



Earthbound Expeditions

Bhutan tour, Exploring the Hidden Kingdom in the Himalayas

6 days, from US\$1,897 per person

Duration
6 days

Group size
10 People

Country
Bhutan

Bhutan Holidays – tour of Bhutan

Day by day

Day 1

Arrival to Paro and drive to Thimphu

On arrival at Paro airport, on a clear day the panoramic views of the Himalayas are sensational including the Everest, but particularly exciting is the approach through the Bhutanese foothills and the landing, including a few steep turns to land at the tiny airstrip of Paro International Airport. Upon arrival and completing your visa formalities, you will be received by your country travel representative. Visit Rimpung Dzong and lunch at Paro town. After lunch drive to Thimphu the Capital City of Bhutan. The drive to Thimphu follows the Pa Chu River and down to its confluence with the Wang Chu River, continues your drive up valley to Thimphu. Check-in at the hotel and later in the evening visit the Tashichhoe Dzong, "The fortress of the glorious religion" houses the throne room of His Majesty the King. Overnight: Thimphu. NOTE: Try to get the right hand seat (either in front or at the back) as you will enjoy better view of the Himalayas.

Altitude: 2,320 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Thimphu Meals: Dinner

Day 2

Thimphu – Punakha Valley

After breakfast, drive to Punakha, the road climbs a series of zigzags over the Dochula Pass (3050 meters) with its (weather permitting) spectacular views of the snow capped drive to Punakha Eastern Himalayas, on the way you can see Semtokha Dzong (first Dzong in Bhutan) from road side, continue drive to Punakha via Dochula pass. From there gradually descend through varied forest finally emerging into the highly cultivated valley of Punakha. Visit Chimi Lhakhang (Temple) dedicated to Drukpa Kuenley, popularly known to the west as the divine mad man. You will have to walk through the paddy fields and few local farm houses for about 20 mins to get to the temple. Visit the Punakha Dzong; this is one of the most impressive Dzong in the Country located at the confluence of the two rivers, Pho-chu and Mo-chu. Literally meaning male and Female River. Punakha was also the former Capital of Bhutan. Enjoy hot stone bath in farm house. Overnight: Punakha camp in farm (tent)

Altitude: 1,200 m On foot: None, 3 hr drive Night: Hotel, Punakha Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

Punakha – camping experience in rural Bhutan

After Breakfast hike in Punakha around 2 hours. Enjoy scenery and after lunch hike to impressive Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten (Stupa) which is, located on a ridge. The view of the valley below is magnificent and the Stupa here was constructed to remove or overcome the negative forces in the changing world. Overnight: Punakha camp in farm (tent)

Altitude: 1,200 m On foot: 3–4 hrs Night: Tented camp, Punakha Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

Punakha – Paro valley

After breakfast drive to Paro. Check in the hotel and Visit Kyichu, the oldest temple founded in 7th century by Tibetan king Songsang Gangpo, then free time in the town. Overnight: Paro.

Altitude: 2,200 m On foot: None, 4–5 hr drive Night: Hotel, Paro Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

Paro hike to Tiger nest

Take the trail to Taktsang Monastery, one of the most sacred places for the Bhutanese in the Country. Your 3-4 hour walk through the oaken and the pine forest is rewarding with an unforgettable view of the 1000 meters below and a chance to see the unusual temple clinging to the side of the cliff. People from all over Bhutan and neighboring countries try to visit this monastery once in their live time as it is believed that one gains merit after visiting. A less strenuous pony ride to the temple is also available on extra payment. Overnight: Paro

Altitude: 2,200 m On foot: 3-4 hrs Night: Hotel, Paro Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

Paro to departure

Morning, leave for airport for your departure flight to Bangkok or Kathmandu or Delhi which ever destination you prefer to fly

Altitude: 2,200 m On foot: None, departure day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- All accommodation as on Itinerary in Bhutan on Full board basis
- Private Transfers and sightseeing with Professional English Speaking Tour Guide
- All Airport pick up and transfers
- Travel permit, Bhutan Visa Fees, Major monuments entrance fees in Bhutan (except photography fees)

Not included

- Personal travel insurance and all items of a personal nature, some lunch and dinner where not mentioned
- Flights to and From Paro
- Tips and gratuities to guide and drivers
- Mountain, Road rescue or any other emergency evacuation charges if necessary
- Expenses incurred as a result of illness, landslide, political disturbance, re-routing, flight cancellation and of any other unforeseen situation and events which is not under our control
- Any kind of Table drinks, telephone bills, laundry, postage etc