



Earthbound Expeditions

Festival Tour To Bhutan

9 days, from US\$3,387 per person

Duration

9 days

Group size

10 People

Country

Bhutan

BHUTAN RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL TOUR Many visitors come to Bhutan to enjoy the most popular festivals which are held in Paro in the spring and in Thimphu and Bumthang in the fall. Festivals are well worth attending because they give you a...

Day by day

Day 1

Arrival in Kathmandu

Our representative of Earthbound Expeditions will receive you at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu and he will be displaying an Earthbound Expeditions signboard. You will then be transferred to your hotel.

Altitude: 1,400 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Kathmandu Meals: Dinner

Day 2

Kathmandu valley sightseeing

After breakfast, your tour commences with an excursion of the famous UNESCO World Heritage Sites situated in the Kathmandu valley. Hop in the comfy a/c bus, and we begin our trip. We head to the sites like Pashupatinath, Boudhanath, Swoyambhunath and Patan Durbar Square.

Altitude: 1,400 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Kathmandu Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

Fly to Paro, Bhutan

There are flight options from Bangkok, Delhi, Dhaka, and Kathmandu. The aerial journey into Paro is filled with wonder and as soon as you step out of the plane, brace yourself for a blast of freshness as this heavily forested country is abundant in the fresh air and panoramic views. In clear weather, you can see the tranquil Paro valley and the crystal clear sky. Overnight at Paro.

Altitude: 2,200 m On foot: None, flight day Night: Hotel, Paro Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

Participate in the Paro Festival

The Paro Tshechu festival is one of the liveliest festivals in Bhutan which enthralls anyone participating in it. The festival comprises of dances performed by the trained monks along with non-specialists, and they wear amazing costumes and masks. The festival revolves around the display of the immaculate silk Thangka which is considered as the most sacred blessing in Bhutan. It is believed that this holy scroll provides liberation to anyone who sees it. You will spend the entire day at the Paro festival and stroll the insides of the Rinpung Dzong.

Altitude: 2,200 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Paro Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

Drive to Punakha valley

The scenic drive from Paro to Punakha takes about 3 hours and 30 minutes. The road follows the Paro Chu river till Chudzom and follows the Wang Chu upwards until we reach the small town of Simtokha. We turn right and climb up to the Dochula pass, where you can observe the mighty Himalayas. From Dochula, the road descends into Wangdi and Punakha valley. After the junction at Lobesa, the route takes north and passes the beautiful village and farmlands to Punakha.

Altitude: 1,200 m On foot: None, 3–4 hr drive Night: Hotel, Punakha Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

Drive to Thimpu and explore around

Your hunger for adventure and thrill takes you towards the capital of Bhutan, Thimpu. The drive takes about an hour, and when you reach there, you'll be amazed as it is the only capital in the world which does not contain traffic lights. This ancient capital is a place where culture and urbanization go hand in hand. Our journey takes us to the TrashiChhoDzong which provides the city with its charm and charisma. We make our way to the Buddhist temple of Changangkha Lhakhang, which was built in the 12th century and you can see many parents as they come here to name their children. If you're lucky, you can even get to observe Thimphu's Weekend market, which is filled with lots of accessories. After a hectic day, return to your hotel.

Altitude: 2,320 m On foot: None, 3 hr drive Night: Hotel, Thimphu Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

Excursion to Taktsang Monastery, hiking

The Taktsang monastery, is considered to be one of the Himalaya's crowned jewels, and it is dramatically perched on the side of a cliff which is 900 meters above the floor of the Paro valley. This is the landmark of Bhutan, and although it may take some effort to reach the top, the glorious view and the serene atmosphere is definitely worth the walk. This ancient monastery dates back to the 1600s and history dictates that Guru Padmasambhava, the mystic who was responsible for bringing Buddhism to Bhutan, arrived here on the back of a flying tiger and meditated here for three months. Explore the nook and cranny of this monastery and enjoy the awesome views from it.

Altitude: 2,200 m On foot: 4–5 hrs Night: Hotel, Paro Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8

Fly back to Kathmandu, Nepal

Head back to Kathmandu and at night enjoy the evening dinner along with a Nepali cultural show.

Altitude: 1,400 m On foot: None, flight day Night: Hotel, Kathmandu Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

Departure

Today is the day that your journey ends. Our representative will drop you at the international airport and bid you farewell.

Altitude: 1,400 m On foot: None, departure day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- All accommodations included within Nepal and Bhutan (3 star level hotels)
- Full broad meals included.
- Private transfers.
- Professional English Speaking Tour Guides.
- All airports pick up and transfers.
- Farewell dinner which includes a Nepali cultural show.
- Round trip airfare to Kathmandu – Bhutan – Kathmandu.

Not included

- Personal travel insurance.
- All personal items.
- A few lunches and dinners are not included.
- Tips for guides and drivers.
- Mountain and road rescue.
- Other emergency evacuations will be charged if necessary.
- Expenses incurred as a result of illness, landslides, political disturbances, re-routing, flight cancellations and any other unforeseen situations and events which is not under our control.

- Travel permits.
- Bhutan visa fees.
- Major monuments' entrance fee in Bhutan.
- Any kind of Table drinks, telephone bills, laundry, postage etc.
- Nepal Visa cost