

Glimpses & Wildlife of Bhutan

Delhi-Thimphu-Bhumbang-Trongsa-Punakha-Paro-Delhi

DAY 1 ARRIVE DELHI

Arrive Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi you will be received and taken to the hotel

Meals included: None

Overnight:

DAY 2 DELHI



Today late morning or afternoon you will do a guided tour of Delhi and visit parts of Old Delhi – visiting Jama Mosque and Red Fort. If time permits enjoy rickshaw ride in the by-lanes of the old city and later visit parts of New Delhi – visiting Humayun’s Tomb and drive past Government buildings.

In Delhi shopping possibilities are enormous. You may explore the city for its jewellery, and precious stone jewellery, shawls/pashmina, products for the home like furnishings and cutlery, but also a range of their own homemade jams/chutneys and handicrafts of various parts of the country.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight:

DAY 3 DELHI-PARO-THIMPHU

You will be transferred to the airport in time to connect your flight for Paro.

Met on arrival and travel by surface to Thimpu (55 kilometers / 2 hours)

Arrive Thimphu and stay at your hotel for 02 nights

Meals included: All meals

Overnight:

DAY 4 THIMPHU

Enjoy full sightseeing tour of the city

(Including National Library, Institute for Zorig Chusum (commonly known as Painting School), Textile & Folk Heritage Museum, National Memorial Chorten, Trashichhodzong, Handicrafts Emporium)

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. Institute for Zorig Chusum (commonly known as Painting School) where students undertake a six-year course on the 13 traditional arts and crafts of Bhutan. Textile and Folk Heritage Museum: These museums, both of which opened in 2001, provide fascinating insights into Bhutanese material culture and way of life.



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. Trashichhodzong: 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.

Meals included: All meals

Overnight:

DAY 5 THIMPHU - BHUMTHANG

Drive to Bhumthang. Rest of the day birding

Stay at your hotel for 02 nights

Meals included: All meals

Overnight:

DAY 6 BHUMTHANG

Full day sightseeing tour of Bhumthang



Meals included: All meals

Overnight:

DAY 7 BHUMTHANG - TRONGSA

Travel by surface to Trongsa (3,300m/10,830 ft – 200 kilometers / about 6 hours) the traditional boundary between east and west visiting Dochu-la pass, Wangduephodrang, Chendbji Chorten, patterned on Kathmandu's Swayambhunath Stupa, with eyes painted at four cardinal points.

Stay at Phuensum Lodge for one night.

Meals included: All meals

Overnight:

DAY 8 TRONGSA - PUNAKHA

Morning is at leisure to explore Trongsa.

Later travel by surface to Punakha (135 kilometers / about 5 hours) visiting Wangduephodrang Dzong en-route.



Stay at your hotel for 02nights

Meals included: All meals

Overnight:

DAY 9 PUNAKHA

Full day explore Punakha

Meals included: All meals

Overnight:

DAY 10 PUNAKHA - PARO

Morning visit Punakha Dzong, Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten, stupa.

Punakha Dzong, a massive structure built at the junction of two rivers. Punakha was Bhutan's capital until 1955, and Punakha Dzong still serves as the winter residence of the central monk body.

Bhutan's first King, Ugyen Wangchuck, was crowned here in 1907. The fortress has withstood several damages from fire, earthquake and flood over the centuries. The latest flood, in October, 1994, caused great damages to the fortress but miraculously spared its most holy statue.

Later in the afternoon travel by surface to Paro (125 kilometers / about 4½ hours) visiting Simtokha Dzong en-route.

Simtokha Dzong, built in 1627 is the oldest in Bhutan. It now houses the Institute for Language and Culture Studies.

Stay at your hotel for 03 nights

Meals included: All meals

Overnight:

DAY 11 PARO



Enjoy full day sightseeing tour of Paro
(Including Ta Dzong, National Museum, and Paro Dzong (rinpung Dzong), Drukgyel Dzong, Kyichu Lhakhang)

Ta Dzong, which in the past served as watchtower for Paro Dzong (Rinpung Dzong) and now houses the National Museum, and Paro Dzong (rinpung Dzong), built in 1646 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. Drukgyel Dzong, built in 1647 by the Shabdrung to commemorate the Bhutanese victory over the Tibetans in war of 1644. Kyichu Lhakhang, built in the 7th century by the Tibetan king, Songtsen Gampo

Meals included: All meals

Overnight:

DAY 12 PARO

Day at leisure

Meals included: All meals

Overnight:

DAY 13 PARO - DELHI

You will be transferred to the airport in time to connect your flight for Delhi.

Met on arrival and transfer to hotel near airport where room is booked for day use only till departure.

DAY 14 DELHI – ONWARD DESTINATION

Departure transfer to the airport to connect flight to onward destination