

# Glimpse of Bhutan 05 Days/ 04 Nights

Day 01 Departure for Paro, Bhutan – Thimphu(1.5 Hrs.)

Day 02| Thimphu – Punakha(3 Hrs.)

Day 03 | Punakha – Paro (4.5 Hrs.)

Day 04 Paro Sightseeing

Day 05| Departure

## Day 01| Arrival Paro – Thimphu (1.5 Hrs.)

- Upon your arrival in Paro airport our guide will be there to welcome you and transfer to Thimphu.
- After Lunch visit the Memorial Chorten (temple) built in memory of the late 3<sup>rd</sup> King. This place now happens to be a get together point for the elderly people, who spend their whole day chanting prayers and meeting their friends.
- Visit Changangkha Lhakhang, the oldest temple in the valley offering a beautiful view of the valley.
- Visit the largest and the newly built statue of Buddha offering magnificent view of entire Thimphu valley.
- After 5 PM, visit the fortress of Thimphu, Tashichho Dzong, which houses the throne of the king.
- Evening walk around the happening town, the largest and the most crowded town in Bhutan.

#### Overnight: Thimphu| Altitude: 2300m

# Day 02| Thimphu – Punakha (3 Hrs)

- Morning visit the happening weekend market (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) where the locals from the surrounding villages come to sell their produce.
- Visit the School of Arts and Crafts where students learn 13 different arts used predominantly in Bhutan.
- 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 and 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 sight that stretches almost 180 degrees. Take a break and walk around the newly built 108 stupas and continue to the subtropical valley of Punakha.
- Overnight: Punakha | Altitude: 1350m



#### Day 03 | Punakha – Paro (4.5 Hrs)

- After breakfast drive to visit Punakha Dzong (fortress), which houses the most elaborated temple in the country.
- Hike toward Chimi Lhakhang, the temple of fertility associated with religious art of phallus.
- En route could stop in Thimphu for lunch.
- After lunch could continue some of the sightseeing that you might have had missed earlier, Simthokha Dzong.
- Later in the afternoon continue your drive to Paro.
- Upon arrival in Paro, visit Paro Dzong (Fortress)

Overnight: Paro Altitude: 2200m

#### Day 04 Paro Sightseeing

- Morning drive to the base for the hike (3 hrs uphill) to Tiger's Nest, the most revered temple in the country that literally hangs on a granite cliff over looking 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 Kichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan which marks the beginning of Buddhism in the country.

**Overnight: Paro** 

## Day 05| Departure

Morning transfer (15 mins) to the airport for your departure flight. Your guide will bid you farewell at the airport.

# 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



• Meal plan in all the hotels are CP that is you all will be provided with breakfast only.