximately 25 km from Thimphu and is the highest point between Thimphu and the Punakha/Wangdue Valley. Another attraction is the 108 chorten/stupas (Druk Wangyel Chortens) built close to each other, surrounded by numerous colorful prayer flags. On arrival at Punakha, check in at the hotel. Afternoon, visit Punakha Dzong – built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. For many years, until the time of the second king, it served as the seat of the Government. The Dzong was named Druk Pungthang Dechen Phodrang (Palace of Great Happiness). Punakha is still the winter residence of Je-Khenpo, and King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck convened the first National Assembly here in 1952.



(Chhimi Lhakhang, also known as the Fertility Temple, is a famous pilgrimage site in Punakha, Bhutan.)

After that, take a short and easy hike to visit the **Chhimi Lhakhang** – The Temple, also known as “The Temple of Fertility”, was built by Lama Drukpa Kuenley, “The Devine Mad Man”. Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

Day 4: DAY 4: EXCURSION TO GANGTEY / PHOBJIKHA

After breakfast, start for full day excursion trip to Gangtey Valley (9,842 ft.). On the way, you shall come across different flora and fauna, monuments, villages, and people. Stop at places for sightseeing and photography. While in Gangtey, visit the **Gangtey Goemba**, the only Nyingmapa monastery in western Bhutan, which was established in the 17th century.



(Gangteng Monastery is a historic Buddhist monastery overlooking the beautiful Phobjikha Valley in Bhutan.)

Then explore the Phobjikha valley, one of the most beautiful glacial valleys in the Himalayas and the winter roosting place for the endangered Black-Necked Cranes, which migrate from the arid plains of

Tibet in the north. You may choose to hike around the Valley. After visiting the valley, drive back to Punakha. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

Day 5: DAY 5: PUNAKHA/WANGDUE - PARO SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, **drive to Paro** (7,483 ft.). On the way, **stop at Lamperi to visit the Royal Botanical Park**. This park is a treat for nature lovers as the 36 species of exotic rhododendron and approximately 220 types of charming birds will make your day unforgettable.



(A vibrant floral archway in Bhutan's Royal Botanical Garden, Serbithang, showcasing diverse plant species and serene pathways.)

On arrival, check in at the hotel. Afternoon visit **Ta Dzong – National Museum** with an excellent collection of arts, relics, religious thangkha, etc. Then visit the Rinpung Dzong – Meaning “fortress of the heap of jewels”. The dzong now serves as the administrative and judicial seat of Paro. The rest of the evening at leisure. Overnight stay at Paro.

Day 6: DAY 6: EXCURSION TO TAKTSHANG MONASTERY

After breakfast, drive to the base of the abode of gods and monks, the **Taktshang Monastery**. The monastery is a 2 -3-hour hike uphill from here. One feels truly blessed reaching the monastery. The primary Lhakhang was built surrounding Guru Rinpoche's Meditation cave in 1684, which clings to the edge of a sheer Rock cliff that plunges 900 meters into the valley below. Legend has it that Guru Rinpoche flew here on the back of a tigress, which gives its name “Taktshang,” meaning Tiger's Nest.



(The historic Drukgyel Dzong perched on a hillside in Paro, Bhutan, a symbol of Bhutanese heritage and stunning architecture.)

Afternoon (If time permits), visit the **Drukgyel Dzong**. Built in 1647, the dzong was destroyed by accidental fire and left in ruins as an evocative reminder of the great victories it was built to commemorate. Explore the ramparts and experience an unforgettable view of Mt. Jhomolhari (7,314 m). On the way back, visit **Kichu Lhakhang**, one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Bhutan. Overnight stay at Paro.

Day 7: DAY 7: EXCURSION TO CHELE-LA-PASS

After breakfast, **drive to Chele-La-Pass** (13,088 ft.) – the highest motorable pass in Bhutan. It is approximately around 2 hrs. drive uphill along a densely populated forest road and beautiful natural sights. Stop at places for photography and for bird watching (if a bird watcher). The Pass is beautifully marked by hundreds of prayer flags and provides stunning views of Mountain Jhomolhari and Jichu Drake.



(The cliffside Kila Goemba monastery in Bhutan, offering stunning views of the surrounding mountains)

and serene Buddhist architecture.)

While returning, hike down to **Kila Goemba**, which is a home to Buddhist nuns. The temple and numerous meditation huts dot a rocky cliff and are a serene, peaceful place. **Drive back to Paro.** In the evening, explore the Paro town shopping for souvenirs. Overnight Stay at Hotel.

Day 8: DAY 8: DEPART FROM PARO

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to Paro Airport for your onward journey.

Highlights

This immersive Bhutan journey of **8 days, which** begins in [Paro and leads](#) to Thimphu, where you explore cultural landmarks like Buddha Dordenma, Tashichho Dzong, and the National Memorial Chorten. Continue to Punakha via the scenic Dochula Pass, visiting Punakha Dzong and Chhimi Lhakhang, with an excursion to the serene Phobjikha Valley and Gangtey Monastery. Travel onward to Paro, visiting Rinpung Dzong and Ta Dzong, before embarking on a spiritual hike to the iconic Tiger’s Nest Monastery. The journey continues with visits to Drukgyel Dzong and Kyichu Lhakhang, followed by an excursion to the breathtaking Chele La Pass, offering panoramic Himalayan views. The tour concludes in Paro with cherished memories of Bhutan’s rich culture, spirituality, and natural beauty.

Hotels

Hotels:

No. of Nights	Cities	Hotels
1	Thimphu	Hotel Migmar or similar
2	Punakha / Wangdue	Khang Residency or similar
3	Paro	Gawaling Hotel or similar

Price in INR

STARTING FROM INR 1,02,000 PER PERSON ON TWIN BASIS

Departure Dates

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Dates

May 17, 22, 24, 29, 31

Tour Includes

- Airfare in economy class (BOM – PBH – BOM).
- Accommodation at 3* Deluxe hotels on a twin-sharing basis.
- Meal Plan (Only Set Menu): AP (7 Breakfast, 7 Dinner at hotels only, and 6 Lunch at local restaurant)
- All transfers and sightseeing as per the itinerary on SIC basis only.
- Service of 1 certified English-speaking guide
- Bhutan Govt. SDF Rs. 1200/- per person per night.
- 01 Bottle of water daily during the tour.
- Permit assistance.
- All applicable Taxes in Bhutan.

Tour Excludes

- Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips & gratuity, soft & hard drinks, rafting, rock climbing, portage.
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of the vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.

- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc. (to be borne by the client, which is directly payable on the spot).
- Any increase in taxes or fuel prices, leading to an increase in cost on surface transportation & land arrangements, which may come into effect before departure.
- Travel Insurance if required.
- **Entry Fees for Museums and Monuments as per itinerary.**
- Anything that is not included in the inclusion.
- 5% GST & 2% TCS (The 2% TCS can be claimed by the guest while filing their ITR.)