



6D5N Western Bhutan Highlights

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 – PUNAKHA

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Breakfast in the hotel.
Visit to the Dzong, **The National Memorial Chorten**, located off Jangchhub Lam. This is a great place to visit in the evening when the locals are doing their evening prayers. The stupa was built in 1974 in memory of the third king. Here there are traditional medicine institute and textile weaving centre.
Drive to Punakha across Dochu-la pass (3,088m/10,130ft), from which there is a breathtaking view of the high peaks on a clear day. Until 1951 Punakha served as the winter capital of State and religious affairs of Bhutan. It is still the winter seat of the Je khenpo (chief Abbot). Hike to Temple. Visit village house in Metsina and further hike up to 15th century temple where you can seek blessing from lord of fertility. This temple was initiated by Devine Madman or Erotic Lama. This lama framed Bhutanese version of erotic stories or Kamasutra in 15th Century. Here replica of Poo or Dorji, which symbolizes Listen to unceasing rotation of prayer wheels making repeated sound of bells in the temple. Next visit the Punakha Dzong built during first quarter of 17th century at the junction of Pho Chu and Mo Chu rivers. Originally the town was situated on the riverbank and dominated by the towering walls of Punakha Dzong, the township was relocated to a safer site a few kilometers down the valley, consequent upon extensive flooding in the early 1994. Punakha Dzong still houses many sacred and historic artifacts and also the embalmed body of Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal.
Overnight at Punakha.

DAY 04 : PUNAKHA – THIMPHU – PARO

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Breakfast in the hotel.
Drive back to Paro city via Thimpu across Dochu-la Pass (3,088m/10,130ft) from which there is a breathtaking view of the high peaks on a clear day. We'll stop in Thimpu for a cup of tea before driving to Paro city.
On arrival Paro, visit Ta Dzong built as a watch tower and Ta Dzong has since turned into the National Museum.
Next **Kichu Lhakang** is one of the 108 monasteries that were miraculously constructed by King Songten Gampo in one night. It is located just off the road running between Paro bazaar and the Taktsang and if time permits visit the ruins of Drugyel Dzong.
Overnight at Paro city.

DAY 05 : PARO – TAKTSANG EXCURSION & ACCLIMITIZATION

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Breakfast in the hotel.
Today's highlight excursion in Bhutan, drive to a Taktsang excursion point to start hike to the Taktsang Monastery.
Taktsang Monastery, (Tksang 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 06 : 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.