

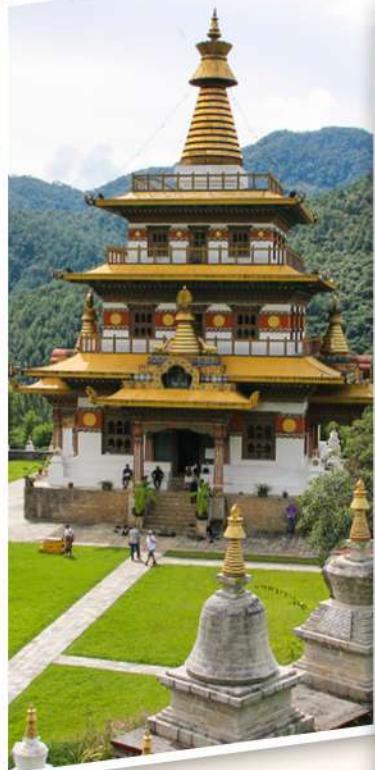
GROUP TOUR

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GOLDEN JUBILEE  
CELEBRATION

# BHUTAN CALLING

Ex-Bagdogra Airport, Phuentsholing,  
Thimphu, Punakha, Paro



## Bhutan Calling: 8D / 7N

Departure Dates: Oct- 21

### PLACES COVERED:

Phuentsholing, Thimphu, Punakha, Paro

## Daywise Program

### Day 01: Arrival in Bagdogra Airport to Phuentsholing (4 Hrs)

After arriving in Phuentsholing, complete the permit formalities and check into the hotel and relax. Phuentsholing- Phuentsholing is the border point for any goods and services entry/exit into Bhutan. Phuentsholing lies opposite the Indian town of Jaigon and cross-border trade has resulted in a thriving local economy. Overnight in Phuentsholing, altitude 300m

### Day 02: Phuentsholing to Thimphu (5 hrs drive)

Start the scenic journey towards Thimphu. The feeling of exhausted and crowded in Phuentsholing comes to the end after half an hour drive uphill, you will start feeling fresh and enjoy the scenic beauty of the nature. The journey will pass through some of the most beautiful broad leaves forest to temperate alpine zone, villages, towns, water fall, hills and mountains until we reach Thimphu, creating the history for you. Roadside Stops: Leg stretch break for having tea/coffee, using restroom and taking photographs at scenic places like waterfalls, landscapes, and villages. Chuzom- Meeting point of two rivers (Thimphu & Paro) this is tri junction of highway leading to Thimphu, Paro and Phuentsholing into three directions. Enjoy the lovely picture of beautiful portrait of our King and Queen placed at Chuzom which is so welcoming to all who visits Bhutan. We will explore the city by walk:

If time permits, walking through the city gives you immense joys and understanding of modern city. Good option for imported garments and local souvenir, beside unique local handicrafts. Thimphu offers mixed style of personalities taking the street walk in Thimphu- only city in the world without traffic lights. Overnight in Thimphu, altitude 2400m

### Day 03: Thimphu Sightseeing

Thimphu- This bustling little city is the main center of commerce, religion and government in the country. Thimphu is the most modern city with an abundance of restaurants, internet cafes, nightclubs and shopping centers. However it still retains its cultural identity and values amidst the signs of modernization, often referred as world only city without traffic lights. Visit Buddha viewpoint: The largest sitting Buddha statue in the world, is located at a top of the hill in Kuensel Phodrang Nature Park and overlooks the southern entrance to Thimphu valley. Folk Heritage Museum: It provides visitors and tourists with fascinating insights into the Bhutanese material culture and way of life. Sangaygang View Point: The point offers a stunning panoramic view of the entire Thimphu valley. Takin Zoo: The wildlife reserve area for Takin (Budorcas taxicolor), the national animal of Bhutan with unique story of its creation. Weaving Centre: Witness the traditional Bhutanese art of weaving. You will definitely be mesmerized by the sheer skills, concentration and dexterity of the weavers. Overnight in Thimphu.

### Day 04: Thimphu to Punakha (2 hrs drive)

Start the most scenic drive to Punakha from Thimphu over dochula pass which takes about two hours. After the break at Dochula, the road descends into Wangdue and Punakha taking us to one of the warmest places of Bhutan. Dochula pass: The pass is at a popular location as it offers a stunning 180 degree panoramic view of the Great Himalayan mountain ranges. The view is especially scenic and very clear on winter days with snowcapped mountains forming a majestic backdrop to the tranquility of the 108 chortens gracing the mountain pass. Punakha Dzong: Built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, the Dzong was named Druk Pungthang Dechen Phodrang (Palace of Great Happiness). Punakha is still the winter residence of Je-Khenpo religious head of Bhutan. King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck convened the first National Assembly here in 1952. This is one of the finest and must see Dzongs of Bhutan. The Dzong stands inbetween meeting point of two rivers, Phochu and Mochu making the most photogenic Dzongs of Bhutan. Visit Punakha Suspension Bridge: Punakha suspension bridge is considered one of the longest of its kind in Bhutan. The bridge connects the dzong with the villages Shengana, Samdingkha and Wangkha on the other bank of the Po Chhu river. In these small villages, locals sell their wares in tiny, traditional shops. Visitors can stop here for a quick and authentic view of true Bhutan. In order to access the suspension bridge from the dzong, one must walk past the

### Day 05: Punakha to Paro (3 hrs Drive)

As we proceed to Paro, we will retrace the journey crossing over Dochula, up until Chuzom and further to Paro. The entire stretch of drive will refresh your mind and give you second chance to enjoy the great snowcapped mountain views of the Himalayas from Dochula. After our breakfast, retrace the drive back to Paro via Dochula and Thimphu. En route stop at Lamperi Botanical Park, it is a paradise for nature lover. The visitors can view 38 out of Bhutan's 46 species of rhododendron or spot some of the 220 species of birds. There are 21 animal species known in the park which has deer, tiger, leopard, red panda and also the wildcat. Paro Airport View Point:

It is located on the Hill overlooking the airport, this viewpoint offers the best view of the whole airport. Explore the tiny town: Tiny Paro town actually can offer lot more, there are many authentic handicraft shops, readily available Bhutan made products, grocery and imported garment shops beside having many small restaurants around. Overnight in Paro, altitude 2200m.

### Day 06: Paro Sightseeing

This picturesque region in the kingdom is covered in fertile rice fields and has a beautiful, crystalline river meandering down the valley. Paro has more of historical sites, high-end tourist resort and many souvenir shops for shopping including world famous Takstang. Taktsang Monastery (Tiger Nest Temple): is Bhutan's most iconic landmark and religious Buddhist site in the world. The name Taktsang translates to "The Tiger's Nest". The temple is one of the holiest sites in Bhutan which clings impossibly to a sheer cliff face 900 meters above the valley. Although good trekkers can make it to the top in two hours, most of the guests take whole day to complete the hike. Overnight in Paro.

### Day 07: Paro to Phuentsholing (5 hrs drive)

After the breakfast, drive back to Phuentsholing. Phuentsholing is also good for buying inexpensive Bhutanese souvenirs and agro products for your relatives back home. Prepare yourself to exit from Bhutan. Roadside Stops: Leg stretch break for having tea/coffee, using restroom and taking photographs at scenic places like waterfalls, landscapes, and villages. Kharbandi/Rinchending Gompa (based on your interest)- Monastery is built by Royal Grandmother in 1967. It is located on a picturesque hill overlooking the whole Phuentsholing town and beyond Torsa River far into distant till the sight disappears into a mountain. The site serves as an idle place to take photos with the town and the mountains acting as a perfect background. Overnight in Phuentsholing.

### Day 07: End of the Tour

Departure from Phuentsholing to Bagdogra Airport (4 Hrs.).

## Package Price - PER PERSON PRICE

Tour Code	DBL	TRPL	CNB (5 to 11 Yrs Old)	Single Occupancy	Child (2 to 5 Yrs Old)	Child (0 to 2 Yrs Old)
BT01	₹ 46,499/-	₹ 45,499/-	₹ 39,999/-	₹ 91,898/-	₹ 10,000/-	₹ 4,500/-

## Transportation

Person	Vehicle	Vehicle Details
20 Pax	Coaster	01 Non-AC Toyota Coaster Bus for Bhutan Part
20 Pax	Indian Innova	05 Innova for 20 Pax for IXB pick up & drop

## Important Notes:

- The rates are in Indian Rupee.
- The capacity of the vehicle is including a guide and driver.
- If the hotels change the rates, the rate will change without prior notice.

## Hotels:

Destinations	Nights	3* Hotel
Phuentsholing	2	Hotel Bhutan Ga Me Ga/Similar
Thimphu	2	Hotel Amodhara/Similar
Punakha	1	Hotel Pema Karpo/Similar
Paro	2	Metta Resort/Similar

## Important Notes:

- Hotel star rating in Bhutan is not up to the international standard.
- Rooms are subject to availability at the time of booking confirmation.
- If in case these hotels are not available, ST will provide similar hotels under the same category or twist the itinerary.
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## Inclusions:

- Accommodation on Double/Triple rooms as per the hotels mentioned below
- Buffet set Breakfast & Dinner in the hotel
- Bagdogra Airport pickup & drop
- Transportation & sightseeing as per the itinerary
- English-speaking license guide for the entire duration
- Sustainable Development Fees for the stay in Bhutan Permit
- Process and arrangement for the stay in Bhutan
- Complimentary water bottles

## Exclusions:

- Flight Fare of any kind
- Entrance/Monument visiting fees
- Lunch, tea, coffee, snacks, etc.
- Single room supplement and room upgrade charges
- Bank charges for payment transfers
- Any alcoholic / non-alcoholic beverages
- Other personal expenses/shopping Travel insurance
- Gratuities to guide and driver
- Outdoor activities (Cycling, River Rafting, Motor Biking, Horse Riding, Cultural Program, adventure activities, etc.)

## Travel Tips:

- Advance hotel Bookings are a must.
- Carry snacks with you in case of long traffic jams/landslides. Carry
- Drinking Water, and medicines with you.
- Respect the customs of locals.
- Carry a torch, and minimum luggage with you.



## Things to Note:

- Conveyance charges from the Bus alighting point to Monuments or Hotels and other places where the tourist Bus cannot go due to traffic regulations or conditions are to be borne by the Tourists themselves.
- The Company has the liberty to change the type of vehicle mentioned in our Fixed Departure-Conducted Tours, in case of less number of seats are booked or any other reason. The company makes all the efforts to operate the package tour as you are all traveling from far of distances believing our company, however, in some circumstances we are compelled to make certain changes. When the type of vehicle is changed to Tempo Traveller, SUV & Sedan Cars there would be an additional/supplement charge as we would be operating on loss.
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