

## Glance of Bhutan

### 6days/5 nights

#### **Day 1: Arrival at Bagdogra, a drive to Phuntsholing (4-5 hrs.).**

After your arrival to Bagdogra there will be our representatives waiting for the receptions. Your journey begins from there...

Start proceeding towards Phuentsholing through the green beautiful tea garden in Dooars.  
Arrival in Phuntsholing, check in hotel, overnight in hotel.

#### **Day 2: Phuentsholing to Thimphu (5 hrs)**

- After having your breakfast, our representatives will guide you to the immigration office to complete the visa/permit formalities and to obtain it. After getting your permits we will proceed towards Thimphu. On the way to Thimphu you will be taken to
- Kharbandi Goenpa (Rinchending) where you can find the paintings of the life of Buddha and statue of Shabdrung Nawang Namgyel and Guru Rinpochey. After that you will be enrooted drive through picturesque towns of Gedu University and Gedu waterfalls.
- Chhukha- Dam View Point with few possible sightseeing and Chuzom.
- Arrival in Thimphu (check into the hotel)
- Leisure time in town: visit craft bazaar initiated to promote the young talented rural based artists who master the arts and crafts of the age old traditional arts which were passed down from generations and enjoy the night view of Tashichodzong: the beautiful fortress/ monastery which houses most of the government offices and king's Throne room. It's also the summer residence of Je khenpo, the chief Abbot. The fortress is opened from 9 am to 5pm weekends and during week days 5pm-6pm.
- Overnight in hotel

#### **Day 3: Thimphu sightseeing to Punakha via Dochula Passes (Approx 70 kms/2-3 hours)**

- After breakfast you will be guided to the
- Kuensel Phodrang (Buddha Point): Buddha Point is a huge Shakyamuni Buddha Statue constructed in the mountains of Bhutan. It's located a short drive from Thimphu City Centre, visitors get a good overview of the Thimphu Valley from kuensel Phodrang.
- Visit Changangkha Lhakhang, the oldest temple in the valley.
- Visit Folk Heritage Museum which explains how a traditional house used to be like in the olden days.
- Later visit the National Library which houses the collection of Bhutanese rich religious text and the contemporary Buddhism teachings from master all around the world.
- Lunch in the town
- If you can visit the happening weekend market (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) where the locals from the surrounding villages come to sell their produce. They sell their goods and in return they buy their basic necessities. In olden days, barter system was practiced by everyone.

- Drive to Punakha crossing over Dochula pass (3200 mts). If the weather permits one can enjoy a spectacular breath taking view of the highest mountain peaks of Bhutan at a site that stretches almost 180 degrees. Take a break and walk around the newly built 108 stupas (Druk Wangyal Chortens) and
- Visit Druk wangyal lhakhang: which was built in honor of fourth king Jigme Singe Wangchuk and continue to the sub-tropical valley of Punakha offering a different vegetation.
- En route just before arriving the hotel, take a nice hike through the paddy field and old village to visit Chimi Lakhang, the temple of fertility associated with religious art of phallus.
- Check in the hotel in Punakha and overnight stay in hotel.

#### **DAY 4: Punakha sightseeing – drive to Paro**

- Breakfast in hotel
- Visit Punakha Dzong (fortress), which houses the most elaborated temple in the country. This is a must to see fortress in Bhutan and a fine example of Bhutanese rich Art and Architecture.
- Visit Suspension Bridge (longest suspension bridge in Bhutan).
- Later in the afternoon continue your drive to Paro.

#### **Day 5: Paro sightseeing (Hike to Tiger Nest 5 hrs.)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Day hike to Taktsang (Tiger Nest Temple): Morning drive to the base for the hike (5 hrs. uphill) to Tiger's Nest, the most revered temple in the country that literally hangs on a granite cliff overlooking the Paro valley. Most of the day will go on the hike. On the way back, if you have the energy and time visit the hot stone bath available at an additional cost (Eco Farm House).
- Leisure time in the town: Continue further to stroll around the old Paro town and peep into some local handicrafts stores. Could get some opportunity to see the traditional game, Archery match going on.
- Check in the hotel and overnight stay in hotel.

#### **Day 6: Paro sightseeing and drive to Phuentsholing (5 hrs.)**

- Visit the National Museum:
- Visit Paro Dzong (fortress): built in the year 1644 and is also known as Fortress on Heap of Jewels. This fort was basically the defense against several invasions by Tibet. What can be seen here includes its beautiful courtyard, central tower, rich carved wood painted in gold and black; monastic quarters and the picturesque river which flows from west bank, on foot continue walking through the oldest wooden bridge still in use.
- Drive to Phuntsholing
- Lunch on the way
- Check in hotel/ leisure time in the town.
- Overnight in hotel

### **Day 7: Departure from Phuentsholing to Bagdogra (4 hrs.)**

- Breakfast in hotel
- Tour terminates here.
- Our representatives will help you with your exit formalities and they bid you farewell.

#### **Some useful Bhutanese phrases**

Hello:            Ku-zu-zam-po-la (meaning good health)

Thank You:      Ka din chey la

See you:        Lok jey gay

Good bye:       Lus la “or” Laso la