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#### Introduction

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Bhutan, known as the land of the Thunder Dragon, is truly another world. This unique and hidden Kingdom renowned for preserving its remarkable 17th-century fortresses and towns such as Paro, home for many of Bhutan's oldest temples and monasteries. Bhutan is known as the Mahayana Buddhist Kingdom in the world. This hidden kingdom Bhutan tours offers the best exploration to Paro, Thimpu, and Punakha's main cities of Bhutan. On this tour, visitors can experience Buddhist religious culture and tradition of Bhutan. The next attraction of the trip is historical Monasteries, palace, and architecture of Bhutan. besides that, there are so many natural beauties include snow-capped mountains, white water rivers, deep and dense forest. during the drive, every hilltop provides panoramic Himalayan views as well as the paradise valley view.

## **Trip Facts**

Best Season	through out the yar
Elevation	3100 m
Accomodation	Hotel and Resort

#### **Cost Includes**



- Airport / Hotel /Airport transfer
- Kathmandu/ Paro/ Kathmandu flight ticket
- Welcome and farewell dinner with cultural program
- Accommodation and food on full board in Bhutan as per itinerary
- Guided tour in Bhutan including entrance fees
- Visa and all require paper documents for Bhutan tour.
- All local and government taxes

### **Itinerary Details**

#### 1. Kathmandu to Paro (2250m)

Early morning, transfer to the airport for the flight to Paro, this flight offers spectacular views of the awesome peaks, like Everest, Cho Oyu, Makalu, and Kanchenjunga and including the sacred Bhutan peaks such as Jumolhari and Jichu Drake. Welcome at Paro Airport then transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, you can visit the Paro Dzong, and religious institutions. Visit Kichu Lhakhang, the oldest temple in the country. From there we move to the Drugyal Dzong built in 1646 to commemorate Bhutan's victory over Tibetan invaders during the 1600s.

#### 2. Hike to Tiger Nest, then Drive to Thimphu (2320m)

After breakfast hike to Tiger's Nest, (Taktsang Monastery) Bhutan's most famous monastery situated at 3180 meters. Guru Rinpoche is said to have flown on the back of a tigress from Singye Dzong in Lhuentse to meditate in a cave where Taktsang Monastery now stands. The monastery is perched on the edge of a steep cliff, about 900 meters above Paro Valley. After exploring the monastery, hike down to the Paro. After lunch, drive to Thimphu the capital of Bhutan

#### 3. Thimpu city tour, then drive to Punakha (1250m)

After breakfast, visit the King's Memorial Chorten, the radio tower for a great view of Thimphu Valley and Thimphu Dzong, and the zoo. Further, visit a nunnery temple, The National Library, The School of Arts and Crafts. After lunch, drive to Punakha with a stop en route for a tea break at Dochu La (3,100 m), on a clear day one can get spectacular views of the Himalayas. Drive downhill through forests of rhododendron, fir and hemlock. Arrive at Punakha after traversing through rice field and along the bank of Punakha River. In the evening visit to Punakha Dzong.

#### 4. Punakha to Paro (2250m)

After breakfast, you will drive back to Paro. On the way, visit Chimi Lhakhang, which is a fertility temple dedicated to Divine Madman or Lama Drukpa Kuenley. Receive blessings from the Lama's wooden phallus! You will stop in Thimphu for lunch. After lunch, visit National Institute of Traditional Medicine and Majestic Tashichhodzong. Later in the evening, you can drive to Paro.

#### 5. Paro to Kathmandu (1300 m)



Early breakfast at the hotel then transfer to Paro airport to return to Kathmandu. On arrival at Kathmandu, we will pick you up and transfer you to the hotel, the rest of time you can rest and relax at the hotel or you can explore surrounding area and visit to a tourist hub of Thamel for shopping. In the evening, participate in a farewell dinner.