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BHUTAN TOUR

06 Days /05 Nights

DAY WISE ITINERARY

DAY 01

12:55 Arrive Kolkata

15:40 Depart from Kolkata by Bhutan Airlines B-3715

17:20 Arrive at Paro

ARRIVE PARO – THIMPHU (Approx. 65 kms/ 2 hours)

After arrival, proceed to the immigration counter. Complete Immigration formalities and you will be met with your chauffeur/ guide at the outside of the airport terminal.

You will be transferred to Thimphu.

Thimphu - is the capital and the largest city of the Kingdom of Bhutan. Thimphu is the political and economic hub of Bhutan. The city is located on the bank of River Wang Chuu. Thimphu contains most of the important political buildings in Bhutan, including the National Assembly of the newly formed parliamentary democracy and the residence of the King. Thimphu holds a fascinating four-day festival, held every year during autumn

Arrive at Thimphu and check-in to your hotel.

Later proceed for a short sightseeing of Thimphu.

(Sightseeing on this day won't be possible if the flight arrival time is beyond 2 pm)

Memorial Chorten - On the western side of Thimphu's Memorial Chorten, a row of wooden platforms sits in the long grass. Each has been polished smooth by the prostrations of faithful worshippers who gather here in sun, rain or snow, to pay their respects to His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuck (1928–1972), the Third King of Bhutan. The Chorten, with its elaborate golden peak representing the crescent moon and sun, is one of Thimphu's most striking religious landmarks. Constructed in 1974, the Tibetan-style chorten's whitewashed exterior boasts richly decorated chapels - one facing each of the cardinal directions.

Overnight stay in Thimphu.

Meal Plan: | Dinner



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DAY 02

Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast, proceed for full day sightseeing tour of Thimphu.

Kuensel Phodrang – The statue was cast in bronze in China and transported by sea and road to this site once occupied by the palace of Druk Desi, a secular ruler of Bhutan in the eighteenth-century. At its completion, the statue will contain 125,000 gilded Buddha statues and a wealth of other statuary.

Takin Reserve & Mini Zoo - Add to Wish List Hidden in a fold of the forest-draped hills high above Thimphu, a herd of takin make their home in the Mothithang Takin Preserve. Formerly a small zoo, the king decreed that the animals should be freed rather than kept in captivity. However, instead of wandering deeper into the hills, the tame takin took to the streets of Thimphu, where they became a traffic hazard as they foraged for food.

Anim Dratshang (Nunnery) - On a hillside above Thimphu's Tashichho Dzong, just off Gaden Lam, stands Thangtong Dewachen Dupthop Nunnery. Home to around 60 nuns, the modest structure was built in 1976 by the 16th incarnation of Thangtong Gyelpo, the famed fifteenth-century "Iron Bridge Monk" who forged chain-link bridges that still span several of Bhutan's fast-flowing rivers. The road to the nunnery offers magnificent views of Tashichho Dzong, while the small complex houses a covered chorten and an unusual pillar topped with two carved deer (symbolic of the Deer Park at Sarnath, where Buddha first taught after his enlightenment)

Folk Heritage Museum - The Folk Heritage Museum, located on the outskirts of Thimphu, recreates a traditional Bhutanese family home inside a beautiful 19th century rammed earth and timber building. Here, the family's prized possessions are on display: shiny wooden bowls line the kitchen shelves, richly patterned fabrics hang alongside aged leopard fur bags in the room next door, and gold glints from thangkhas hung in the family's altar

Royal Textile Academy & Museum - Intricately patterned wild silk kiras from Lhuentse hang alongside rough nettle fiber cloth from Zhemgang in Bhutan's excellent Royal Textile Academy. The museum, housed in an impressive modern building, celebrates the country's vibrant and varied tradition of hand weaving. From the towering applique thangka that overlooks the entrance hall and the sumptuous garments on display in the Royal Gallery to mannequins dressed in simple herders' clothing from Laya, the museum offers an unparalleled chance to learn about and appreciate this unique aspect of Bhutanese culture.

Handicrafts Market – An interesting market with local items and bargain price handicraft goods.

Tashichho Dzong - Standing proudly on the western bank of the Wang Chhu a few kilometers north of central Thimphu, Tashichho Dzong looks every inch the seat of government. While the National Assembly no longer convenes inside the fortress's whitewashed walls, today the dzong still houses the throne room and the king's offices as well as the ministries of home affairs and finance.

Overnight Stay at Hotel

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

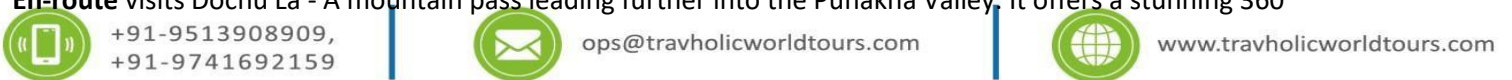
DAY 03

THIMPHU – PUNAKHA (Approx.120 kms/ 4 hours with en-route stop)

Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast, proceed for Punakha.

En-route visits Dochu La - A mountain pass leading further into the Punakha Valley. It offers a stunning 360





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degree panoramic view of Eastern Himalayan mountain ranges. The view is especially scenic on clear, winter days with snowcapped mountains forming a majestic backdrop to the tranquility of the 108 chortens gracing the mountain pass.

Chimi Lhakhang- Built in 1499; Chimi Lhakhang is dedicated to the "Divine Madman," Drukpa Kunley, a sage revered in Bhutan for his unorthodox teachings and his use of a "flaming thunderbolt" to fight evil. While Chimi Lhakhang marks the spot where Drukpa Kunley defeated and buried a much-feared demoness, today the hilltop Lhakhang is visited by expectant mothers and families with newborns to pray for their children's health. Kindly note that a walking of good 45 minutes has to be undertaken.

Suspension Bridge - Behind Punakha Dzong stretches the Punakha Suspension Bridge, the longest of its kind in Bhutan. The bridge connects the dzong with the villages on the other bank of the Po Chhu River -- Shengana, Samdingkha, and Wangkha -- where traces of the Divine Madman Drukpa Kuenley can still be found, in the form of local stories, monasteries and markings on rocks.

Punakha Dzong - Visitors approach the dzong over a long cantilever bridge that spans the Mo Chhu and up a steep flight of wooden steps. The first dochey or courtyard houses Punakha dzongkhag's government offices, with darkened passages leading south around the six-story utse to the monastic quarters that line the second courtyard. The utse contains Bhutan's holiest relic, an image of Chenrezig (the bodhisattva of compassion) that the Zhabdrung brought to Bhutan from Tibet — although this is not on public display.

Check-in to the hotel.

Overnight stay in Punakha

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

DAY 04

PUNAKHA – PARO (Approx. 150 kms/ 4.5 hours)

Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Paro.

Arrive Paro by the afternoon and proceed for a brief sightseeing of Paro.

Paro – The valley extends from the confluence of the Paro Chhu and the Wang Chhu rivers at Chuzom upto Mt. Jomolhari at the Tibetan border to the North. This picturesque region is one of the widest valleys in the kingdom and is covered in fertile rice fields and has a beautiful, crystalline river meandering down the valley.

Kyichu Lhakhang – When it was divined that she was preventing the spread of Buddhism, the great seventh-century Tibetan king SongtsenGampo pinned her in place with 108 magically constructed temples -- allowing Buddhism to flourish above her restrained body. One of Bhutan's two ancient demoness-pinning temples, Paro's Kyichu Lhakhang is believed to hold the demoness's left foot in place. With its tiered roof and luminous white walls, the Lhakhang's age is not immediately apparent. It is only inside the monastery's ancient heart, the Jowo Lhakhang, that the sanctuary's long history is palpable. Golden murals shine faintly from smoke-darkened walls, and the floor has been polished smooth by the feet of countless faithful practitioners. The holiest part of the chapel surrounds the revered seventh-century statue of Jowo Sakyamuni, visible through a gilded door.

Rinpung Dzong - is a large dzong - Buddhist monastery and fortress - of the Drukpa Lineage of the Kagyu school in Paro District, Bhutan. It houses the district Monastic Body and government administrative offices of Paro Dzongkhag. It is listed as a tentative site in Bhutan's Tentative List for UNESCO inclusion.

Ta Dzong – National Museum of Bhutan

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DAY 05

Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast, proceed to visit one of the famous sites in Paro.

Tiger Nest - From a distance, Bhutan's most iconic building seems to float, weightless, halfway up a sheer cliff-face, 900 meters (3,000 feet) above the floor of the Paro Valley. As you wind your way breathlessly up the long, steep path towards Taktsang Lhakhang, the monastery periodically reveals itself, rising out of the forest, closer and more solid with each re-appearance.

Overnight stay in Paro.

Meal Plan: Breakfast | Dinner

DAY 06

Breakfast at Hotel

Check out from the hotel and transfer to Paro Airport Check in for Flight Bhutan Airlines B-3714 to Kolkata at 18:00Hrs and arrive Kolkata at 18:40Hrs and check-in to flight SG 658 from Kolkata @ 17:10Hrs

TOUR COST INCLUDES

Bhutan Airlines Ticket Cost for CCU/PBH/PBH/CCU

05 Nights' Accommodation on Twin/ Triple sharing basis in Bhutan Tour
(02 Nights Thimpu, 01 Night Punakha, 02 Nights Paro)

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner at Hotel

Exclusive AC Private Vehicles for all transfers & sightseeing as per itinerary

All permit fees & hotel taxes applicable (as per itinerary).

Entrance Fees for museums and monuments (as per itinerary).

Tour Guide Service at Destination

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDES

Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone bills, bar bills, tips & gratuity, cost for other activities such as rafting, rock climbing, paragliding, portage, etc

Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.

Any cost arising due to unforeseen contingencies such as landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc.

Such expenses will have to be paid directly.

Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation & land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.

Anything which is not included in the inclusion

Applicable GST

NOTE: Please carry valid photo ID proofs to the above tour without fail.



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