



# Himalayan Adventure Treks & Tours

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## *Bhutan Tour Package :- 5 Days - USD 1800 Per Person*

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## **Highlights**

- **Cultural Exploration:** Visit iconic dzongs, monasteries, and cultural landmarks, including the Tiger's Nest Monastery and Punakha Dzong.
- **Scenic Beauty:** Experience stunning landscapes, from Himalayan peaks to verdant valleys and the Dochula Pass.
- **Thimphu City Tour:** Explore Bhutan's capital, including Buddha Dordenma, National Memorial Chorten, and local markets.
- **Spiritual Retreat:** Discover Bhutan's rich spiritual heritage with guided visits to sacred sites.
- **Sustainable Tourism:** Contribute to Bhutan's eco-friendly tourism model and Gross National Happiness ethos.
- **Local Cuisine:** Enjoy traditional Bhutanese dishes, including Ema Datshi and red rice.
- **Guided Tours:** Benefit from experienced Bhutanese guides for insightful and engaging experiences.
- **Cultural Interaction:** Connect with local communities and artisans to learn about Bhutanese traditions.
- **Inclusive Package:** All major expenses like accommodations, meals, and entry fees are covered for hassle-free travel.
- **Adventure & Tranquility:** A perfect blend of trekking, sightseeing, and peaceful retreats in serene settings.

## **Overview**

*Embarking on a Bhutan tour is an invitation to explore a land where tradition meets tranquility and nature flourishes in its purest form. This 4 Nights 5 Days Bhutan tour package offers an unparalleled experience, blending cultural richness, spiritual heritage, and breathtaking landscapes. Bhutan, known as the "Land of the Thunder Dragon," is a destination like no other. You are assured of a meticulously curated journey with Himalayan Adventure Treks & Tours (HATT). As the best Bhutan tour operator, HATT ensures that every aspect of your trip is seamlessly managed, freeing you to immerse yourself in the country's mystique. The journey begins in Paro, where Bhutan's international airport is located, offering views of the majestic Himalayan peaks during your descent. With expert guidance from a certified Bhutan tour guide, you'll uncover the history and culture behind Bhutan's iconic landmarks, including ancient dzongs and sacred monasteries. One of the highlights of the tour is a visit to the Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched dramatically on a cliffside, which epitomizes Bhutan's spiritual allure. The monastery, also known as Paro Taktsang, is accessible via a scenic hike that offers panoramic views of the Paro Valley. Throughout your Bhutan tour, HATT prioritizes sustainable tourism, ensuring that...*

## *Itinerary*

### *Outline itinerary:*

*Day 01: Fly from Kathmandu to Paro. (L/D)*

*Day 02: Full-day Sightseeing in Paro. (B/L/D)*

*Day 03: Drive from Paro to Punakha and Sightseeing. (B/L/D)*

*Day 04: Drive from Punakha to Thimphu and Sightseeing. (B/L/D)*

*Day 05: Departure from Paro to onward destination. (B)*

### *What's included?*

- *Airport pickup drop by private vehicle.*
- *Four-night 3\* hotel in Bhutan with full board meals.*
- *Full Board meal in Bhutan.*
- *Visa fee for Bhutan.*
- *All Permit and entrance fees in Bhutan.*
- *All tours by private vehicle.*
- *Flight from Kathmandu to Paro.*
- *All necessary paperwork.*
- *An experienced, helpful, and friendly Bhutanese guide.*
- *Medical supplies (first aid kit will be available).*
- *All government taxes.*

### *What's excluded?*

- *Nepal Visa fee you may obtain easily in Kathmandu airport.*
- *International airfare to and from Kathmandu.*
- *Paro to Kathmandu Flight.*
- *Beverage Drinks.*
- *Extra night Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu and Bhutan because of early arrival, late departure, or early return (due to any reason) than the scheduled itinerary.*
- *Travel and rescue insurance.*

## *Equipment*

### *Checklist for the Bhutan Tour Package:*

- *Valid passport (valid for six months from the date of your trip).*

- *One other picture ID, such as a driver's license (in case of emergency and for use as a substitute for a passport or in case of loss of your passport) Photocopy of the passport page to carry in a wallet.*
- *Air tickets (Make a copy of flight tickets which may be helpful, in case of loss).*
- *Visa Clearance (Make a copy of visa clearance which may be helpful, in case of emergencies).*
- *MasterCard, Visa Credit, and Debit Cards are accepted in Bhutan. However, travelers' cheques and some cash are highly recommended.*
- *Mobile (if your cell phone is from CINGULAR USA or ATNT (USA) operators then your cell phone will work in Bhutan).*

### *What to Bring During the Tour in Bhutan:*

- *Warm Jackets with waterproof or raincoats.*
- *Hiking shorts (for men) or a skirt.*
- *Winter clothes.*
- *Hiking/trekking boots.*
- *Socks for hiking boots Sunscreen for lips and face.*
- *Sunglasses.*
- *Sneakers.*
- *Long and short T-shirts or cotton shirts.*
- *Sun Hats.*
- *Walking Sticks.*
- *Backpack or Suitcase.*

### *Dress Code for Visiting Fortresses, Monasteries, and Temples in Bhutan:*

- *Shirt (either half or full sleeve).*
- *Full pants/long skirts.*
- *Any type of shoes with socks.*
- *No Hats, No umbrellas, No Slippers, No t-shirts, No short skirts, and No half-pants.*
- *Photographs are allowed in the courtyard only.*

## *Trip Notes*

### *Cancellation policy on Tour :*

*Once the visa is processed & tour program is booked and subsequently canceled shall be subject to the following charges :*

- a) before 30 days of the start of the program – no charge*
- b) before 21 days – 10% of the rate*
- c) before 14 days – 15% of the rate*



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*d) before 7 days – 30% of the rate*

*e) less than 7 days – 50% of the rate*

*f) 24 hours before the trip – 100% of the rate*

## Hotel policy:

*During the festival period, there will be a 100% cancellation charge if canceled for less than 30 days and 50% if less than 60 days for accommodation only.*

## Visas policy:

*Visa: for processing visas, we need a scanned color copy of the original passport (valid for at least 6 months during the time of visit to Bhutan).*

*Visa is approved upon the confirmation of the full tour payment and is issued by the Department of Immigration. Without this visa clearance number, tourists cannot board the flight or enter the country. A copy of this visa clearance will be forwarded to you to produce during the check-in at the respective airline counter as well as to the immigration authorities upon arrival at Paro international airport or other port of entry.*

## About the country

*Bhutan, the land of the Thunder Dragon, was off-limits for tourists up until the seventies. Enveloped in mystery and magic, this soulful country is deeply rooted in its past. Resting in the Himalayas, this country is also known as the last Shangri-La. With the pristine Himalayan landscape, Bhutan also has a lush green forest, mesmerizing traditional villages, temples, and fortresses. To avoid any impacts of tourism on the country's culture and environment, Bhutan limits its visitors to pre-planned tours. Foreign visitors here pay a minimum tariff of USD 200-250 daily which includes meals, accommodation, food, transport, and official guides. With its extraordinary culture, traditions, and history, Bhutan is a place you must visit at least once in your life.*

## Key Facts

*Location: Bhutan is located in South Asia, and is bordered by the Autonomous Region of Tibet and the Republic of India.*

*Geography: It is a sovereign nation located toward the eastern extreme of the Himalayas.*



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**Capital:** *The capital city of Bhutan is Thimphu.*

**Area:** *It covers an area of 38,394 km<sup>2</sup>.*

**Population:** *The current population of Bhutan is 827,403.*

**Political system:** *The political system of Nepal is a constitutional monarchy and the current King is Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuk.*

**Major religion:** *Bhutan is a Buddhist country and more than half of the population follows Vajrayana Buddhism.*

**Time zone:** *UTC+06:00*

**Official language:** *Dzongkha or Bhutanese language is the official language.*

**Working hours:** *The working hours in Bhutan are differentiated into summer timing and winter timing, 8 hours, and 7 hours respectively. During summer, the time is from 9 am to 5 pm and, during winter, it is from 9 am to 4 pm.*

**Electricity:** *Most parts of the country are well connected with electricity. The standard voltage of electricity is 230V.*

## Visa Information

*All tourists except India, Bangladesh, and the Maldives require a valid visa to enter Bhutan. You can process your visa to Bhutan through a licensed Bhutanese tour operator or foreign travel agency. With a photo sample of your passport and USD 40, you will be able to apply for a visa. As soon as you provide the required documents and full payment for the tour, the Tourism Council of Bhutan will process your visa. Within 72 hours, you will get your visa cleared and, now, you can head to Bhutan.*

## How to reach the country

*Bhutan was recently opened for tourism and, recently, it has been made easier to access through planned economic development. You can reach Bhutan through land or air as there are well-connected networks of roads and an international airport. Visitors can enter Bhutan by land through Phuentsholing, Gelephu, and Samdrup Jongkar. These are the only open borders for those entering Bhutan by land. For those who are traveling by air, there are currently two operators Druk Air and Bhutan Airlines. Paro International Airport is the only international airport to reach Bhutan.*

## Popular destinations to visit

*Bhutan is known for its unique and amazing landscapes, cultural heritage, and historic fortresses. The well-preserved authentic culture, history, and traditions spring out admiration towards the country. While visiting Bhutan, there are a few places you should certainly see. You should start with the unbeatable Tiger's Nest monastery also known as "Paro Taktsang". This monastery resting on a*

*3000m vertical cliff is something you should not miss out on. If you are on time, you can also observe the Punakha festival in Punakha Dzong. The capital city of Thimphu should also be on your list as it boasts an array of traditional arts, cultural sites, markets, and fortresses. From Dochu La pass, you can visit the 108 Chortens (stupas) which were built in memory of a Bhutanese soldier who died fighting against the insurgency in 2003. Finally, you can tour the Phobjikha valley where you will witness the wildlife of Bhutan.*

### Internet and communication in the country

*Within recent years, communication services have improved in Bhutan. The country has a good network of telecommunication facilities. The major cities are filled with hotels, restaurants, internet cafes, and domestic, and international phone booths where you can make phone calls and use the internet. Wi-Fi is widely and easily available in major cities. However, in a remote area, the availability and reliability are both quite poor. You can also acquire a SIM card to access the internet or for communication purposes. Having said that, some rural areas do not have proper connectivity.*

### Local currency and foreign exchange

*The official local currency of Bhutan is Ngultrum. The Bhutanese currency is equivalent to the value of the Indian rupee. The Indian currency is also widely accepted in Bhutan. You can exchange dollars and other foreign currencies at the bank in Thimpu and a few other major cities. In such situations, you need to be updated to exchange your currency. This information is available on the official website of the Bank of Bhutan at <https://www.bob.bt/forex-all/>.*

*However, you will not need a lot of cash as everything is prepaid and included within the mandatory price of USD 200-250.*

### Weather and Climate

*The climate in Bhutan depends upon the season, altitude, and influence of northern Indian monsoons. Bhutan also possesses four seasons, namely, autumn, spring, winter, and monsoon. Autumn offers pleasant weather for exploration and sightseeing whereas the spring season brings in the colorful flora and vibrant fauna. Winter experiences cold and harsh weather conditions whereas monsoon welcomes rainfall across the country.*

*Likewise, the country is divided into three parts mainly southern, central, and northern. Southern Bhutan is hot, humid, and unchanging throughout the year. Temperatures can vary from 15-30 degrees Celsius. The central part of the country is engulfed in the deciduous forest which results in a fair temperature, with warm summers and cool dry winters. However, in the far northern part of the kingdom, the weather is much colder during the winter and cooler during the summer. Mountain peaks are perpetually covered in snow while the lower green lands blossom during the summer.*

### People, culture, and festival

*Bhutan is the only Vajrayana Buddhist nation in the world and Buddhism is the official religion of the nation. Hence, Bhutanese culture and traditions are heavily influenced by Buddhism. Bhutanese*



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*people are very warm and welcoming resulting in the boost of your gross domestic happiness. You will see many elderly and middle-aged people draped in Bhutanese dress as it is the national dress of the kingdom. Bhutan is rich in cultural diversity which leads to a wide variety of colorful and elaborate festivals. The widely celebrated festival is Tshechu which marks the important events in the life of Guru Rinpoche. Likewise, Paro Tshechu, and Wangduephodrang Tshechu. Punakha Drubchen and Haa Summer Festival are some other popular festivals in Bhutan.*