

Experience Bhutan: The Last Shangri – La

Kathmandu - Paro - Thimpu - Punakha - Paro

Trip Details

Dates: November 5-November 10, 2021 (6 days 5 nights)

Accommodations & Meals: As below

Group Size: 15 Traveler Limit

Difficulty: Moderate

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5 November – Arrive at Paro/Thimphu, Bhutan

After breakfast in Kathmandu, transfer to the Airport to connect flight to Paro (1-hour flight). On arrival in Paro drive to Thimphu (1.5-hour drive).

The flight to Paro is one of the most spectacular in entire Himalayas. Upon arrival you will be met by our representative, and afterwards drive to Thimphu, the capital town of Bhutan with en-route stop at Chuzom, the confluence of Thimphu and Paro rivers. On arrival in Thimphu, check into the hotel (7611 ft / 2320 m).

In the afternoon drive to visit Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang). Located at a short drive from Thimphu city center, visitors can get a good overview of the Thimphu valley from the Buddha point (Kuensel Phodrang).

Accommodation: Hotel Kisa / Phuntsho Pelri / Similar

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

6 November – Explore Thimphu

Enjoy visit of Thimphu including following: National Library, Institute for Zorig Chusum, Textile Museum, and the Folk Heritage Museum.

Lunch is followed by a city tour that includes: Memorial Chorten, and colorful handicrafts shops. Conclude the tour of the day with a visit of Trashichhoe Dzong, “fortress of the glorious religion”. This is the center of government and religion, site of monarch’s throne room and seat of Je Khenpo or Chief Abbot.

Accommodation: Hotel Kisa / Phuntsho Pelri / Similar

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

7 November - Thimpu to Punakha

Drive to Punakha (3.5-hour drive) with a short stop at Dochula pass (10,105 ft / 3,080m) stopping briefly here to take in the view and admire the chorten, mani wall, and prayer flags which decorate the highest point on the road. If skies are clear, beautiful peaks can be seen from this pass. Visit Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress of the country built in 1627 which now houses the School for Buddhist studies.

Continue drive to Punakha the former capital of Bhutan and still the winter seat of Je Khenpo (the chief abbot). On arrival in Punakha, transfer to hotel (3937 feet / 1200 m). Later enjoy visit to Punakha Dzong.

Accommodation: Meri Puensum Resort / Damchen / Similar

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

8 November - Punakha / Paro

Return to Paro (4.5 hour drive). On the way, enjoy excursion to Chimi Lhakhang temple. This temple is also known as the temple of fertility. After the visit, Continue drive to Paro

Paro - Is home to many of Bhutan's oldest temples and monasteries, National Museum and country's only airport. On arrival in Paro, transfer to the hotel. Later in the day enjoy visit to some historical sites (Ta Dzong and Rinpung Dzong) and take a visit to a local Bhutanese farmhouse and family.

Accommodation: The Village Lodge / Tashi Phuntshok /Similar

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

9 November – Tiger's Nest

Today we will enjoy an excursion to the Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest). This is one of the most famous of Bhutan's monasteries, perched on the side of a cliff 900m above the Paro valley floor. It is said that Guru Rinpoche arrived here on the back of a tigress and meditated at this monastery and hence it is called "Tiger's Nest". The excursion to monastery takes about 5 hours for round trip

Later drive north of Paro valley to ruins of Drukgyel Dozng. From this fort Bhutanese repelled several invasions by Tibetan armies. Nearby visit traditional Bhutanese Farm House which offers good insight into lifestyle of local people.

While return to Paro town visit en route Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest and most sacred shrines of the Kingdom.

Accommodation The Village Lodge / Tashi Phuntshok /Similar

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

10 November - Paro Departure/Return to Kathmandu

Early in the morning, transfer to the Airport to connect to flight back to Kathmandu.

Meals: Breakfast

End of Services

Prices Details

Cost USD \$1790.00 per person

Deposit USD \$500.00 per person

Balance due by August 1, 2021

Purchase of travel & medical evacuation insurance is required

Single room supplement USD \$250.00 Per Person staying in a single room.

Airfare Supplement:

Kathmandu / Paro / Kathmandu USD \$500.00

Airfare cost is subject to change

Cost Includes	Cost does not include
* Double / Twin room on sharing basis	X Any airfares.
* Full board while staying in Bhutan (Some lunches may be arrange in outside restaurant)	X Any expenditure of personal nature such as drinks, tips, laundry, telephone charges etc.
* TRANSPORTATION: All ground transportation, as detailed in the itinerary using Non – Air-conditioned vehicle in Bhutan.	X Any new tax imposed by the Govt.
* In Bhutan we will provide the services with local Accompanying Bhutanese English speaking guide from arrival in Paro till departure.	
* Visit to traditional farm house in Bhutan	
* Bhutan Visa	
* Monument entrance fee.	
* Currently applicable taxes	