

# Himalayan Splendor Tour

## 06 Nights / 07 Days

### **Introduction**

The Himalayan Splendor Tour in Bhutan typically refers to a curated travel experience that showcases the natural beauty, cultural richness, and spiritual heritage of Bhutan, often focusing on its Himalayan landscapes and unique cultural traditions. It aims to provide a comprehensive experience that combines the natural beauty of the Himalayas with the cultural richness and spiritual depth of Bhutan. It's often designed to cater to both adventure seekers and those looking for a deeper cultural immersion in this unique Himalayan kingdom.

### **Program Itinerary:**

#### **Day 01 |**

#### **Arrive Paro International Airport and Transfer to Thimphu**

After an unforgettable flight giving you an adrenaline rush as you see views of Mount Everest, Kanchenjunga and other famous Himalayan peaks, including the sacred Jomolhari and Mount Jichu Drake, you will land at Paro International Airport. The landing at Paro is considered as one of the most challenging and enthralling experience. Our company representatives will receive you at the airport and drive to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan (1 hour drive).



**National Memorial Chorten**



**Buddha Dordenma Statue (buddha point)**

On arrival you will be taken to your hotel for a check-in and short rest. In the evening, visit **National Memorial Chorten**, built in memory of the Father of Modern Bhutan, Late Third King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck. A stupa dedicated to world peace. Join locals as they circumambulate the chorten, spinning prayer wheels along the way.

Next, drive to **Buddha Dordenma Statue (buddha point)** standing at 169ft, a short drive from the city center. The construction started on 2006 and completed in 2015. It was initiated by His Majesty the 4th King Jigme Singye Wangchuck, who wanted to build a giant statue of Buddha to promote peace and happiness. Enjoy panoramic views of Thimphu valley and explore the temple complex.



**Sangaygang**



**Craft Bazaar**

After that, drive to **Sangaygang** to host prayer flags and to see the views of Thimphu Town. In Bhutanese culture, prayer flags are an important part of spiritual life. They are often hoisted at sacred sites, mountain passes, or other spiritually significant places to invite good fortune, promote peace, and spread blessings.

Towards evening, stroll around **Craft Bazaar**. It is a marketplace or event where artisans, crafters, and vendors gather to sell handmade goods, artwork, and craft supplies. These events often feature a variety of items such as jewelry, textiles, pottery, paintings, home décor, candles, clothing, and more.

**Overnight stay at a hotel in Thimphu**

**Meals: Lunch & Dinner**

**Day 02 |**

**Thimphu Sightseeing**



**Wangditse Lhakhang**



**Simtokha Dzong**

After breakfast, hike to **Wangditse Lhakhang** which is located on a hilltop above the city. The monastery itself is quite serene and offers panoramic views of the Thimphu Valley. You'll pass small prayer flags and stupas along the way, and you can stop to enjoy the scenery. There are a few viewpoints on the way up that offer spectacular views of Thimphu Valley, the Buddha Dordenma Statue, and the distant mountain ranges. It is an excellent spot for photography.

After lunch, drive to **Simtokha Dzong**. It was built in 1629 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, it is one of the oldest Dzong in Bhutan. It was constructed to help consolidate the power of the Zhabdrung and to protect the Thimphu valley. Visiting Simtokha Dzong provides a glimpse into Bhutan's rich cultural heritage, architectural prowess, and religious traditions.



**Bhutan National Library**



**Tashichhoe Dzong**

Return back to Thimphu and visit **Bhutan National Library**. It plays a crucial role in preserving Bhutan's cultural heritage, maintaining a collection of ancient scriptures, rare books, and documents that are valuable to the country's history and identity.

Towards evening, drive to **Tashichhoe Dzong**. The impressive fortress-monastery is the seat of the Bhutanese government and also houses the throne room and offices of the King. It also is the site of many religious and state functions, including the annual Thimphu Tshechu festival.

**Overnight stay at a hotel in Thimphu**  
**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

**Day 03 |**  
**Thimphu - Punakha**



**Dochula Pass**



**Chimi Lhakhang**

Driving from Thimphu to Punakha offers a scenic journey through Bhutan's mountainous landscapes and cultural landmarks. Enroute, stop at **Dochula Pass** (3,100 meters), about 30 minutes' drive from Thimphu. It offers breathtaking panoramic views of the eastern Himalayas on clear days. Take some time to walk around and admire the 108 chortens (stupas) and the DrukWangyal Lhakhang temple.

Continue drive to Punakha and visit **Chimi Lhakhang**, also known as the Fertility Temple, dedicated to Drukpa Kunley, the Divine Madman. It's a short detour from the main road and involves a pleasant walk through rice paddy field.

There are several local restaurants and cafes along the route where you can stop for lunch in one of the local restaurant or a farmhouse.



**Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang Nunnery**



**Punakha Dzong**

After lunch, drive to **Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang Nunnery** which is perched on a ridge amid pine trees and overlooking valleys of Punakha and Wangduephodrang, gleams the magnificent structures of Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang(Temple). Interact with the nuns and they love to speak English with visitors and learn about the ways of the world.

Next, drive to Punakha to visit **Punakha Dzong** (Fortress) built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal has played a prominent role in the civil and religious life of the Kingdom. It is ancient capital of Bhutan and one of the most majestic Dzong in the country. Admire its stunning architecture, intricate woodwork, and beautiful location at the confluence of the Pho Chhu (father) and Mo Chhu (mother) rivers.

**Overnight stay at a hotel in Punakha**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

## Day 04 |

### Hike to Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten and Sightseeing



**Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten**



**Wangdue Phodrang Dzong**

After breakfast, hike to **Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten**. It was built in 2004 by HM The Queen Mother, Ashi Tshering Yangdon Wangchuck. Visitors reach the chorten after a moderate hike through lush rice paddies and up the hillside. The journey offers not only spiritual rewards but also a chance to enjoy Bhutan's natural beauty.

After lunch, visit the **Wangdue Phodrang Dzong**, a picturesque fortress overlooking the confluence of the Punatsangchhu and Dangchhu rivers. Wangdue Phodrang Dzong was founded in 1638 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, the unifier of Bhutan. It served as a vital administrative and strategic center in the region. Stroll around Wangdue Phodrang small town and then drive back to Khuruthang town and stroll around **Kaja Throm**. It's a beautiful place to relax and to have coffee.

### Overnight stay at a hotel in Punakha

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

## Day 05 |

### Punakha - Paro

After breakfast, as you travel towards Paro, you will pass through Dochula Pass again, enjoying the panoramic views of the Himalayas and the 108 stupas. Have tea or coffee with light snacks and continue your drive to Paro.



**Tamchog Lhakhang**



**Rinpung Dzong**



**Ta Dzong**

En-route visit **Tamchog Lhakhang**. It is situated on a hillside above the Paro River, providing panoramic views of the surrounding valley, mountains, and forested areas. One of the main attractions of visiting Tamchog Lhakhang is the iron bridge built by Thangtong Gyalpo, the 15th-century Tibetan saint. This iconic bridge spans the Paro River and is a significant piece of Bhutanese heritage. The bridge is known for its unique construction style, and it is still used today by locals and pilgrims.

Then drive to visit **Paro Dzong (Rinpung Dzong)** built in 1644 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, it serves both as a religious and administrative center.

Then visit **National Museum of Bhutan (Ta Dzong)** situated above Paro Dzong on a hilltop. Houses a rich collection of Bhutanese art, artifacts, weapons, textiles, and thangkas (religious paintings). Offers panoramic views of Paro valley from its strategic location.

**Overnight stay at a hotel in Paro**  
**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

**Day 06 |**

**Hike to Taktshang Monastery / Tiger's Nest**

After breakfast, hike to **Taktshang Monastery**, also known as Tiger's Nest Monastery, is a legendary and iconic site in Bhutan, renowned for its spiritual significance and breathtaking location. One of Bhutan's holiest shrines and an amazing structure that crosses all boundaries of architectural masterpiece. Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) is perched some 3,120 meters (10,240 feet) above sea level on a cliff overlooking a valley. It is said that the legendary Indian saint Guru Padma Sambhava, flew from Tibet on the back of a tigress to tame five demons, who were opposing the spread of Buddhism in Bhutan in 746 AD. Taktshang Monastery is the ultimate pilgrim site for all Buddhist especially in Bhutan.



The hike to the monastery takes about 5 hours (up and down), and follows an ancient path marked by river powered prayer wheels.

Lunch at cafeteria and towards evening stroll in Paro Town as it offers a glimpse into local Bhutanese life, with traditional wooden buildings, shops selling local crafts and souvenirs, and eateries serving Bhutanese cuisine.

**Overnight stay at a hotel in Paro**  
**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

## **Day 07 |**

### **Final Departure**

After breakfast, our representatives will bid you farewell to your onward destination.

### **Meals: Breakfast**

*[Note: This program is given as an indication according to the indications known to date. It may be subject to changes on site due to local data. These changes will always be made in the best possible way, in the spirit of the original program.]*

**\*\*END OF SERVICES\*\***

**\*\*\*HAPPY JOURNEY\*\*\***

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**PACKAGE COST BASED ON DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM ON AP BASIS: [Valid Till Dec.2026]**

**Rates Valid for Indian Nationals who carry Indian Passport or Indian Voter Id Card**

CITIES	NIGHTS	PLAN	HOTEL - 3*	HOTEL - 4*	HOTEL - 5*
Thimphu	02 N	AP	Changangkha Hotel	Ariya Hotel	Yarkay
Punakha	02 N	AP	Hotel River Valley	RKPO Green Resort	Dhensa Resort
Paro	02 N	AP	Hotel River Valley	Thim Dorji Resort	Le Meridien
Cost Based on 02 Pax			INR 131100 Per person	INR 176700 Per person	INR 265300 Per person
Cost Based on 04 Pax			INR 127200 Per person	INR 172600 Per person	INR 261300 Per person
Cost Based on 06 Pax			INR 123700 Per person	INR 168600 Per person	INR 257300 Per person
Single Room Supplement			INR 17100 Per person	INR 32890 Per person	INR 117700 Per person

**Rates Valid for Foreign Nationals in USD (US DOLLARS)**

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Thimphu	02 N	AP	Changangkha Hotel	Ariya Hotel	Yarkay
Punakha	02 N	AP	Hotel River Valley	RKPO Green Resort	Dhensa Resort
Paro	02 N	AP	Hotel River Valley	Thim Dorji Resort	Le Meridien
Cost Based on 02 Pax			USD 2535 Per person	USD 3110 Per person	USD 5420 Per person
Cost Based on 04 Pax			USD 2485 Per person	USD 3060 Per person	USD 5370 Per person
Cost Based on 06 Pax			USD 2440 Per person	USD 3010 Per person	USD 5320 Per person
Single Room Supplement			USD 351 Per person	USD 550 Per person	USD 2995 Per person

**INCLUDED**

- ✓ All tours and transfers as per itinerary within the country including airport transfers
- ✓ Accommodation in hotels mentioned or similar in DBL/TWIN rooms on Full Board Basis,
- ✓ All three meals daily , tea & coffee, Mineral water
- ✓ Services of English-Speaking Guide during the trip.
- ✓ Monument entrances,
- ✓ One Time Entry Visa Fee& Sustainable Development Fee
- ✓ Bottled Water throughout the tour
- ✓ Taxes,

**NOT INCLUDED**

- × Any International/Domestic Flight tickets
- × Travel Insurance
- × Items of personal nature such as drinks, alcohol, laundry, Gratuities/tips and Camera fees, etc.
- × Extra Meals, Drinks & Beverages other than mentioned in programs,
- × Emergency Transportation / Evacuation.
- × Extra cost for unseen & unstoppable circumstances (natural disaster, strike etc.)
- × Elements not mentioned in above inclusion.

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