

Bhutan - "Spirit of the Himalayas"

(07 Nights – 08 Days)

Departure Date: - May 2026



BHUTAN

Bhutan is a small, landlocked country in the eastern Himalayas, nestled between India and China. Known for its untouched natural beauty and deep spiritual roots, Bhutan is one of the world's most peaceful and environmentally conscious destinations. Over 70% of the country is covered in forests, and it is the world's only carbon-negative nation.

The country is deeply influenced by Buddhism, which is reflected in its majestic monasteries, prayer flags, dzongs (fortress-monasteries), and colorful festivals called Tshechus. Bhutan's unique development philosophy of Gross National Happiness prioritizes the well-being of its people over material wealth.

Travelers to Bhutan can enjoy scenic mountain views, serene valleys, traditional villages, and authentic Bhutanese cuisine. Popular attractions include Paro Taktsang (Tiger's Nest Monastery), Thimphu, Punakha Dzong, and Dochula Pass. Adventure lovers can also experience trekking, hiking, and nature walks, while culture seekers can immerse themselves in local traditions and heritage.

Bhutan follows a high-value, low-impact tourism policy, ensuring sustainable travel and a truly exclusive experience for visitors. A journey to Bhutan is not just a holiday—it is a peaceful, enriching, and unforgettable experience.

TENTATIVE DAY WISE ITINERARY

PHUENTSHOLING | THIMPHU | PUNAKHA | PARO

DAY 01: MAY 2026 – BAGDOGRA TO PHUENTSHOLING

APPROX DISTANCE: – 160 KMS – 4.5 HOURS DRIVE

Breakfast at hotel, check-out & drive towards the Indo – Bhutan Border (Jaigaon-Phuentsholing), on the way to the beautiful scenic Tea Garden Estates. On arrival check in to the hotel and evening is free for the local market around Phuentsholing. Overnight stay at Phuentsholing.

DAY 02: MAY 2026 – PHUENTSHOLING – THIMPHU

APPROX DISTANCE: – 150 KMS – 5 HOURS DRIVE

After breakfast processing immigration formalities, drive to Thimphu –The capital of Bhutan via Gedu, which is located about 9000 ft. above the sea and view of Chukka Dam. And stopover for photo session at Wangkha Waterfalls, Eight Dharma Stupa, and Gedu Collage out view. On arrival at Thimphu check in hotel and evening free for local market .Overnight hotel stay in Thimphu hotel.

DAY 03: MAY 2026 – THIMPHU

After breakfast, proceed for local sightseeing of Thimphu.

The Simtokha Dzong: built in 1629 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, functions as a monastic and administrative centre and is the oldest Dzong which has survived in its original form; Namgyal brought into vogue, for the first time in Bhutan, this concept of the "Dzong" as castle monastery. An attack on the Dzong was made by five disgruntled lamas in collaboration with an invading army of Tibetans who were against the Buddhist practices of the Dzong under the control of Zhabdrung. They were defeated and Palden Lama who was the leader of the invaders died in the battle. Another attack on the Dzong in 1630 by the Tibetans was successful for a while till part of the Dzong caught fire and with the roof collapsing all the invading forces were killed.

National Library: which holds a vast collection of ancient Buddhist texts and manuscripts, some dating back several hundred years, as well as modern academic books mainly on Himalayan culture and religion;

The Motithang Takin Preserve: For animal lovers, Motithang Takin Preserve is one of the best places to visit in Thimphu. This attractive preserved area was built as a small zoo but later it was converted into an animal preserve centre. Takin –The national animal of Bhutan, lives in the Motithang Takin Preserve in Thimphu

National Memorial Chorten: The building of this landmark was envisaged by the third king, His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, as a monument to world peace and prosperity. Completed in 1974 after his untimely death, it is both a memorial to the Late King ("the Father of modern Bhutan") and a monument to world peace. The paintings and statues inside the monument provide a deep insight into Buddhist philosophy. (From outside)

Trashichhoe Dzong view: This impressive fortress/monastery houses Secretariat building, the throne room of His Majesty, the King and various government offices. It is also the summer residence of Chief Abbot and central monk body.

Handicrafts Emporium: This government-run enterprise displays a wide range of beautifully hand-woven textiles and craft products. It also carries a small collection of books on Bhutan, Buddhism and Himalayan culture.

Lord Buddha Statue (Kuensel Phodrang): The Buddha Dordenma is located amidst the ruins of phodrang, the palace of Sherab Wangchuck, the thirteenth desi Druk, overlooking the southern approach to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan. On completion, it will be one of the largest statues in the world, at a height of 169 feet (515.5 meters), accommodating 100,000 8-inch tall and 25,000 12-inch tall gilded Buddhas respectively in the interior. The statue is surrounded by 943 acres of forest area that comprises the Kuensel Phodrang nature park.

The Clock Tower: Clock Tower Square is an example of a great architectural marvel. It is a tower with four clock faces, which makes it different from any other building or structure in Bhutan. One of the most popular places among visitors, people usually visit here in the evening to enjoy the beautiful paintings and carvings. There are many restaurants and souvenir shops near this tower, making it one of the most visited sites in the town. Hotel night stay in Thimphu.

DAY 04: MAY 2026 – THIMPHU – PUNAKHA – THIMPHU

APPROX DISTANCE: – 80 KMS – 3 HOURS DRIVE (ONEWAY)

After breakfast, drive up to **Dochu-la pass** (3,088m/ 10,130 ft) 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, the following peaks can be seen from this pass (left to right): Masagang (7,158m), Tsendagang (6,960m), Terigang (7,060m), Jejegangphugang (7,158 m), Kangphugang (7,170 m), Zongphugang (7,060 m), a table mountain that dominates the isolated region of Lunana – finally Gangkar puensum, the highest peak in Bhutan at 7,497m.

After visit to **Punakha Dzong**, Built strategically at the junction of Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers in 1637 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal to serve as the religious and administrative centre of the region, Punakha Dzong has played an important role in Bhutan's history. Damaged by four catastrophic fires and an earthquake, the Dzong has been fully restored by the present King.

Punakha Suspension Bridge: One of the longest suspension bridges in Bhutan, spanning 350m and perched high above the very swift river of Po Chhu. Draped with prayer flags, the bridge connects the town of Punakha and the Punakha Dzong, mainly used by locals from the other side of the town as a shortcut to Punakha Dzong. Overnight stay in Thimphu.

DAY 05: MAY 2026 – THIMPHU – PARO

APPROX DISTANCE: – 50 KMS – 2 HOURS DRIVE

After breakfast visit **Ta Dzong** originally built as a Watchtower, which now houses the National Museum. The extensive collection includes antique thangka paintings, textiles, weapons & armour, household objects and a rich assortment of natural and historic artifacts. (Should be closed during festivals time)

Paro Airport View: This is one of the most stunning airports in the World and also the country's first and only international airport. With a breath-taking view, this airport became a must-visit place in Paro.

Visit **Kyichu Lhakhang**, one of the oldest and most sacred shrines of the country, built in the 7th century by the Tibetan king, Songtsen Gampo.

Then walk down the trail to visit **Rinpung Dzong**, meaning ("fortress of the heap of jewels"), which has a long and fascinating history. Along the wooden galleries lining the inner courtyard are fine wall paintings illustrating Buddhist lore such as four friends, the old man of long life, the wheel of life, scenes from the life of Milarepa, Mount. Sumeru and other cosmic Mandala. Overnight stay in Paro.

DAY 06: MAY 2026 – PARO

After breakfast hike **Taktsang Monastery**. This most famous of Bhutan's monasteries is spectacularly perched on the side of a cliff 900 m above the Paro valley floor. Taktsang is a place of pilgrimage which Bhutanese try to visit at least once in a lifetime. It is said that in the 8th century Guru Rinpoche flew on the back of a tigress from eastern Bhutan to this place and meditated in a cave here for 3 months, hence its name, "Tiger's Nest". The site, which has long been recognized as a most sacred place, was visited by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal in 1646. The principal Lhakhang of the present monastic complex dates from 1692. The main structure was severely damaged by fire in 1998, but after many years of painstaking renovation work, the complex has now been fully restored to its former.

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Chele la (pass) at an elevation 3,988 meters is considered to be one of the highest memorable passes in Bhutan. About an hour's drive along a thickly-forested road, is this Pass-a botanical paradise. The pass provides stunning views of the sacred mountain Jomolhari and Jichu Drake. It is also marked by hundreds of prayer flags fluttering in the wind. Here, visitors can see cascades of wild roses; purple and yellow primulas; and swathes of deep blue iris covering the forest floor. The top of the pass bloom with rhododendrons in a variety of colours-pale pink, deep pink, burnt orange, mauve, white and scarlet. Overnight stay at Paro.

DAY 07: MAY 2026 – PARO – PHUENTSHOLING

APPROX DISTANCE: – 150 KMS – 4.5 HOURS DRIVE

After breakfast drive to Phuentsholing. Day free at leisure. Overnight stay in Phuentsholing.

DAY 08: MAY 2026 – PHUENTSHOLING – BAGDOGRA

APPROX DISTANCE: – 160 KMS – 4.5 HOURS DRIVE

After breakfast, check-out from hotel & drive to airport to board the flight for your onward journey.

*****End Tour*****

DETAILED TOUR PRICE

<u>ROOM TYPE</u>	<u>PRICE PER PERSON</u>
Double/Twin Sharing	INR 78,000
Triple Sharing	INR 77,000
Single Sharing	INR 89,000
Child With Bed (2-11) Yrs	INR 69,000
Child No Bed (2-11) Yrs	INR 59,000

5% GST IS APPLICABLE ON GIVEN TOUR PRICE.

MENTIONED TOUR PRICES ARE PER PERSON FOR INDIAN NATIONALS ONLY.

THE ABOVE COST INCLUDES

- Return airfare Ex Mumbai (Bagdogra flight)
- Sustainable Development Fees (SDF) for Indian nationals.
- 07 breakfast, 07 lunches & 7 dinners.
- Entry fees for Museums & Monuments.
- 1 Bottle mineral water every day.
- Professional Hindi & English-Speaking Guide (Bhutan Govt. approved)
- All tours & transfers from private vehicle.
- All permit fees, hotel taxes.
- Toll Tax, parking charges & driver allowance
- Rates are valid for INDIAN NATIONALS only.

THE ABOVE COST EXCLUDES

- GST 5%
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips & gratuity, mineral water, soft & hard drinks, rafting,
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicles, other than mentioned in the itinerary.
- 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).
- Anything which is not included in the inclusion.

NOTES:

- Early Check in and Late Check-Out Are Subject to Room's Availability and Will Be Charged Accordingly.
- Rate Subject to Change Without Prior Notice.
- Surcharges If Any Applicable.
- Meals Will Be Served Pure Veg.
- Guest Coming by Flight Need to Check the Arrival & Departure with Us Before Booking the Tickets.

**COST INCIDENTAL TO ANY CHANGE IN THE ITINERARY/ STAY ON ACCOUNT OF FLIGHT/TRAIN
CANCELLATION DUE TO BAD WEATHER, ILL HEALTH, ROADBLOCKS AND/OR ANY FACTORS BEYOND
CONTROL.**

CANCELLATION

IN CASE OF CANCELLATION, THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WOULD APPLY

CANCELLATION RECEIVED NO. OF DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE	CANCELLATION FEE APPLICABLE ON NET TOUR PRICE PER PERSON.
DAY 0 TO 5	100%
DAY 5 TO 15	75%
DAY 16 TO 30	50%
DAY 31 TO 45	40%
DAY 46 TO 60	30%
DAY 61 TO 90	20%
DAY 91 TO 900	15%

BANK DETAILS

Beneficiary Name: Travel Experts India	Beneficiary Name: Travel Experts India
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