

# EXPLORE BHUTAN

08 nights / 09 days

(Phuentsholing 2N – Thimphu 2N – Wangdue / Punakha 2N – Paro 2N)



## **Day 01: Bagdogra Airport – Phuentsholing**

**(Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of Phuentsholing: 293 mts.)**

Meet & Greet on arrival at Bagdogra Airport and transfer to Phuentsholing - The Gateway of Bhutan by Road from India. It is a thriving commercial center on the northern edge of the Indian Plains. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Phuentsholing.

## **Day 02: Phuentsholing – Thimphu**

**(Distance: 176 kms. / Driving Time: 6 hrs. / Altitude of Thimphu: 2350 mts.)**

After breakfast complete the immigration formalities and transfer to Thimphu (7,710 ft.) the capital city of Bhutan. On arrival check in at the hotel. In the evening, visit the **Tashichho Dzong** (Fortress of the Glorious Religion). Overnight stay at Thimphu.

## **Day 03: Thimphu Sightseeing**

After breakfast visit **Kuensel Phodrang** (Buddha Statue) a place for refreshing with a huge statue of Buddha on the top of the Kuensel Phodrang, **National Memorial Chorten** (Monument) & **Folk Heritage Museum**. Afternoon visit **Sangaygang View Point**, **Changangkha Monastery**, **Takin Preserve Centre**, the national animal of Bhutan can be seen. Overnight stay at Thimphu.

## **Day 04: Thimphu – Punakha/Wangdue Sightseeing**

**(Distance: 77 kms. / Driving Time: 3 hrs. / Altitude of Punakha: 1310 mts.)**

After breakfast drive to Punakha / Wangdue, On the way Stop at **Dochu-La-Pass** (3150 mts.) to view the higher Himalayas. Arrival at Punakha check in at hotel. After noon visit **Punakha Dzong** - built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. For many years until the time of the second king, it served as the seat of the Government. The Dzong was named Druk Pungthang Dechen Phodrang (Palace of Great Happiness). Punakha is still the winter residence of Je-Khenpo and King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck convened the first National Assembly here in 1952. After that take a short excursion trip to visit the **Chhimi Lhakhang** - The Temple, also known as "The Temple of Fertility" was built by Lama Drukpa Kuenley, "The Divine Mad Man". Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay will be at Punakha / Wangdue.

## **Day 05: Excursion to Gangtey (Phobjikha)**

**(Distance: 78 kms. One way / Driving Time: 3 hrs.)**

After breakfast, start for full day excursion trip to Gangtey (9,840 ft.). Gangtey is the home of Black Necked Crane which migrates from the arid plains of Tibet in the north. It is a beautiful valley of Bhutan. You can also visit Gangtey Gompha. Evening return back. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

### **Day 06: Punakha/Wangdue – Paro Sightseeing**

**(Distance: 140 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of Paro: 2280 mts.)**

After breakfast drive to Paro (7,483 ft.). On the way stop at Lamperi to visit **Royal Botanical Park** - The park contains a rich biodiversity of flora and fauna and features a huge species of plants. On arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon visit **Ta Dzong** - National Museum with an excellent collection of arts, relics, religious thangka, etc. **Rinpung Dzong** - Meaning "fortress of the heap of jewels". The dzong now serves as the administrative and judicial seat of Paro. Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay at Paro.

### **Day 07: Paro Sightseeing**

After breakfast visit **Drukgyel Dzong**. Also visit famous **Taksang Monastery** - called "Tiger's Nest" (2hrs hike from the base camp) & **Kyichu Monastery**. Overnight stay will be at Paro.

### **Day 08: Paro – Phuentsholing**

**(Distance: 200 kms. / Driving Time: 7 hrs. / Altitude of Phuentsholing: 293 mts.)**

After breakfast check out from hotel and transfer to Phuentsholing. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Phuentsholing.

### **Day 09: Phuentsholing – Bagdogra Airport**

**(Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of NJP/IXB: 89 mts.)**

After breakfast check out from the hotel and take the departure transfer to Bagdogra Airport for your onward journey.

<b>No of persons (cost per person)</b>	<b>Premium+</b>	<b>Premium</b>	<b>Luxury</b>	<b>Superior</b>
<b>02 Adults</b>	103900	88100	53000	44300
<b>04 Adults</b>	96100	80300	45200	36500
<b>06 Adults</b>	95300	79400	44300	35700
<b>Extra adult (EPSR)</b>	59500	50700	26700	18000
<b>Child no bed (CNB)</b>	50000	23700	12400	10200

**Note :** Supplement cost for vehicle upgradation for 3<sup>rd</sup> adult or child above 12 years traveling together with 02 persons will be Rs. 9000 per vehicle for entire tour.

<b>Accommodation</b>				
<b>Destinations</b>	<b>Premium +</b>	<b>Premium</b>	<b>Luxury</b>	<b>Superior</b>
<b><u>Phuentsholing</u></b>	Tashi Namgay Grand	Hotel Druk	Hotel Druk	Hotel Lhaki
<b><u>Thimphu</u></b>	Taj Tashi	Le Meridian - Thimphu	Namgay Heritage	Dorji Elements
<b><u>Punakha / Wangdue</u></b>	Dhensa Boutique Resort	RKPO Green Resort	Drubchhu Resort	Punatsangchhu Cottage
<b><u>Paro</u></b>	Le Meridien - Paro River Front	Le Meridien - Paro River Front	Tashinamgay Resort	Hotel Olathang

*In all the hotels we offer base category rooms.*

### **Hotel Category Details:**

Premium+ Packages: High-end Resorts with Breakfast & Dinner.

Premium Packages: 5\*/ Equivalent hotel with Breakfast & Dinner

Luxury Packages: 4\*/ Equivalent hotel with Breakfast & Dinner.

Superior Packages: 3\*/ Equivalent hotel with Breakfast & Dinner.

Please note premium packages with Hotels like Uma Group of Hotels, Taj Tashi, Amankora rates are also available on case to case basis.

Hotels serve both Vegetarian & Non Vegetarian food which would be basic & freshly prepared. Specific regional Indian cuisine will not be available. Only the basic Indian Vegetarian / Non – Vegetarian food can be arranged.

<b>Cost Include:</b>	<b>Cost Exclude:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Accommodation on twin Sharing Basis.</li><li>✓ Meal Plan (as per mentioned above).</li><li>✓ Exclusive Non a/c vehicle for transfers &amp; sightseeing as per itinerary.</li><li>✓ All permit fees &amp; hotel taxes (as per itinerary).</li><li>✓ Guide charges (Only Bhutan Portion).</li><li>✓ Rates are valid for INDIAN NATIONALS only.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Air Fare/Train fare.</li><li>○ Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips &amp; gratuity, mineral water, soft &amp; hard drinks, rafting, rock climbing, paragliding, portorage.</li><li>○ Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.</li><li>○ Entrance Fees.</li><li>○ Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, which is directly payable on the spot).</li><li>○ Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation &amp; land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.</li><li>○ Service Tax &amp; Travel Insurance.</li><li>○ Anything which is not include in the inclusion.</li></ul>

### **Permit for Bhutan:**

Indian nationals do not require any visa for Bhutan. A permit will be issued at the entry point on production of a passport or Voter ID and 04 passport size photographs.

### **Restricted Area Permit for Punakha / Wangdue:**

Restricted Area Permit is required to visit Punakha / Wangdue from Home Ministry of Bhutan. No charge will be applicable for this permit. Please bring 02 passport size photographs and Voter ID card or Passport of each person including child. This special permit is given only after guest has entered Bhutan. Permits are not issued on Saturday, Sunday & Govt. holidays.

### **NOTE:**

- The above mentioned hotels will be confirmed as per the room availability. Otherwise we will confirm similar category.
- The rates quoted in the packages are on per person basis & valid for Indian nationals from **01st March 2017 to 30th June 2017** (High seasons surcharge will be applicable during the Festivals & Peak season).
- We believe in giving value for money and we believe that quality comes with a price tag. We at Neptune promise to provide the best of our services and keep by our commitments towards quality and the sensitivity of the services.

### **About Vehicle:**

#### **Tour Starting and Ending both from India (Drive In & Drive Out) Packages**

We provide exclusive Indian Vehicle only for 2-5 persons throughout the tour.

And above 5 persons exclusive Indian vehicle in India Part and Bhutan vehicle in Bhutan part for all drive in and drive out packages.

- Non Ac Wagon R / Indica / for 2-3 persons for complete tour
- Innova / Xylo / Scorpio for 4-5 persons for complete tour
- 2 Innova / Xylo / Scorpio for 6 & above persons in India part
- 1 Toyota Hi Roof Hiace (Non AC) for 6 & above persons In Bhutan part

### **DO'S:**

- ✓ Adults must carry original & valid Passport or original Voter ID card. Children must carry original & valid Passport or original birth certificate & school photo ID card.
- ✓ Remember to carry sufficient woolens including hand gloves.
- ✓ Please check with your mobile service provider for charges related to Bhutan.

### **DON'TS:**

- Tobacco & Tobacco products are banned in Bhutan.
- Do not bring any plant or agricultural product out of Bhutan. It is illegal.
- Credit cards are accepted in selected establishments in Bhutan.