

PRIVATE JOURNEYS, PLANNED LOCALLY

Bhutan

Monasteries, valley walks and the Tiger's Nest

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Bhutan, slowly

Monasteries, valley walks and farmhouse lunches, with a private guide from the day you land in Paro.

Bhutan limits tourism on purpose. There are few hotels, no crowds and a daily fee that funds health, education and conservation. What you get in return is a country that still feels entirely itself.

Most journeys start in Paro, where the only international airport is, and loop through Thimphu, the capital, over the Dochu La pass to the fortress of Punakha, and on to the high valley of Phobjikha. They end back in Paro with the walk up to the Tiger's Nest.

The best time to go is spring or autumn, when the passes are clear and the tsechu festivals fill the dzong courtyards with masked dances.

BEST TIME

March to May and September to November

TIME

UTC +6

DAILY FEE

Sustainable Development Fee, currently US\$100 per adult per night. We confirm the current rate when you book.

IDEAL LENGTH

7 to 10 nights

CURRENCY

Ngultrum (BTN), at par with the Indian rupee

WHERE TO GO



Paro

Rinpung Dzong, the National Museum, farmhouse visits and the three-hour walk up to Taktsang, the Tiger's Nest.



Thimphu

A capital without traffic lights. The Buddha Dordenma statue, Simtokha Dzong, the weekend market and the craft schools.



Punakha and Phobjikha

Punakha Dzong where two rivers meet, the fertility temple of Chimi Lhakhang, and the glacial valley where black-necked cranes winter.

Journeys in Bhutan



BHUTAN · 8 NIGHTS

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Route: Paro · Thimphu · Punakha · Phobjikha · Paro

Best time: March to May, September to November · Price on request

Dzongs and monasteries, farmhouse lunches and valley walks, ending with the climb to the Tiger's Nest.

Day 1 Paro to Thimphu: Land in Paro, meet your guide and drive an hour to the capital. Evening walk through the town.

Day 2 Thimphu: The Buddha Dordenma, Simtokha Dzong, the craft school and, at the weekend, the farmers' market.

Days 3–4 Punakha: Over the Dochu La pass and its 108 chortens. Punakha Dzong where two rivers meet, and a walk through rice fields to Chimi Lhakhang.

Day 5 Phobjikha: Up to a wide glacial valley and Gangtey monastery. From November to February, black-necked cranes winter here.

Days 6–8 Paro: Back west to Paro. Rinpung Dzong, a farmhouse lunch, and on the last full day the walk up to Taktsang, about five hours there and back.

Day 9 Departure: Transfer to Paro airport.



NEPAL AND BHUTAN · 11 NIGHTS

Nepal and Bhutan: two Himalayan kingdoms

Route: Kathmandu · Namobuddha · Paro · Thimphu · Punakha · Paro

Best time: October to November, and March to April · Price on request

The temples and stupas of the Kathmandu valley, a night at a hilltop monastery, then the flight to Paro along the Himalaya and a week in Bhutan.

Days 1–3 Kathmandu: Durbar Square, Swayambhunath and Boudhanath at dusk. A day in Patan and Bhaktapur, the old royal cities of the valley.

Day 4 Namobuddha: Drive to the hills east of the valley. Walk to the monastery at Namobuddha and stay in a quiet lodge with Himalayan views.

Days 5–6 Paro and Thimphu: Fly to Paro and drive to Thimphu, the capital. The giant Buddha, the weekend market, the textile museum and a traditional arts school.

Days 7–8 Punakha: Over the Dochu La pass to Punakha. The dzong at the meeting of two rivers, and a walk through rice fields to Chimi Lhakhang.

Days 9–11 Paro: Back to Paro. The walk up to the Tiger's Nest, the Rinpung dzong, and a farmhouse dinner with a hot stone bath.

Day 12 Departure: Fly from Paro to Kathmandu, Delhi or Bangkok for your connection.



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