

Bhutan Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour (13 Days/ 12 Nights)

Paro-Thimphu-Punakha-Trongsa-Bumthang-Punakha-Paro

Buddhism has been the predominant religion from the 7th century and since then many saints, religious masters, mystics and scholars have visited and blessed Bhutan and its people with invaluable spiritual and cultural heritage that shapes the Bhutanese lives and history. Today, the Buddhist world, considers Bhutan with special importance as the last bastion of Mahayana Buddhism. Hundreds of sacred monasteries, stupas, religious institutions, fluttering prayer flags and prayer wheels which dot the landscapes and countryside are the strong evidence of immense living faith in Buddhism. This tour will enable you to experience the in depth spirituality and profound understanding of Mahayana Buddhism.

Day 1: Paro



Arrive Paro, transfer to hotel for overnight halt. Evening, take a leisurely walk through Paro town.

Day 2: Paro



After breakfast drive to Taktsang Monastery. Overnight halt in the hotel.

Day 3: Paro-Thimphu



At Morning Paro sightseeing. After lunch drive to Thimphu (about 1 hr 30 m drive). Enroute, visit Semtokha Dzong, housing the educational institute of Buddhist studies. On arrival, transfer to hotel for overnight halt.

Day 4: Thimphu



Full day Thimphu sightseeing. Overnight halt in the hotel.

Day 5: Thimphu



Excursion around Thimphu; visiting sacred monasteries.

Day 6: Thimphu-Punakha



After breakfast, drive to Punakha and Wangdue (about 2 hrs drive). Enroute, halt at Dochula pass (10500 feet) to see the spectacular view of snow capped eastern Himalayan Mountains, if the weather is clear. Sightseeing in Punakha after lunch. Overnight halt in the hotel.

Day 7: Punakha-Trongsa



After breakfast, visit Chimi Lhakhang/Temple and Wangdue Dzong/Fortress. After lunch, drive to Trongsa (about 4 hrs drive) and upon arrival transfer to hotel for overnight halt.

Day 8: Trongsa-Bumthang



Morning visit Trongsa Dzong and Ta Dzong. After lunch drive to Bumthang (about 2 hrs drive) and on arrival transfer to hotel for overnight halt.

Day 9: Bumthang



Visit sacred monasteries and sites. Evening, stroll through town. Overnight halt in the hotel.

Day 10: Bumthang

Full day sightseeing in Bumthang; visiting sacred and revered monasteries and temples

Day 11: Bumthang-Punakha

After breakfast drive to Punakha (about 6 hrs drive), enroute visit Gangtey Gumpa at Phobjikha . Overnight halt in the hotel.

Day 12: Punakha-Paro

Morning, drive to Paro (about 3hrs 20 m drive). Upon arrival, check into hotel for overnight. Evening, take a leisurely walk through Paro town.

Day 13: Paro

Transfer to Airport for your next destination.

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