

## 7N 8D: EX BAGDOGRA OR NJP TRAIN STATION

1N PHUENTSHOLING, 2N THIMPHU, 1NT PUNAKHA, 2N PARO, 1N PHUENTSHOLING.

HELLO/NAMASTE/KU-ZU-ZAM-PO-LA.



### Bhutan

Bhutan, a Buddhist kingdom on the Himalayas' eastern edge, is known for its monasteries, fortresses (or dzongs) and dramatic landscapes that range from subtropical plains to steep mountains and valleys. In the High Himalayas, peaks such as 7,326m Jomolhari are popular trekking destinations. Paro Taktsang monastery (also known as Tiger's Nest) clings to cliffs above the forested Paro Valley.

**Few Local words you can learn for local connect.** (Hello:Ku-zu-zam-po-la) (Thank You: Ka din chey la)( See you:Lok jey gay)(Good bye :Tashi Delek)(Water:Chhu)(Food:Thoo)(Choe:You)(Nga:Me)(Lets go: Jo gay)

### Ways to Reach Bhutan from India.

**By Air:** Flying to Bhutan from India is quite easy. There are two direct airlines, namely, Drukair and Bhutan Airlines that operate flights from Delhi, Gaya, Bagdogra, Kolkata, Mumbai and Guwahati to Paro, Bhutan's only international airport.

**By Road:** You have to go through three border points in India. They are a) Jaigaon – Phuentsholing Border, b) Gelephu and c) Samdrup Jongkhar. The Jaigaon – “Phuentsholing border” is most preferred by most of the travellers. Arrive Bagdogra by flight, Reach Phuentsholing in 4-5 hours, Reach Thimphu in another 4-5 hours. The road from Phuentsholing to Thimphu is very scenic



## **SUGGESTED ITINERARY--(IN & OUT PHUENTSHOLING, BHUTAN BORDER)**

### **Day 1 :NJP (NEW JALPAIGURI)Train Station / BAGDOGRA Airport – Phuentsholing.**

**(Approx Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5-6 hrs. )**

Meet and Greet on arrival at NJP Train Station / IXB Airport and transfer to Phuentsholing. Phuentsholing is the point of entry for travelers arriving by bus from [Kolkata](#) and [Siliguri](#) and the town functions primarily as a place where Bhutanese and Indians do business. The architecture is modern, and there is no dzong, famous monastery or in fact anything of particular interest to tourists. However, like all of Bhutan, it does offer a clean, pleasant and safe environment in which to go about your business. Indian nationals require a travel permit to enter Bhutan proper, but can visit Phuentsholing without any documentation. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Phuentsholing.

### **Day 2 :Phuentsholing – Thimphu**

**(Distance: 176 kms. / Driving Time: 6 hrs.)**

Have your breakfast and clear the immigration formalities and transfer to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan. On arrival check in at the hotel. In the evening the **Tashichhoe Dzong Outer view** (Fortress of the Glorious Religion). Overnight stay at Thimphu.

### **Day 3 :Thimphu Sightseeing.**

After breakfast visit outer view **Kuensel Phodrang** (Buddha Statue) , Hindu Tempel ,Outer view of **National Memorial Chorten** (Monument) and **Wagdi tse Lhakhanag** ( short hike of 40 mins ) . Afternoon visit **Nunnery , BBS Tower** , National Library , Centenary Farmer Market ( Handicraft product and Local product can be Found here) . Craft Bazar for shopping can be seen here. Overnight stay at Thimphu

### **Day 4: Thimphu – Punakha/Wangdue Sightseeing**

**(Distance: 77 kms. / Driving Time: 3 hrs.)**

After breakfast drive to Punakha / Wangdue, on the way Stop at **Dochu-La-Pass** (3150 mts.), during clear days you will get a chance to see Himalayan mountain ranges of Bhutan. After noon visit **Punakha Dzong ( entry fee 1000 )** built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. For many years until the time of the second king, it served as the seat of the Government. The Dzong was named **PungthangDechenPhodrang** (Palace of Great Happiness). Punakha is still the winter residence of monastic body. After that take a short hike to visit the **Khamsum yulley Namgyal Chorten** - The Temple, also known as replica of National Memorial chorten was built by HM The queen Mother **Ashi Tshering Yangdon** ( short hike of uphill 30 mins ) and on way back vist **Suspension bridge** , Evening free for leisure. Over night stay at Punakha .

### **Day 5: Paro Sightseeing.**

After breakfast drive to Paro and on the way visit near river side and drive **Bonday Zangthophelri** , **Airport View** , **Ta Dzong** – National Museum with an excellent collection of arts, relics, religious thangka. **RinpungDzong ( outer view )** - Meaning "fortress of the heap of jewels" Evening Leisure .Overnight stay at Paro.

### **Day 6: Paro Sightseeing. Excursion to Chele-La-Pass. OR Visit to TIGER NEST**

**(Distance: 35 kms. One way / Driving Time: 2 hrs. )**

After breakfast excursion trip to Chele-La-Pass – the highest motorable road in Bhutan. Enjoy the scenic beauty and memorable landscapes from Chele-La-Pass. Back to Paro. And Evening Try Bhutanese Traditional Dress and Shopping at Town. Overnight stay at Paro

OR

### **Paro Sightseeing**

After breakfast visit **Taktsang Monastery** - called "Tiger's Nest" and later if time permits visit **Drukgyel Dzong**. Overnight stay will be at Paro.



### Day 07: Paro – Phuentsholing

(Distance: 141 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs.)

After breakfast check out from hotel and transfer to Phuentsholing. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Phuentsholing.

### Day 08 Phuentsholing – NJP (NEW JALPAIGURI ) Train Station / IXB (Bagdogra) Airport.

(Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5-6 hrs.)

After breakfast check out from the hotel and transfer to NJP Train Station / IXB Airport for departure.

Destination	3 Star / Equivalent	4 Star / Equivalent
Phuentsholing (2N)	Plam / Damchen / Alem / Similar	Bhutan Ga Me Ga / TNR / Similar
Thimpu (2N)	Peaceful / Lhayul / Similar	Ramada / Osel / Similar
Punakha ( 1N )	Pema Karpo / Kingaling / Similar	Khuru Resort / Drubchu / Four Boutique / Similar
Paro (2N)	Rema / Ratnavara / Yanki / Central Point Similar	Metta Resort / Sambalavara / Gawaling Resort / MSimilar

Transport :		
No of PAX per car, inc children	Bhutan Part	India Part
2 – 3 PAX	Creata / Celtos	WagonR / Sedan / Swift (Max 3 PAX)
4 – 5 PAX	Innova / Eartiga	Innova / Xylo / Scorpio / Eartiga
6 – 9 PAX	Hiace Bus	(Max 6 PAX per car)
10 PAX & Above	Coaster Bus	

### INCLUSIONS.

1. Rooms on twin sharing basis
2. Meal Plan on MAP or CP
3. All transfers & sightseeing by Exclusive Non Ac Vehicle
4. All permit assistance
5. All sightseeing with 1 guide(Only Bhutan Part)
6. Pick up & drop NJP Train Station / IXB Airport
7. Daily surcharge of Rs 1200 per night

### EXCLUSIONS:

1. Lunch
2. Attraction entrance fee, camera fees, activity cost
3. Personal Expenses (laundry, beverages, tips, etc)
4. Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.
5. Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, directly payable on the spot).
6. Anything not mentioned in inclusions

### REQUIREMENT FOR ENTRY INTO BHUTAN.

7. Passport (with min 6 months validity) or Voters card for adults.
8. GST and any additional taxes, if applicable.
9. Passport (with min 6 months validity) or Birth Certificate for children
10. Covid vaccination certificate
11. Health insurance with coverage of COVID-19 treatment is compulsory
12. Passport Photo
13. Details of number of times the guests have visited Bhutan

14. It is advisable that the above is sent to us at the time of booking confirmation

**Cancellation policy per person from one day before date of travel.**

1. 45 days before = 500 per person.
2. 35 days before = 25% of package cost.
3. 25 days before = 35% of package cost.
4. 20 days before = 55% of package cost.
5. 15 days before = 75% of package cost.
6. 10 days before = 100 % of package cost.

**Cancellation Due to, the force majeure events such as issues relating to national flight, national and international disaster, the tourist may be entitled to the refund of:**

1. 80% of the tour payment and 100% refund of SDF if event happen seven days before the commencement of tour.
2. 70% of the tour payment and 100% refund of SDF if event happen less than seven days before the commencement of tour.
3. 60% of the tour payment and 100% refund of SDF for the remaining days of the tour for those already in the country.
4. Non Covid ( Normal):As of now they have to stay 1 day in quarantine in Bhutan. Once the Covid Test report result.
5. If any change is above by Govt will be applicable without prior intimation.
6. However the best support possible will be given by IBD







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