

Bhutan Extension – 5 nights/6 days

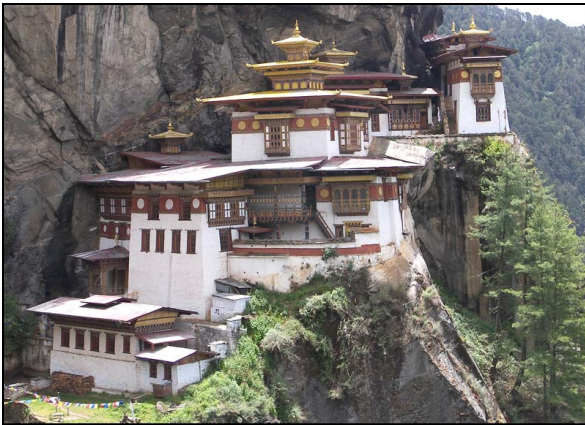
Oct 20 – Oct 25, 2008

Bhutan is a rich mosaic of different cultures, traditions, life styles, ethnic groups, languages and belief systems. It is astounding that a country with a population of just over half a million speaks as many as nineteen different dialects and a few major languages. It may seem diverse in many ways, but the Bhutanese socio-cultural fabric is well interlaced and harmonized mainly due to the common thread of simple Buddhist values that the people share. The cultural tours of Bhutan are the easiest way to get the taste of Bhutan. Each town has a Dzong dating back from the 1600s, and many old temples and monasteries.

Oct 20, Mon: Fly Kathmandu – Paro. Hotel.

You will be met by the representative in Paro. Drive through the valley of Paro to the hotel. After refreshment, take a stroll around the town of Paro.

Oct 21, Tue: In Paro. Sightseeing in Paro. Hotel.



Taktsang Monastery

Drive to the ruins of Drugyel Dzong. This Dzong is of historical importance, because from these ramparts the Bhutanese repelled Tibetan invaders. On a clear day one can view the sacred Mount Chhomolari, Mountain of Goddess (24,000 ft).

After lunch visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum housed in an ancient watchtower, which has a fine collection of ancient Thangka paintings, textiles, weapons and artifacts. Walk to the traditional wooden bridge.

Oct 22, Wed: Paro - Thimphu. Hotel.

Drive through the beautiful valleys of Paro and Thimphu to the capital of Bhutan - Thimphu. Visit the Zangthopelri Lhakhang, the School of Thankha Painting and the Tashi Nincha folk studio where the traditional folk and mask dance are learned and practiced. In the afternoon, visit the Zelukha Nunnery, TashiChho Dzong and the Handicraft Emporium.

Oct 23, Thu: Continue Sightseeing in Thimphu. Hotel.

Thimphu is the capital of Bhutan, where most of the modern facilities are still not reach, some say that Thimphu is only capital in the world without the computerized tariff lighting system.

Morning visit to the memorial Chorten built in the memory of Lt. His Majesty the King by Royal Queen Mother, visit Changkha Lhakhang, Motithang mini Zoo to see the National animal: The Takin.

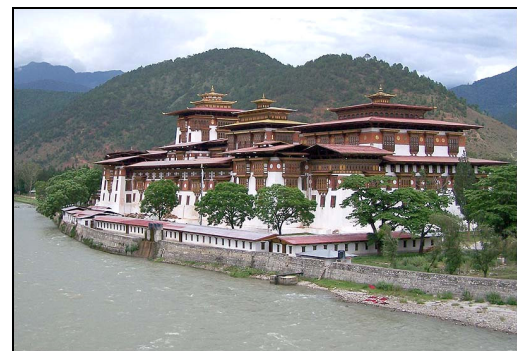


Thimphu, Capital of Bhutan

Drive down to a viewpoint from where you have magnificent view of the Thimphu valley; visit the National Library to see the large collection of traditional books, Folk Heritage museum where you can see the typical Bhutanese house and their lifestyle.

Afternoon, if possible, you can visit Tashicho Dzong, the parliament house of the country, handmade paper factory and some of the local Handicraft centre. Evening at leisure.

Oct 24, Fri: Punakha Excursion. Hotel.



Punakha Dzong

Early morning drive to Punakha through Dochula Pass from where one can see a beautiful view of the Eastern Himalayan Range on a clear sunny day. In Punakha you will visit the Punakha Dzong, which is the summer residence of Central Monastic body. Later visit Wangdi and that evening return to Paro

Oct 25, Sat: Departure

Depart Paro for your flight home.

Land cost based on 6 persons & up: \$1420 per person
Single Room Supplement: \$180 per person

Kathmandu/Paro/Bangkok airfare: \$615 per person
Note: Above airfare subject to change.

Land cost includes:

- Twin sharing accommodation on full board basis.
- All transfers.
- Sightseeing as per itinerary.
- Local English speaking guide.
- Bhutan visa.
- Glenn H.Mullin as pilgrimage leader.

Extras:

- Kathmandu/Paro/Kathmandu or Kathmandu/Paro/Bangkok airfare.
- Photography charges in monuments and monasteries.
- Bottled water, bottled drinks & alcoholic beverages.
- Expenses of personal nature like laundry, telephone, bottled water and drinks.
- Insurance of any kind.
- Monastery offerings.
- Airport Taxes.

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