

Kingdom in the Sky

10 Nights



Summary

Far away from the deafening hustle-bustle of urbanized civilizations, Bhutan has managed to retain its timeless charm and natural heritage.

One of the most scenic regions in Asia, this Himalayan kingdom, is long fabled for its grand simplicity and graceful purity.

Be it dense forests, majestic mountains, austere monasteries or the pristine environment, every aspect of Bhutan is extraordinary.

This resplendent beauty is a must-see destination in the bucket list of even the most discerning traveller.

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Overview

Interest: group - family

Level of Comfort: 3/5 Minimum # of passengers: 2 Maximum # of passengers: 20

Information about the destination

• Currency: Bhutanese ngultrum

• Language: Dzongkha

• Dialing Code: +975

• Recommended vaccines: Diphtheria and tetanus

 Banks & currency exchange: you can exchange money at the airport, banks in the capital or hotel



Day 1: Arrival - Kathmandu

Upon arrival at Kathmandu, meet greet and transfer to hotel

Day 2: Kathmandu - Paro International Airport - Thimphu

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Paro

Upon arrival at the Paro International Airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel in

Thimphu, Bhutan's beautifully located capital city

In the afternoon visit the Tashichho Dzong, the beautiful medieval fortress/monastery which houses most of Government's office and King's Throne room. Then visit the National Library which has a vast collection of ancient Buddhist texts and manuscripts

After that, drive to the Painting School, famous for traditional thangkha paintings

Dinner at hotel

Day 3: Thimphu and Day Trek to Phajoding Monastery

In the morning, drive to the forested edge of Thimphu to commence a five hour return trek to the Phajoding Monastery – which dates from the 13th century. The resident monks will welcome you to their place of worship – and a picnic lunch will be served

This day walk is actually the first part of the famous Druk Path trek between Thimphu and Paro

Dinner at hotel

Day 4: Thimphu-Punakha

Today you will drive up into the mountains and the spectacular Dochula pass at a height of around 3140m. If the weather is clear you will be able to enjoy superb views over the high Himalayan mountain peaks. Here you can also take a 3 hour trek to Lhuenchutse monastery several hundred meters above the Dochula pass. A late lunch or afternoon tea will be served at the Dochula Resort

On the way to Punakha, visit Chimey Lhakhang located on a hillock in the centre of the valley below Metsina. Built in 1499 the temple is also known as "the Temple of Fertility". A wooden effigy of the lama's thunderbolt is preserved in the lhakhang, and childless women go to the temple to receive a blessing

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Punakha

Day 5: Punakha – Gangtey in the Phobjikha Valley

In the morning, take a 45 minute walk to a chorten or stupa at Nyizergang followed by a visit to the amazing Punakha Dzong which was built in 1637

The Punakha Dzong was the second of Bhutan's dzongs and until the mid-1950s, it served as the seat of the government. After lunch, drive through to Gangtey with a visit en route to the Wangdiphodrang Dzong built in 1638 Dinner at hotel in Gangtey

Day 6: Gangtey – Phobjikha Valley – Trongsa

Take a leisurely walk through Gangtey village and then along a nature trail through the Phobjikha valley. This glaciated valley on the western slopes of the Black Mountains is the winter home for a large flock of black-necked cranes.

In addition to the cranes, there are also muntjacs (barking deer), wild boars, sambars, Himalayan Black bears, leopards and red foxes in the surrounding hills

Lunch at your hotel then drive through to Trongsa

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Trongsa

Day 7: Trongsa-Thimphu

Today you will explore the scenically located and historic Trongsa Dzong. Here you may also have a chance to see Bhutanese archers playing their favorite sport.

After lunch return through the mountains to Thimphu with a short stop at Wangdue Phodrang if time permits Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Thimphu

Day 8: Thimphu-Paro



In the morning, drive through to Paro to visit Simtokha Dzong, built in 1627 and also to visit the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong which was built in 1644 to commemorate the victory over the Tibetan invaders. The Dzong was used as an administrative center until 1951 when a fire caused by butter lamp destroyed it. Then visit Kyichu Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's oldest and most sacred monasteries dating from the introduction of Buddhism in the 8th century and also visit the Rimpung Dzong built in 1646

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Paro

Day 9: Taktshang Monastery or Tiger's Nest

Today, take a short drive to the base of the famous Taktshang Monastery or Tiger's Nest, which clings to a sheer rock face at a height of 2600m above sea level. The climb is quite steep, but ponies are available for those who feel they cannot make the climb themselves

The main temple was built around Guru Rinpoche's meditation cave in 1684 This incredible monastery clings to the edge of a sheer rock face which plunges 900 meters into the valley below. Legend has it that Guru Padmasambhava, the tantric mystic who brought Buddhism to Bhutan in 747 AD, flew here on the back of a flying tiger, Dorje Drolo After lunch, visit Ta Dzong an ancient watchtower, which now houses the National Museum. Below the museum is the Rinpung Dzong (literally meaning "Heap of Jewels"), the centre of civil and religious authority in this valley Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Paro

Day 10: Paro - Kathmandu

Transfer to Paro International Airport for your departure to Kathmandu Upon arrival, meet greet and transfer to hotel

Day 11: Kathmandu

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

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