



Earthbound Expeditions

West To East Bhutan Tour

12 days, from US\$3,947 per person

Duration

12 days

Group size

15 People

Country

Bhutan

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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

Sightseeing and Nagarkot

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. Breathe the crisp air straight from the abode of nature as the lush green hills of the tranquil hill station of Nagarkot enthralls anyone that roams in its environment.

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

Day 3

Fly to Paro

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.

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

Day 4

Excursion to Taktsang

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 excellent views from it. We drive towards Thimpu and stay there for the night.

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

Day 5

Drive to Punakha

The drive to Punakha lasts about 3 hours, and you'll see the beauty of nature as it takes you through forests filled with pine and cedar. Head towards the Dochula Pass and observe the panoramic view it provides of the Himalayan mountain ranges. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the rhododendrons, junipers, pine forests along with the chirping sound of birds. We further head towards Lobesa where we'll walk for a while to reach the Chimi Lhakhang temple.

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

Day 6

Drive to Bumthang

The route to Bumthang from Trongsa takes about 3 hours on land. On Bumthang, check in at your lodge.

Altitude: 2,600 m On foot: None, 7–8 hr drive Night: Lodge, Bumthang Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

Drive to Mongar sightseeing

The drive to Mongar crosses the Thrumshing La, a pass at the height of 3800 meters, is the highest pass. Mongar is the district headquarters, and it is also the first town that sits on a slope. Visit the prayer wheel and the clocktower, which are the famous landmarks of Bumthang.

Altitude: 1,600 m On foot: None, 7–8 hr drive Night: Hotel, Mongar Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8

Drive to Trashiyangtse

The Trashiyangtse is a culturally diverse district, and the inhabitants include the Tshanglas and Khengpas. This quaint district houses the white stupas and everywhere you'll see the green hills and small settlements.

Altitude: 1,750 m On foot: None, 4–5 hr drive Night: Hotel, Trashiyangtse Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

Excursions Trashigang Sightseeing

The Trashigang is a beautiful town and gives its visitors a warm feeling that is unlike any other out there. This city was once an ancient trading route for Tibet. Visit the Trashigang dzong which was dates back to 1659 and provides you knowledge regarding its history, and visit its old bazaar.

Altitude: 1,100 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Trashigang Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10

Exit Bhutan

Depart from Bhutan and drive to the Indian town of Guwahati and continue towards Sikkim and Darjeeling or get back to Kathmandu and fly further.

Altitude: 1,100 m On foot: None, departure day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- All accommodations included within Nepal and Bhutan.
- 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.
- Travel permits.
- Bhutan visa fees.

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.
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- Major monuments' entrance fee in Bhutan.
- Yoga and meditation classes in Nepal.
- One meditation class in Bhutan

Any kind of Table drinks, telephone bills, laundry, postage etc.

- Nepal Visa cost -USD 25.
- City monument entrance fee USD 35 (approx) which is payable upon arrival.