

East Bhutan

9 Days 8 Nights

Paro - Thimphu - Punakha - Tongsa - Bumthang - Wangdiprohang - Paro

Day 1: Bangkok – Paro. (L, D)

Arrival in Bhutan and transfer to hotel in Paro. The flight to Bhutan is spectacular with the great Himalayan peak appearing on and after the other on the life side. Visit the Ta-Dzong built in the 17 century, as watchtower to defend Rinpung Dzong below. This Dzong was later converted into the National Museum in 1967, and is filled with antique Tanka painting, textiles, weapons and armour. Drive to the Rinpung Dzong, built in 17 century to defend the valley against the Tibetan invaders. The Dzong is now used as an administrative center and school for monks.

Overnight in Paro at Metta Resort (www.bhutanmetta.com.bt) or similar

Day 2: Paro – Thimphu. (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel, visit to Drukgyel Dzong, which was built by Shabdrung in 1647, to commemorate his history over the Tibetans in 1644. Along the way see the Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the 108 temples built in the Himalayas by Tibetan King. Songtsen Gampo. Afternoon drive to Thimphu (65kms / 2.30 hours), Visit to the Tashichho Dzong, seat of the national government and the Central Monastic body, including the summer residence

Overnight in Thimphu at Kisa Hotel (www.hotelkisa.com) or similar

Day 3: Thimphu – Punakha. (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel, visit the national memorial Chorten built in honour of the late king Jigme Dorji Wangchuk and the Dupthop Lhakhang one of the few surviving nunneries in Bhutan. Then visit to the National Library, stocked with the Manuscripts painting school, at this school learn the traditional technique of drawing and painting, Traditional Medicine Hospital where traditional medicine are prepared according to the ancient practices. After lunch, drive to the Punakha via Duchula pass (altitude 3050 metres). From here on a clear day one can see superb view of the highest peaks in Bhutan, such as Gangkar Puensum, Table Mountain, jeje Khang, Masakhang, and Gangchey Ta.

Overnight in Punakha at Meri Puensum Hotel / - or similar

Day 4: Punakha – Tongsa. (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel, Punakha the old capital of Bhutan and the present winter capital for Central Monks. Visit to the Punakha Dzong (opened when the monks are in Thimphu). Drive to Tongsa around 6 hours through a forest of pine and cedar. The road climbs to Pelela Pass, traditionally considered the boundary between west and east of Bhutan. After lunch drive to Tongsa, on arrival check in and free at leisure.

Overnight in Tongsa at Yanghi Resort / - or similar

Day 5: Tongsa – Bumthang. (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel, and then view the impressive Tongsa Dzong, built in 1648, the ancestral home of the ruling dynasty. The Dzong is a massive structure with many levels which slope down the contours of a hill on which it perches and visit Ta Dzong; an ancient watch-tower, above the main Dzong, there is an interesting display of Mongol Armour. After lunch drive about 3 hours and cross the Yotonglay Pass to Bumthang. On arrival, check in at hotel and free at leisure.

Overnight in Bumthang at Mountain Lodge / - or similar

Day 6: Bumthang. (B, L, D)

Bumthang is the general name given to a complex of four valleys-Chumey, Choekhor, Tang and Ura with altitude vary from 2600 to 4000 metres. After breakfast at hotel visit to Kurje Lhakhang; one of the most sacred places in Bhutan as Guru Rimpoche meditated here. From Kurje monastery a tarmac road heads south along the right bank of the river to the Jambey Lhakhang. Afternoon visit to Tamshing Lhakhang, found in 1501 by Pema Lingpa. Later see Jakar Dzong, the Dzong of the white bird. It is the only Dzong in the country does not contain a Drukpa monastic community.

Overnight in Bumthang at Mountain Lodge / - or similar

Day 7: Bumthang – Wangdiprodhang. (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel and drive to Wangdiprodhang

Overnight in Wangdiprodhang at Dragon Nest Hotel (www.dragonsnesthotel.com) or similar

Day 8: Wangdiprodhang – Paro. (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel, and visit Wangdi Dzong; The district of Wangdiphodrang lies south to Punakha. It is more familiarly known as Wangdi. The last town before starting at the central Bhutan, Wangdi is a typical small Bhutanese town. The area is known for slate carving and bamboo weaving. After that drive to Paro, check in and free at leisure

Overnight in Paro at Metta Resort (www.bhutanmetta.com.bt) or similar

Day 9: Paro – Bangkok. (B)

Breakfast at hotel, and transfer to the airport for flight back to Bangkok

***** **End of Services** *****

Valid till: Now – 29 Feb 12.		Price per person in Thai Baht.	
1 person	2 person	3 person up	Single supplement
79,500	77,300	74,300	8,500

Valid on: Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Oct and Nov 2012.			
Price per person in Thai Baht			
1 person	2 person	3 person up	Single supplement
93,800	91,700	90,200	8,500

Price Included:

- Air tickets Bangkok – Paro – Bangkok by Druk air, economy class, included taxes.
- Accommodation as mentioned on twin sharing basis.
(There are no hotel star systems in Bhutan (have just a few luxury hotels there but very high rates), they are considered to be the same standard and equal based on Bhutan’s government)
- Meals as mentioned (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner).
- Tours and transfer as mentioned by **PRIVATE** vehicle.
- All entrance fees as indicated.
- Visa to Bhutan.
- English speaking guide.

Price Excluded:

- Any other does not mentioned in the program such as personal expenses, tips, drinks, insurance and expenses occurred due to unavoidable events i.e. wrecks road, flight delays cancelled.

Documents require for Bhutan Visa:

- Passport copy only. (Scan and send us by e-mail)

Remark:

- ❖ All rates are net in Thai BAHT and rates per person.
- ❖ Group and child rates, please contact us again.
- ❖ Other period of packages tour rates, please contact us anytime.
- ❖ All rates are subject to change without prior notices, upon airfare and currency rates exchange.
- ❖ All above itinerary is flexible, depending on arrival or departure flights of passengers.
