

## Bhutan is rightly known to the world today as the Last Shangri-La. It was the mighty Himalayas

that protected Bhutan from the rest of the world and left this Himalayan jewel blissfully untouched. The Drukpa Kagyupa sect of Mahayana Buddhism provided the essence of a rich culture and fascinating history. The Bhutanese people protected this sacred heritage and unique identity for centuries by choosing to remain in a jealously guarded isolation.





This country of rolling hills and towering crags certainly exudes charm. The mountains are magnificent, the forests are dense, the people are delightfuly, the air is pure, the architecture inspiring, the religion exciting and the art superb. Like timeless images from the past, the traveller encounters the full glory of this ancient land through its strategic fortress known as Dzongs, numerous ancient temples,

monasteries and stupas which dot the countryside, prayer flags which flutter along the high ridges, wild animals which abound in dense forests, foamy white waterfalls which are the ethereal showers, and the warm smile of its friendly people. With its beautiful and largely unspoiled Himalayan setting, its rich flora and fauna and its vibrant Buddhist culture, Bhutan has become an increasingly popular destination for international tourists.



# 6 Days/5 nights Scenic Bhutan Private Tour

\*\*\*Bhutan ~ Kingdom of Happiness \*\*\*

By Newly added Direct Charter Flight ex Hong Kong

Thimphu ~ Punakha ~ Paro

Minimum departure: 02 passengers

#### Highlights:

- Direct flight from Hong Kong and return without going via Bangkok.
- Enjoy a Private English Speaking tour and travel at your own pace.
- Minimum departure: Only 2 passengers required.
- Explore the Scenic city of Thimphu, Punakha and Paro.
- Visit the stunning and most sacred Tiger's Nest Monastery in Bhutan, perched at 900 meters above the Paro Valley floor.
- > Breathtaking Nature View from the Dochula Pass Mountain Pass (subject to weather conditions).

Hong Kong Departure Date	Return Date to Hong Kong	Remarks
30 July 2025, Wednesday	04 August 2025, Monday	Summer Holidays
19 August 2025, Tuesday	24 August 2025, Sunday	Summer Holidays
27 September 2025, Saturday	02 October 2025, Thursday	China National Holidays
02 October 2025, Thursday	07 October 2025, Tuesday	Bhutan Tshechu Festival
29 October 2025, Wednesday	03 November 2025, Monday	Chung Yeung Festival
23 December 2025, Tuesday	28 December 2025, Sunday	Christmas Holidays

#### Flight schedule (subject to Government Approval)

 Hong Kong/Paro
 B3 780
 0535/0750 hrs

 Paro/Calcutta/Hong Kong
 B3 788
 1600/2350 hrs

Above Schedule subjected to Government Approval

Day 1 Hong Kong/Paro~Thimphu (55km/1.5 hours) 香港~帕羅~廷布 (L,D)

The flight to Paro is one of the most spectacular in entire Himalayas. Flying along the Himalayan range, the journey offers fascinating views and an exciting descent into the Kingdom. Bhutan's first gift to you as you disembark from the aircraft will be cool, clean fresh mountain air. After immigration formalities and baggage collection, you will be met by our representative, and afterwards drive to **Thimphu 廷布**, the capital town of Bhutan with enroute stop at Chuzom, the confluence of Thimphu and Paro rivers. Three different styles of stupas: Tibetan, Nepalese and Bhutanese adorn this confluence.

Shortly before reaching Chuzom, you will see on your left **Tamchog Lhakhang**, the temple built by Thangtong Gyalpo, a pioneering engineer who introduced the constrution of suspension bridges into Bhutan and Tibet (several of which are still in use today). The present bridge to Tamchog Lhakhang was restored in 2005 in the design of a traditional style with iron chains and crossing this iron bridge is a wonderful experience.

On arrival in Thimphu, check in at hotel.

The capital town of Bhutan and the centre of government, religon and commerce, Thimphu is a unique city with unusual mixture of modern development alongside ancient traditions. Although not what one expects from a capital city, Thimphu is still a fitting and lively place. Home to civil servants, expatriates and monk body, Thimphu maintains a strong national character in its architectural style.

Later in the afternoon visit National Memorial Chorten 不丹國家紀念塔, a large white structure crowned with a golden spire. It is located close to the center of Thimphu City and is one of its most iconic monuments. This is the most ideal spot to interact with locals who throng in large numbers to circumambulate the chorten, whirl the large red prayer wheels and pray at a small shirne inside the gate. The paintings and statues inside the monument provide a deep insight into Buddhist philosophy.

Afterwards an exploratory walk around Thimphu main street and market area.

Explore **Ka Ja Thorm**. Previously known as the Centenary Farmers Market (CFM), Kaja Throm marks a significant transformation in Thimphu's urban landscape and is designated as the Market Quarter where leisure, culture, knowledge, employment, and tourism economic converge. The upgraded Kaja Throm is a vibrant and bustling market Center where the modern and traditional elements of Bhutanese life converage. Whether you're seeking locla handicrafts, farm products, savor local cuisine or simply a place to soak in the atmosphere, Ka Ja Throm provides a quintessential Thimphu experience.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Thimphu (Altitude 2,320m)

Meals: Lunch and dinner

Day 2 Thimphu 廷布 (B,L,D)

Morning after breakfast, take a short drive to the north of town to **Buddha Dordenma 釋迦牟尼大佛**, located atop a hill in Kuenselphodrang Nature Park.

The statue fulfils an ancient prophecy dating back to the 8<sup>th</sup> century A.D. that was discovered by Terton Pema Lingpa (Religious Treasure Discoverer) and is said



to emanate an aura of peace and happiness to the entire world. This massive statue of Shakyamuni made of bronze and is gilded in gold, measures 51.5 meters in height, making it one of the largest statues in Bhutan.

125,000 smaller Buddha status have been placed within the Buddha Dordenma statue, each of these also have been cast in bronze and gilded. Visitors can get a good overview of the Thimphu valley from here.

Then embark on Buddha Drdenma to Changangkha Lhakhang (approx. 1.5 hours easy walk) hike. As you move on this trail, you'll be greeted by a magnificent sight of thousands of prayer flags waving in the breeze, creating a colourful and spiritual welcome. The trail leads you througha pristine forest adorned with tall pines, graceful birch trees, and vibrant rhododendrons. Entire trail is well-maintained and along the way, you'll come across charming gazebos, providing perfect vantage points. Visit Changangkha Lhakhang, one of the ancient temples located on a ridge above Thimphu. It was established on a site chosen by Lama Phajo Drugom Shigpo, who came from Tibet and regarded as the founder of Drukpa lineage in Bhutan. The temple was laid in 12<sup>th</sup> century while the work of which was extended by his son in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The central statue here is Chenrezig in a manifestation with 11 heads. For centuries, parents come here for blessing of their new borns from the protector deity Tamdrin and children are blessed by a phurba (ritual dagger) and given a sacred thread. From temple courtyard, there is fascinating view of Thimphu valley.

Visit **Drubthob Goema / Zilukha Nunnery**: Perched on a promontory, overlooking picturesque Trashichhoedzong and Golf Course, it is the only nunnery in captial known as Zilukha Anim Dratsang, once belonged to the Drubthob (Realized one) Thang Thong Gyalpo often referred to as the King of the open field (in the early 15<sup>th</sup> century with his multiple talents he popularly became the Leonardo da Vinci of the Great Himalayas). You may interact here with some of the nuns who have devoted their life to spirituality and Buddhism.

After lunch, for an insight into traditional crafts of Bhutan, visit **National Institute for Zorig Chusum**, established in 1971. It is the premier institue to preserve and promote thirteen traditional art and crafts of Bhutan. Commonly known as Arts & Crafts School or Painting School, the Institute offers 4-to-6 years courses in 13 traditional arts and crafts of Bhutan.

This is followed by visit to the **Folk Heritage Museum**, dedicated to connecting people to the Bhutanese rual past through exhibits, demonstrations, educational programmes and documentation of rural life.

Concluded the sightseeing fo the day with visit to **Trashichhoedzong**, "fortress of the glorious religion". This is the center of government and religion, site of monarch's throne room and seat of Je Khenpo or Chief Abbot. Built in 1641 by the political and religious unifier of Bhutan, Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, it was reconstructed in 1960s in traditional Bhutanese manner, without nails or architectural plans.

Dinner and Overnight at hotel in Thimphu (Altitude: 2,320m)

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3 Thimphu – Punakha (75km/2.5 hours) 廷布 - 普納卡 (B,L,D)



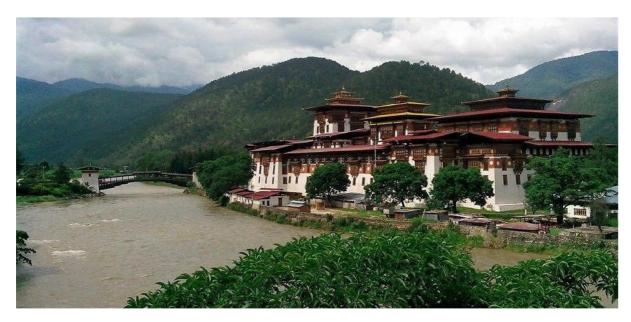
After breakfast, drive to Punakha across **Dochula Pass** 多楚拉隘口 (3,088m/10,130 ft) stopping briefly here to take in the view and admire the chorten, mani wall, and prayer flags which decorate the highest point on the road. If skies are clear, the following peaks can be seen from this pass (left to right):

Masagang (7,158m), Tsendagang (6,960m), Terigang (7,060m), Jejegangphugang (7,158m), Kangphugang (7,170m), Zongphugang (7,060m), a Table Mountain that dominates the isolated region of Lunana – finally Gangkar puensum, the

highest peak in Bhutan at 7,497m.

At **Dochula Pass** 多楚拉隘口, 108 chortens or stupas known as Druk Wangyal Chortens have been built by Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuk, the eldest Queen Mother. These chortens are built in three layers, the first lowest level payer has forty-five chortens, the second has thirty-six and the top layer has twenty-seven, built around the main chorten.

Punakha served as the capital of Bhutan and seat of government until 1955 and still it is the winter seat of Je Khenpo (the chief abbot). Blessed with temperate climate and owing to its natural drainage from Pho Chhu (male) and Mo Chhu (female) rivers, the fertile Punakha valley produces abundant crops and fruits. Located at an elevation of 1300m above sea level, Punakha enjoys mild winters and is popular year-round destination.



After lunch, visit **Punakha Dzong** 普那卡宗 or "Palace of Great Happiness", built at the junction of the Phochu and Mochu rivers in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. This majestic dzong served as both the religious and the administrative centre of Bhutan in the past. It measures some 600 by 240 feet and has a six-storeys, gold-domed tower. Inside are courtyards and religious statuary that hint at the depth of history an spiritual tradition embodied here. Your guide will illuminate your understanding of this intricate culture that is exotic to us, though long established here.

#### Enroute take a short excursion to **Chimi Lhakhang** 奇美廟/求子廟.

The Chimi Lhakhang, situated on a hillock in the centre of the valley, also known as the temple of fertility. It is widely believed that couples who do not have children and wanting one, if they pray at the temple, they are usually blessed with a child very soon. The trail leads across rice fields to the tiny settlement of Pana, meaning "field". A walk through the village near the temple will give you a rare glimpse into the daily life and lifestyle of the villagers.

Upon arrival at Punakha, check-in at hotel.

Evening at leisure.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Punakha (Altitude 1,300m)

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner

Day 4 Punakha – Paro (125km/4.5hours) 普那卡 ~ 帕羅 (B,L,D)

After breakfast, drive to Paro along the scenic highway. On arrival in Paro, check-in at hotel.

The beautiful valley of Paro encapsulates within itself a rich culture, scenic beauty and hundreds of myths and legends. It is home to many of the Bhutan's oldest temples and monasteries, National Museum and country's only international airport. Mount Chomolhari (7,314m) reigns in white glory

at the northern end of the valley and its glacial water plunge through deep gorges to form Pa Chhu (Paro River). Paro is also one of the most fertile valleys in the Kingdom producing a bulk of the locally famous red rice from its terraced fields.

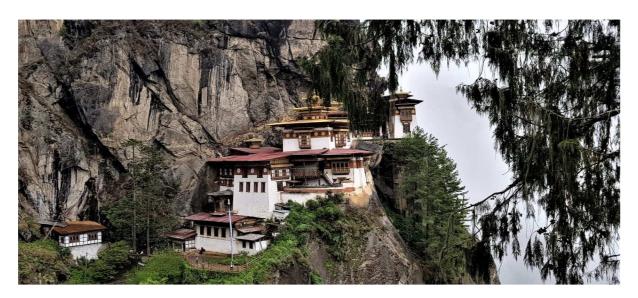
After lunch, visit Ta Dzong 塔宗/不丹國家博物館 which was originally built as a Watchtower, which now houses National Museum. The extensive collection includes antique thangkha paintings, textiles, weapons & armour, household objects and a rich assortment of natural and historic artifacts. Visit Rinpung Dzong 日蓬宗 (Paro Dzong 帕羅宗), meaning "Fortress of the heap of jewels", which has a long and fascinating history. Walk in to visit a traditional farmhouse. These charming structures, often adorned with intricate woodwork and painted in vibrant colors, are a testament to Bhutan's architectural heritage. Visitors have the opportunity to experience the warmth of Bhutanese hospitality, savor authentic local cuisine, witness traditional farming practices, and immerse themselves in the tranquil ambiance of the countryside. It's a unique and enriching way to connect with traditions and way of life that have endured for generations in this picturesque region Here you'll also have opportunity to try your hand in Archery using traditional bamboo bow & arrow. Archery is Bhutan's national sport and integral part of all special occasions.

Dinner and Overnight at hotel in Paro (Altitude 2,280m)

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5 Paro 帕羅 (B,L,D)

After breakfast, depart for an excursion to **Taktshang Monaster or Tiger's Nest** 虎穴寺 (approx. 5 hours round trip walk).



It is one of the most famous Bhutan's monasteries, perched on the side of a cliff 900m above the Paro valley floor. It is said that Guru Rinpoche arrived here on the back of a tigress and meditated at this monastery and hence it is called "Tiger's Nest". This site has been recognised as a most sacred place

and visited by Shabdrung Ngawang Nangyal in 1646 and now visited by all Bhutanese at least once in their lifetime.

Visit the 7<sup>th</sup> century **Kyichu Lhakhang 祈楚寺/千手觀音寺**, one of the 108 temples built in the Himalayas by Tibetn King, Songtsen Gampo. The building of this temple marks the introduction of Buddhism in Bhutan.

Evening explore the Paro local market and city centre.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Paro. (Altitude 2,280m)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner

Day 6 Paro/Hong Kong via Calcutta 帕羅 (加爾各答)~香港 (B,L)

Enjoy breakfast at hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Transfer to airport for your flight back to Hong Kong.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

**BON VOYAGE!** 

#### **Vehicle Envisaged:**

02 persons travelling:

03 – 04 persons travelling:

4 x 4 SUV Hyundai Tucson/Santa Fe Toyota Hiace Bus / Hyundai H1

Type of vehicle arrangements is subject to final confirmation.

### Opening / Closing time of the Monuments mentioned in the itinerary (for your reference only):

Mon-Sun: 0600 hrs – 2000 hrs (Closed on		
Tuesday)		
Mon-Sun: 0900 hrs – 1700 hrs		
Mon-Fri: 1000 hrs – 1630 hrs		
Sat: 1030hrs – 1300 hrs		
Sun: 1130 hrs – 1530 hrs		
Closed on National Holidays		
Mon-Fri : 1400 hrs – 1600 hrs		
Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, National Holidays		
and Winter Holidays (20 December – 10 March)		
Closed on National Holidays & Sunday		
Sat opening time: 1030am – 1300 hrs		
Monday – Sunday:		
0900 hrs – 1300 hrs		
1500 hrs – 1700 hrs (Summer)		
1100 am – 1300 hrs & 1500 hrs – 1700 hrs		
(Winter)		
Mon-Sun: 0900 hrs – 17:00 hrs (Summer)		
0900 hrs – 1600 hrs (Winter)		
Closed on National Holidays		
Monday – Sunday:		
0800 hrs – 1800 hrs (Summer)		
08:00 hrs – 1630 hrs (Winter)		
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Monday – Sunday:		

#### **Bhutan Visa Application:**

#### **Documents Required:**

- Passport copy (minimum validity 6 months excluding the month of travel. The entire page of the passport should be visible without any cropping)
- 2. 01 passport-sized photo

One recent passport-sized photograph (standard passport size 45 x 35mm)

Should not be older than 6 months

should be color copy, portrait style with eyes open and forehead & ears be clearly visible White background without border.

#### **Hotel Envisaged:**

#### **4 Stars Hotel:**

City	Name of hotel	Room Category	No. of nights
Thimphu	The Seva Hotel	Deluxe Room	02
Punakha	Lobesa Boutique Hotel	Standard Room	01
Paro	Kaachi Grand	Sky Deck Room	02

#### **5 Stars Hotel:**

City	Name of hotel	Room Category	No. of nights
Thimphu	Le Meridien Thimphu	Classic Room	02
Punakha	Dhensa Boutique	Suite	01
	Resort		
	(Premium 4 star		
	boutique resort)		
Paro	Le Meridien Paro,	Classic Room	02
	Riverfront		

#### **Important Note:**

The names mentioned in the package indicate that our package rates are based using these hotels mentioned. Do not consider this as confirmation, since none of the hotels have been booked. Hotels will be booked upon receive of acceptance of offer. It any the time of operation/reservation request, the hotels envisaged are not available or sold out, we will book similar accommodation or the next best alternate available in accordance for which we will advise you the supplements if any. All package prices are quoted for said dates only and are subject to change without any prior notice.

## 6 days/5 nights Bhutan Private Tour Price

All prices are quoted per person in Hong Kong Dollars (HK\$).

Tour prices are quoted as per total number of passengers travelling as a private party

## **4 Stars Hotel Category**

Tour Dates	2 passengers travelling together	3 passengers travelling together	4 passengers travelling together	Single Supplement
30 July- 04 Augusut 2025	23,590	23,290	22,690	3,000
19 August – 24 August 2025	23,590	23,290	22,690	3,000
27 Sept – 02 October 2025	25,990	25,590	25,090	3,100
02 October – 07 October	25,990	25,590	25,090	3,100
2025				
(Thimphu Tshechu)				
29 October – 03 November	25,990	25,590	25,090	3,100
2025				
23 December – 28	23,590	23,290	22,690	3,000
December 2025				

## **5 Stars Hotel Category**

Tour Dates	2 passengers travelling together	3 passengers travelling together	4 passengers travelling together	Single Supplement
30 July- 04 Augusut 2025	29,790	29,390	28,790	9,700
19 August – 24 August 2025	29,790	29,390	28,790	9,700
27 Sept – 02 October 2025	33,890	33,490	32,990	11,100
02 October – 07 October 2025	34,690	34,390	33,790	11,900
(Thimphu Tshechu)				
29 October – 03 November 2025	33,890	33,490	32,990	11,100
23 December – 28 December 2025	29,790	29,390	28,790	9,700

#### Tour price inclusions:

- Round trip economy class air ticket between Hong Kong and Paro by Bhutan airlines (as per specifed travel date),
- Hotel accommodation as mentioned on the itinerary based on twin/double sharing,
- Breakfast and dinner at staying hotel,
- Luncheons in local restaurants,
- All transfers and sightseeing in Bhutan as per itinerary,
- Service of local English speaking accompanying guide in Bhutan,
- Entance fees as per itinerary,
- Bhutan e-Visa fee,
- Government Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) of USD 100 per person per night.
- 6 days Travel Insurance,
- 0.15% TIA e-Levy.

#### Our tour pricess does not include the following service:

- ♦ Any passport fees,
- ♦ Any service of tour escort from Hong Kong,
- ♦ Any personal expenses eg telephone calls, internet charge, laundry, camera/video fees etc.,
- ♦ Any beverage during meals (alcoholic or non-alsholic),
- ♦ Any optional tipping to the local guide and driver,
- ♦ Any service not mentioned under inclusions items.

#### **Terms and Conditions:**

- 1. all tour participants shall ensure that they comply with valid visa to Bhutan,
- 2. No change can be made to the printed itinerary, unless by the Organizers in accordance with the provisions herein, once travel has commenced. Unused portions of the itinerary including hotel accommodation, sightseeing tours, airfare and other items included in the tour, are not refundable.
- 3. The Organizers' Liabilities
  - The Organizers, the travel Agent and the Tour Operator shall not under any circumstances be liable, in contract, tort or otherwise, for:
- any of the expenses, damages or losses incurred or sustained by any tour participant which arise from or as a result of the delay or cancellation of any scheduled flight;
- any of the expenses, damages or losses incurred or sustained by any tour participant which
  arise from, or as a result of changes in the travel programmes, routes or timetables provided
  that in the case of such changes which result in a decrease in the cost to the Organizers, an
  amount equal and limited to such decrease only, shall be refunded to the tour participants.
- any of the expenses, damages or losses incurred or sustained by any tour participant which arise from or as a result of the missing of the flight due to the tour participant's failure to

comply with airline check-in and boarding procedures, and/or failure to comply with visa and health requirements of the countries they intend to visit.

#### 4. Other Liabilities:

It is expressly declared that all the airlines concerned, their servants, agents and affiliates are not liable, in contract, tort or otherwise for any loss, damage or injury howsoever caused to the tour participants during the time in transit. The passenger ticket in use by such airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the tour participants and the tour participants shall be deemed to have full notice of the terms and conditions of such contractors.

It is also expressly declared that the Organizers, the Travel Agent and the Tour Operator act only as agents for the owners or contractors providing the means of transportation or other services during the course of the tour. All ticket for such means of transportation or other services are issued subject to any and all items and conditions under which services are offered or provided, and the issuance and acceptance of such tickets shall be deemed to be consent by the tour participants to the further condition that the Organizers and/or the Travel Agent and/or Tour Operator shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way for any loss, damage or injury to the tour participant, the proper effect of such tour participant howsoever caused by such means of transportation or other services.

#### 5. Force Majeure

The Organizer has the sole and absolute discretion to cancel or shorten the duration of any tour in the event of force majeure hostilities, accident of other circumstances beyond the control of the Organizers which render it necessary in the Organizers reasonable opinion that such steps be taken. The Organizers shall be relieved from all liabilities and obligations resulting therefore, upon notice to the tour participants and full refund of any amount paid for the tour or the unused portions of the tour, as appropriate.

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