



# Thimphu *to* Phobjikha

6 Nights all inclusive tour of Bhutan | Covers four districts of Bhutan | Thimphu | Paro | Punakha | Wangduephodrang | Explore Phobjikha | Valley of cranes | Feel the Bhutanese Hospitality | Delve into the Bhutanese Culture | Bhutanese National Dress | Day hikes in three districts | Attend Buddhist ritual

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# Western Bhutan

**Number of Nights**

6 Nights and 7 days

**Districts Covered**

Paro | Thimphu | Punakha | Wangduephodrang

**Tour Includes**

Accommodation in Tourist Standard 3 Star Resorts | All internal Transport in SUV | Day hikes in 3 districts | Professional Tour Guide | All Meals | All internal taxes and entrance fees to Heritage sites | Government Royalty of USD 65 per night halt per guest

**Additional Value**

Gift of Bhutanese Traditional Dress | Hot-stone Bath | Hoisting of Prayer Flags | Cultural Program\* | Buddhist rituals

\*Cultural Program would be provided only to group size of more than 5 guests

## Day One – Paro to Thimphu ( 54 KM – 1 & ½ Hours)



On board you will experience the breath taking views of **Mount Everest, Kanchen Junga** and **Himalayan peak**. You will be greeted at the airport by the guide and driver of Druk and Drukpa Tours.

we will drive to Thimphu, en-route visit **Tachog Lhakhang** crossing the 15<sup>th</sup> century Iron bridge. It would approximately take around 1 and ½ hours to reach Thimphu.



Check into Hotel and after refreshment visit:

- **Memorial Chorten** (Mound like stupa built in memory of the late HRH the Third King of Bhutan)
- **Tashi Chhoe Dzong** (Fortress of the Glorious Religion), It houses the central monastic body, the central government of Bhutan and also the throne room of the King.

Later a **welcome dinner** would be hosted in one of the Bhutanese Restaurants and a gift of **traditional Bhutanese dress** would be presented to you.

***Dinner and Overnight at Hotel***

## Day Two – Thimphu

After an early Breakfast we will drive to the base of Phajoding Monastery. Upon reaching the base, we will hike to **Phajoding Monastery** and the hike to the monastery would approximately take around two and half hour. The view of Thimphu valley is very beautiful from the monastery.

After returning, we will visit:

- **The sanctuary that houses the Takin** (national animal of Bhutan)
- **Buddha Point** to have a glimpse of one of the largest sitting Buddha in the world and to have a birds eye view of the Thimphu valley beneath.

***Dinner and overnight at the hotel***



## Day Three – Thimphu to Punakha ( 72 KM – 2 & ½ Hours)

After breakfast, drive to Punakha via **Wangduephodrang**, en route stop at **Dochula Pass** (3,140 m) for refreshment and also to have a **panoramic view of the Himalayan range** and also the **108 mound like stupas**.

Then you will descend down to the warmer valley of Punakha (ancient capital of Bhutan), on the way visit **Lampelri Botanical park** and the **Lake Baritsho** and finally stop for about ½ hour to visit the **Chimi Lhakhang (Divine Madman’s Temple)**.

In the afternoon you will visit the ***Punakha Dzong***, magnificently located at the confluence of the two rivers (Pho-chu and the Mo-chu). The Dzong (fortress) was constructed in the year 1637 – 1638. It is the second largest and the second oldest Dzong of the country. The Dzong was the administrative centre and the seat of the Government of Bhutan until 1955.

### *Dinner and Overnight at Hotel*



## Day Four – Punakha to Phobjikha (74 KM – 3 Hrs)



After breakfast, we will drive towards **Phobjikha valley** through Wangdue Phodrang. Phobjikha serves as the winter home for the **Rare Black-Neck cranes** that migrates from Tibet in late October until April. The villagers celebrate their arrival. The Black neck cranes are deeply revered as a heavenly bird. These birds appear in the Bhutanese folk lore, songs, dances and it has been even used as the logo for the former governing political body of Bhutan.

We will visit the Magnificent **Gangtey Monastery the seat of H.H the Gangtey Trulku** and then we will spend rest of the exploring the beautiful and picturesque village.

***Dinner and Overnight at the Hotel***

## Day Five –Phobjikha to Paro (170 KM – 6 Hrs)



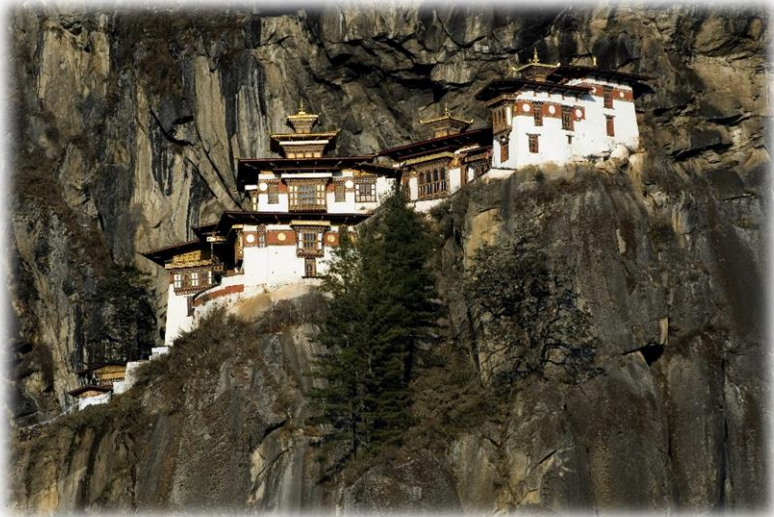
After an early breakfast walk to the mani (Chorten) to the north of Gangtey Gonpa and walk through the pine forest and small bamboo plants to end your trek at ***Khewa Lhakhang (Monastery)***.

You can have a beautiful view of the Phobjikha Valley and the Black necked cranes roosting in the valley below during the winter months.

After approximately one and half hour hike; we will drive back to the fertile valley of Paro.

Upon reaching Paro, we will check into the Hotel and rest for a while. ***Overnight at Hotel***

## Day Six - Paro



Visit to the **Taktshang Monastery**; we will drive till the terminating point of the motor able road (Ramthangkha), we will then hike to the monastery, Taktshang is one of the most highly thought of and sacred of all Buddhist sites around the world, located on 800 Mtrs Cliffside.

In the afternoon we will visit the following places

- **Kyichu Monastery** (one of the oldest temples in Bhutan, built in the 7th century by Tibetan Ruler)
- **Visit Paro Rinpung Dzong / National Museum**

In the evening, you will be taken to a **Bhutanese farm house** for last dinner in Bhutan. Druk and Drukpa Tours would arrange a **Traditional Bhutanese Hot-stone bath** at the farm house.

### Dinner and Overnight at Hotel





## Day Seven - Departure



Druk and Drukpa staff would drive you to the airport via the old route to have a bird's eye view of the Paro International Airport. The Guide and the driver would see you off at the airport with a scarf exchange program.

**We thank you for being with us.**