

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Bhutan Tibetan Kingdom 5D/4N

Cultural

5 Days / 1 Country

Bhutan

Departure city: **Paro, Bhutan**

End city: **Paro, Bhutan**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the city of Thimphu and experience its rich culture
- Visit Chele La Ridge, gardens of Himalayan flowers
- Hike to the Tiger's Nest, a Buddhist monastery
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Discover the beauty of Bhutan on this 5-day tour. Visit the city of Thimphu, the capital of the country, before driving to Chele La Pass or hiking to the Tiger's Nest.,

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What is included



Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Accommodation: 4

- 4 nights shared accommodation (1N Thimphu & 3N Paro)
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Transport: 2

- Van Transportation as per Itinerary
 - Paro Airport pick-up & drop-off
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Meals: 13

- 4 Breakfast(s), 5 Lunch(es), 4 Dinner(s),
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Guides:

- English-speaking guide throughout tour
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What is not included

- *Airfare
- *Other meals/drinks
- *Tips
- *Travel insurance
- *Luxury Hotel can be arranged in additional cost
- *Specialized bilingual guides Photography, bird watching, Buddhism, flora & fauna, fly fishing can be arranged in additional cost

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Itinerary

Day 1: Paro - Thimphu, Bhutan

Paro Airport Pickup & Transfer to Thimphu (D)

The most spectacular mountain flights you will ever experience in a lifetime. As you fly into the country over the hot plains of India, you can admire the world's highest peaks. Awe at the beautiful scenery as you descend into the high mountains approaching the Paro Valley with alpine forests, temples, monasteries and farms and glimpses of the Paro Dzong Fortress and Paro Chu River. You will be picked up at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Thimphu. In the evening you will take a visit to the Tashichoe Dzong (the Fortress of the Glorious Region). Overnight in Thimphu.

Day 2: Thimphu - Paro, Bhutan

Thimphu Sightseeing & Transfer to Paro (B/L/D)

Start your day off this morning by having breakfast and then embark on a city tour of Bhutan's capital city, Thimphu. Visit the King's Memorial Chorten, a stupa built in the memory of the Third King of Bhutan, and the Buddha Point, where you will be amazed by a 169-foot statue of Buddha. Visit the National Library, home to ancient Bhutanese scripts and the biggest book in the world. At the Jungshi handmade paper factory, learn about the traditional methods of producing authentic Bhutanese paper known as Deh-sho. The factory uses the bark of two tree species, the Daphne tree and Dhekap tree in the manufacture of traditional paper. Visitors can observe the entire process of producing handmade paper using ancient traditional methods that have been practiced for generations. You can even try your hand at this ancient craft and make some paper of your very own as a souvenir. Deh-sho paper was originally used by monasteries for woodblock and manuscript books and also for writing prayer books. After discovering the Takin Preservation Centre you will be transferred back to Paro. During the tour lunch is included. Evening at leisure. You can take a walk to the main city from Clock tower square for some shopping, it provides excellent opportunity to mingle with local people. Overnight at a hotel in Paro.

Day 3: Paro, Bhutan

Chele La Pass - 3988m (B/L/D)

Visit Kila gumpa on your way to Chele La pass, a favourite place for many visitors and one of highest motorable passes in the country. For the Buddhists, it is a sacred place and is decorated by numerous prayer flags. For naturalists, the Chele La ridge offers gardens of Himalayan flowers, plants and special pheasant species. Water is scarce on these ridges and it is recommended to bring extra water supplies with you. In the evening you will be transferred back to Paro. Overnight in Paro.

Day 4: Paro, Bhutan

The Tiger's Nest visit (B/L/D)

Taktshang (Tiger's Nest) is among the top 20 places to visit in the world. Paro is a valley of religion and ancient myths. The most famous landmark, Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), stands on a granite cliff about 1000 metres above the valley floor. It is believed that Guru Rinpoche, a famous Buddhist saint, flew to Paro on a tigress and meditated at Taktsang. The monastery is considered a national treasure of Bhutan. The hike to Taktsang takes around 2.5 hrs to

reach the cafeteria, from where you can enjoy great views of the monastery. Those interested can walk 45 minutes further uphill to get a closer view of the monastery. The journey back to the main road will take less than 1.5 hrs. After lunch in the hotel, take a walk in Paro Bazar for shopping. Overnight at a Hotel in Paro.

Day 5: Paro, Bhutan

Paro Airport Drop-off (B)

After breakfast you will be transferred back to Paro International Airport. An escort will help you with exit formalities and then bid you farewell.

