



Earthbound Expeditions

Sikkim, Darjeeling, And Bhutan Tour

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

Duration

13 days

Group size

14 People

Country

Bhutan

A JOURNEY TO THE BUDDHIST MONASTERIES AND HIMALAYAS

Day by day

Day 1

Arrival Kathmandu

Arrival Kathmandu, we will come to receive you at the airport. Check in to hotel, briefing and free day.

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

Day 2

Full day Kathmandu sightseeing and Nagarkot

After breakfast leave for a full day sightseeing in Kathmandu valley includes The Hindu temple complex at Pashupatinath (a UNESCO world heritage site) & the biggest Buddhist Stupa at Boudhanath. Also, visit Monkey Temple the Shyambhunath (2000 years old temple) and drive to Nagarkot (7,200ft) – a beautiful hill station, which provides magnificent Mountain panorama, from Everest in the east to Annapurna in the west, eight of the world's tallest Mountain in peaceful rural settings. B, D

Altitude: 2,175 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Nagarkot Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3

Back to Kathmandu via Bhaktapur

Early Morning sunrise and Mountain View from Nagarkot and drive back to Kathmandu, via Bhaktapur a historical town. Stay in Kathmandu, prepare for Bhutan trip. B

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

Day 4

Fly Bhadrapur and Drive to Darjeeling, India

After breakfast, we will transfer to the Airport and fly to Bhadrapur airport (southeast of Nepal) for one hour flight and transfer to Darjeeling. To enter to India you need your Indian visa from home. Overnight in darjeeling Tiger Hills.

Altitude: 2,050 m On foot: None, 3–4 hr drive Night: Hotel, Darjeeling Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Darjeeling sightseeing Tour

Early morning tour to Tiger Hills (8364 Ft / 2550 Mts at around 4 AM) to view sunrise over Kanchendzonga Peak (subject to clear weather). On way back visit Ghoom Monastery and Batasia Loop. After breakfast go for a half-day sightseeing of Japanese Temple, Peace pagoda, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park & Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (Closed on Thursday), Darjeeling Ropeway Ride (Ticket cost not included & will be approx INR 180.00 per person), Tenzing & Gombu Rock, Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Center (Closed on Sunday) and panoramic view of Tea Estate. Overnight at Hotel.

Altitude: 2,050 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Darjeeling Meals: Breakfast

Day 6

Darjeeling – Gangtok / Sikkim

Drive to Gangtok (5500 Ft / 1677 Mts, 130 Kms / 04 to 05 Hrs). Check in and over night at Hotel.

Altitude: 1,680 m On foot: None, 4–5 hr drive Night: Hotel, Gangtok Meals: Breakfast

Day 7

Gangtok Sightseeing

After breakfast go out for sightseeing covering Rumtek Monastery, Droul Chorthen, Research Institute of Tibetology, Directorate of Handicraft & Handloom (Closed on Sunday), and Flower Show & Enchey Monastery. Evening free to explore Gangtok. Overnight at Hotel.

Altitude: 1,680 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Gangtok Meals: Breakfast

Day 8

Gangkok – Phuntsoling

After breakfast Transfer to Phuntsoling (India – Bhutan boarder town). Evening free to explore the town. Overnight at Hotel.

Altitude: 300 m On foot: None, 7–8 hr drive Night: Hotel, Phuentsholing Meals: Breakfast

Day 9

Phuentsholing–Thimphu

After breakfast, drive to Thimphu which will takes about 5 Hours. In Thimphu visit 1. National Memorial Stupa – built in memory of our late 3rd King. 2. Tashichho Dzong – built as a fortress in 17th century but now used as the “Seat of the Royal Government” Overnight: Hotel in Thimphu

Altitude: 2,320 m On foot: None, 5 hr drive Night: Hotel, Thimphu Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10

Thimphu– Punakha

In the Morning Visit, Buddha Point – Largest Statue of Buddha and also can get a good view of Thimphu. 1. Drive to Punakha(3 Hrs drive) via Dochula – The pass is located at an elevation of 3,100 meters 2. Chimi Lhakhang– dedicated to Drukpa Kuenley, popularly known to the west as the divine mad man–30 minutes hike. 3. Punakha Dzong– Most impressive Dzong in the Country located at the confluence of the two rivers. Punakha was also the former Capital of Bhutan Overnight: Hotel In Punakha

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

Day 11

Punakha – Paro

Drive to Paro, which is about 4 hours. Visit: 1. Ta Dzong an ancient watchtower, which now houses the National Museum 2. Paro Dzong– The centre of civil and religious authority in this valley. A short walk takes you to the base of the Dzong and across a traditional cantilevered, covered bridge. A short distance further is one of the innumerable archery grounds. (Archery is the national sport of Bhutan). If we are lucky, we may catch a match in action. Overnight Paro at hotel

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

Day 12

Paro – Tiger nest hike

1. Drive to the foothills of the Taktsang Monastery and from here hike up to the monastery (Hike to Tiger\'s nest around 5 hours hike – round trip), which is approximately 1000 meters above the Paro valley. There is an option of a pony ride (on extra payment) – up the hill only. 2. Kichu Lhakhang– The oldest temple founded in 7th century by Tibetan king Songsang Gangpo Overnight Paro at hotel

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

Day 13

Departure to Kathmandu / Delhi / Bangkok

After breakfast, you can depart to Kathmandu / Delhi or Bangkok, Singapore or Kolkata.

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

What's included

- All accommodations included within Nepal, India and Bhutan.
- Meals included as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Private transfers and internal flights to Bhadrapur.
- Sightseeing tour with professional English Speaking Tour Guides.
- All airports pick up and transfers.
- Farewell dinner including a Nepali cultural show.
- Travel permits.
- Bhutan visa fees.
- Major monuments' entrance fee in Bhutan.

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.
- Any kind of Table drinks, telephone bills, laundry, postage etc.
- Nepal, India Visa cost
- City monument entrance fee USD 35 (approx) which is payable upon arrival in Nepal
- Flight to Nepal and out of Bhutan