



### Basic Detail

PackageCode	PAL00299
Package Name	Explore Bhutan Differently Tour

### Destinations

Thimphu ---Punakha ---Paro ---

### TOUR INCLUDES



Hotel Meals Flight

## Tour Packages-Explore Bhutan Differently Tour

### Day 1 | Arrival Paro Airport - Thimphu



Meet & Greet on arrival at Paro Airport and transfer to Thimphu (7,710 ft.) the capital city of Bhutan. On arrival check in at the hotel. In the evening, you may choose to relax at the hotel or take a leisure walk around the Thimphu City. Overnight stay at Thimphu.

### Day 2 | Arrival Thimphu Sightseeing



After breakfast visit the Kuenselphodrang (Buddha Dordenma). Located at a short drive from Thimphu City Centre, Kuenselphodrang offers a good overview of the Thimphu valley. The largest statue of Buddha in the country sits here which houses over one hundred thousand smaller Buddha statues. Then visit the

National Memorial Chorten built in the memory of the Third King of Bhutan and visit the Folk Heritage Museum. Afternoon visit Sangaygang View Point. The Lookout point offers a stunning panoramic view of the entire Thimphu. On the way back visit the Takin Preserve Centre. Takin is the National animal of Bhutan. Then visit the Changangkha Lhakhang. This is a popular Buddhist temple and is especially visited by parents to receive blessings for their new-born. Its interiors are full of murals that depict different stories. In the evening, visit the Tashichho Dzong, first built in 1216 A.D. by Lama Gyalwa Lhanangpa. The Dzong is the seat of the National Government and the Central Monastic Body, including the summer residence of the Je Khenpo (Chief Abbot of Bhutan). Overnight stay at Thimphu.

### Day 3 | Arrival Thimphu - Punakha/Wangdue Sightseeing



After breakfast drive to Punakha/Wangdue (4298 ft.), on the way Stop at Dochu-La-Pass (10334 ft.) to view the higher Himalayas. The pass is approximately 25 kms away from Thimphu and is the highest point between the Thimphu and Punakha/Wangdue Valley. Another attraction is the 108 chorten/stupas (Druk Wangyel Chortens) built

close to each other surrounded by numerous colorful prayer flags. On arrival at Punakha, check in at the hotel. Afternoon, visit Punakha Dzong - 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 Druk Punghang Dechen Phodrang (Palace of Great Happiness). Punakha is still the winter residence of Je-Khenpo and King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck convened the first National Assembly here in 1952. After that take a short and easy hike to visit the Chhimi Lhakhang - The Temple, also known as "The Temple of Fertility" was built by Lama Drukpa Kuenley, "The Devine Mad Man". Evening free for

leisure. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

#### Day 4 | Arrival Excursion to Gangtey / Phobjikha or Punakha Sightseeing



After breakfast, start for full day excursion trip to Gangtey Valley (9,842 ft.). On the way you shall come across different flora and fauna, monuments, villages and people. Stop at places for sightseeing and photography. While in Gangtey visit the Gangtey Goemba the only Nyingmapa monastery in western Bhutan, which was

established in the 17th century. Then explore the Phobjikha valley, one of the most beautiful glacial valleys in the Himalayas and the winter roosting place for the endangered Black necked Cranes which migrates from the arid plains of Tibet in the north. You may choose to hike around the Valley. After visiting the valley drive back to Punakha.

Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

OR

Alternatively, instead of going to Gangtey / Phobjikha, you also have an option of spending the day in Punakha Valley itself. After breakfast hike to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten which is about 45 Mins easy hike to the top of the hill. It offers a breath-taking view of the Punakha Valley. After that visit Punakha Suspension Bridge which is one of the longest in Bhutan. Later visit The Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Nunnery, a temple plus nunnery perched on a ridge overlooking Toebesa village, Punakha and Wangduephodrang valleys. Rest of the day free for leisure. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

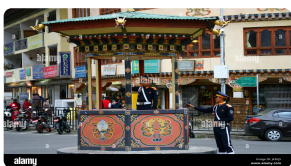
#### Day 5 | Arrival Punakha/Wangdue - Paro Sightseeing



After breakfast drive to Paro (7,483 ft.). On the way stop at Lamperi to visit Royal Botanical Park. This park is a treat for nature lovers as the 36 species of exotic rhododendron and approximately 220 types of charming birds will make your day unforgettable. On arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon visit Ta Dzong - National Museum with an

excellent collection of arts, relics, religious thangka, etc. Then visit the Rinpung Dzong - Meaning "fortress of the heap of jewels". The dzong now serves as the administrative and judicial seat of Paro. Rest of the evening at leisure. Overnight stay at Paro.

#### Day 6 | Arrival Excursion to Taktshang Monastery



After breakfast, drive to the base of the abode of gods and monks, the Taktshang Monastery. The monastery is a 2 -3 hours hike uphill from here. One feels truly blessed reaching the monastery. The primary Lhakhang was built surrounding Guru Rinpoche's

Meditation cave in 1684 which clings to the edge of a sheer Rock cliff that plunges 900 meters into the valley below. Legend has it that Guru Rinpoche flew here on the back of a tigress which gives its name "Taktshang" meaning Tiger's nest. Afternoon (If time permits), visit the Drukgyel Dzong. Built in 1647, the dzong was

destroyed by accidental fire and left in ruins as an evocative reminder of the great victories it was built to commemorate. Explore the ramparts and experience an unforgettable view of Mt. Jhomolhari (7,314 m). On the way back, visit Kichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Bhutan. Overnight stay at Paro.

Day 7 | Arrival Paro Hotel - Paro Airport



After breakfast check out from hotel and drive to Paro Airport for your onward journey.

Inclusion

- ü Accommodation on twin Sharing Basis.
- Meal Plan (as per mentioned above).
- Exclusive Non-a/c vehicle for transfers & sightseeing as per itinerary.
- All permit fees & hotel taxes (as per itinerary).
- Guide charges (Only Bhutan Portion).
- Sustainable Development fee” (SDF)
- Rates are valid for INDIAN NATIONALS only.

Exclusion

- o Air Fare/ Train fare.
- Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips & gratuity, mineral water, soft & hard drinks, rafting, rock climbing, paragliding, portorage.
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.
- Entrance Fees.
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, is directly payable on the spot).
- Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation & land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.
- GST, TCS & Travel Insurance.

## Terms & Conditions

- **Customizable Packages:** All packages are customizable except Fixed Departures.
- **Written Communication:** Guests must have all discussions in writing; verbal communications will not be entertained.
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- **Tour Alterations:** The company may make alterations to the tour to ensure smooth services due to acts of god, technical problems, sudden service issues, government policies, or similar situations.
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- **DND Packages:** Travel dates for Date Not Decided (DND) packages must be confirmed within 3 months of the invoice issuance date.
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- **Special Offers:** The company may provide special offers and upgrades to enhance guest experiences.
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## Cancellation Policy

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**Cancellation Timing:** Cancellations made 15 days before the travel date will incur cancellation charges.

**Cancellation Charges:** Charges for cancellations vary from 25% to 50% of the total tour package cost.

**Retention Charges:** Full (100%) retention charges apply for cancellations made within 15 days of the travel date.

**No Show:** Full retention charges will also apply in no-show scenarios.

**No Refund for Missed Services:** No refunds will be given for missed or unused services, including flights, trains, hotel stays, meals, sightseeing, transfers, entry tickets, permits, or any other services from Palyatra.com.

**Insufficient Advance Amount:** Palyatra.com reserves the right to cancel your invoice if the advance amount (50% of the total tour package cost) is insufficient.

**Illegal Activity or Violent Behavior:** If clients are suspected of any illegal activity or violent behavior, Palyatra.com will stop services immediately and hold all refunds.





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