



5D4N Spiritual Adventure

Join us for the unforgettable tour into the mystical Kingdom of Bhutan; known also as a land of Peaceful Dragon. BHUTAN, is nestled in the heart of the great Himalaya. This tiny beautiful Kingdom only opened its gates to foreigners in 1974. It still remains the society, where age old culture and traditional life continues as it had been for centuries. With about 69% of population still living in rural Bhutan, farming is an occupation for the majority of Bhutanese. Age old barter system is still practiced in some places, and ties within the huge joint family often with more than 50 members are common sights.

DAY 01 : SINGAPORE → BANGKOK

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Check-in at Changi International Airport for Thai Airways International flight to Bangkok city.
Upon arrival, meet and greet by our local representative and transfer to the hotel for check-in and overnight.
Overnight at Novotel Siam Square or Pathumwan Princess Hotel or similar class.

DAY 02 : BANGKOK → PARO – THIMPU

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Rise early and check-out of hotel.
Transfer to the Bangkok International Airport to check-in for Druk Air schedule flight to Paro – the capital of Bhutan.
During the flight one will experience breathtaking views of some of the highest mountain peaks on earth, including Mt. Everest, Kan Cheng Junga, Mt. Jumolhari and Jitchu Drake in Bhutan. Flight through the mountainous region is exciting, and short, but provides an experience that will remain with you for years and landing is even more exciting.
At the Paro International Airport, the airport is designed with blend of modern and traditional Architecture.
After immigration and custom clearance, our tour representative will greet you dressed in Traditional Kho (Male dress) or Kira (Women dress). Welcome you with traditional ceremonial Khadhar (White scarf for Good luck).
Board a car and drive towards Thimpu – the capital of Bhutan, a small city with about 90,000 inhabitants probably the only capital city known for being without modern traffic lights.
On arrival Thimpu, check-in to the hotel and in the evening your guide will take for a walking tour of the city.
Overnight at Thimpu city.

DAY 03 : THIMPU – EXCURSION – PARO

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After breakfast visit Memorial Chorten – you'll have a good view from the top of Thimphu city.
Next the Weekend market housed in a new building area in Thimphu (Open Fri till Sun). This is the meeting place for many farmers (mostly from western part of country), who walk, take horse, and travel by buses and truck to get their wares for sale at this biggest open market place in Bhutan. This place is filled with products ranging from fresh, organic fruits, rice, chillies, wild mushrooms, condiments, and spices, vegetables to yak butter, hardened cheese, and meat. On other side, you will find some village textiles, handicrafts, art, and jewelries. Take a short drive up to north of Thimphu to visit 15th century Changangkha Monastery, and further up to north to see small man made habitat of Takin. This wild animal is internationally endangered and protected in Bhutan. Drive to Thimphu View point, commonly known to younger people as a "Lover's Point". Dating place!!!
Other sightseeing places are visit to indigenous paper making factory, traditional gold and silver smith Govt. work shop, the house of Buddhist herbal incense making unit. Visit to wonderful collection of Bhutanese textile at Textile Museum (recently upgraded). One of our Queens has helped in establishing it to show case and protect our unique cultural textile heritage. 13 arts school, that helps Bhutan conserve our old age 13 arts and crafts. Many high school leavers are enrolled here for vocational training, that would provide on graduation self employment opportunities. National library houses good collection of Buddhist Manuscripts and texts. Trashicho Dzong, Dzong of auspicious religion. Worth visiting it.
After the tour, depart Thimpu back to Paro city.
Arrive at Paro, visit the Rinpung Dzong – this "Fortress O The Heap Of Jewels" is the venue for the annual Paro Tshechu held every spring. Next visit the National Museum located in a former watch tower (which itself is a museum piece above the dzong). The museum displays artifacts from Bhutan's history as well as examples of indigenous flora and fauna.
Overnight at Paro city.

DAY 04 : PARO – TAKTSANG EXCURSION & ACCLIMITIZATION

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Today's highlight excursion in Bhutan, drive to a Taktsang excursion point to start hike to the Taktsang Monastery.
Taktsang Monastery, (*Taktsang means - Tiger's Nest*). Precariously perched on the edge of a 1,200 meter cliff, this monastery creates an impressive sight, and is the unofficial symbol of Bhutan. It is about a two hour, totally up-hill hike from the parking lot to the monastery, though there is a cafe located on ridge across from the Taktshang (about 90 minutes into the walk) that provides a welcome opportunity to take a rest and purchase refreshments and snacks. Taktshang was established as a sacred place for meditation by Guru Rinpoche who visited the site on his second visit to Bhutan in 747 CE, though the first monastery was not constructed until 1694. In 1998 a tragic fire destroyed most of the original buildings, but these have since been painstakingly restored to their former glory. After lunch, hike back same path back and back to the hotel.
Overnight at Paro city.

DAY 05 : PARO → BANGKOK → SINGAPORE

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After breakfast, drive to the Paro International airport to check-in Druk Air flight to Bangkok.
Upon arrival Bangkok city, check-in for Thai Airways International flight back to Singapore.
Arrived Singapore, your holiday ends with wonderful memories.