



## Incredible Indian Tours Incredible Bhutan 10 days ex Paro 30 Mar - 8 April 2021



**Maximum Group Size** 10

**Fully Escorted** by a representative of Incredible Indian Tours

**Accommodation** 9 nights in hotels

**Transport** Airport Transfers, Private Minibus, domestic flight

**Meals** All Meals

**Entrance Fees** Included for all sites on the itinerary

**Starts in** Paro on Tuesday 30th March 2021

**Finishes in** Paro on Thursday 8th April 2021

**Cost** From USD3190 per person twin share  
(USD3660 including *optional single supplement*)

Flying to Bhutan on a totally exhilarating mountain flight across the top of the Himalayas, we visit the sights of the capital Thimphu. Over the following days we explore the valleys of Punakha, Phobjikha and Bumthang before returning to Paro and the spectacular Taktsang Monastery and nearby Haa valley.

A truly special country, the Kingdom of Bhutan is a delightful nation of friendly people, magnificent scenery, stunning Buddhist culture and still very few tourists due to the limited numbers of hotels and flights available.

With a democratic monarchy, and a policy of 'Gross National Happiness', Bhutan is a unique gem situated deep in the eastern Himalayas, bounded by India to the south and Tibet (China) in the north.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Thimphu

Arriving into Paro this morning, we will be transferred 1.5 hours drive to the capital Thimphu before an afternoon of sightseeing including the National Memorial Chorten, Zorig Chusum (painting school) and Tashichhodzong, the monastery/fortress of Thimphu.

#### Day 2 Punakha

We spend the morning visiting more of the fascinating sights of the small capital city before driving to Punakha (3 hours) via the Dochula Pass at 3050m. Weather permitting, we will experience amazing views of the majestic Himalayas before descending into the picturesque Punakha Valley.

#### Day 3 Punakha

A full day of exploration of the beautiful Punakha Valley today. We visit the stunning Punakha Dzong and the Khamsum Yuelley Namgel Chorten. We will picnic by the river and try our hand at a spot of archery - Bhutan's no. 1 favourite sport. We also have the option of a 1.5 hour rafting trip down the Mo Chu river.

#### Day 4 Phobjikha

We drive 3 hours to the lovely valley of Phobjikha for an overnight stop enroute to Bumthang, the cultural and religious centre of Bhutan. Today's drive takes us through the market town of Wangduephodrang and up a high pass before descending into the glacial valley of Phobjikha where we visit the Gangtey Monastery.

#### Day 5 Bumthang

During our half-day drive (5-6 hours) to Bumthang over the Pele La Pass at 3420m, we visit the 18th century Chedebji Chorten and Trongsa Dzong, the largest in Bhutan. Trongsa is the ancestral home of Bhutan's ruling dynasty.

#### Day 6 Bumthang

This morning we visit Kurjey Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's most sacred and oldest temples which dates back to the origins of Buddhism in Bhutan. In the afternoon we head to Jakar to explore the Jakar Dzong and Tamshing Lhakhang which contains ancient Buddhist wall paintings.

#### Day 7 Paro

We return to Paro by a 45 min mountain flight today offering incredible views. We enjoy an afternoon sightseeing at the Drukgyel Dzong, Rinpung Dzong and the fortress Ta Dzong on the hilltop above.

#### Day 8 Paro

Today we have a full-day visit to the Haa Valley, only opened to foreigners in 2002. We climb up through pine and rhododendron forests to cross the highest road pass in Bhutan, the Chele La at 4200m. Descending down we head to either Kila Goemba, an ancient nunnery via a short trek, or to the monasteries of Lhakhand Karpo and Nagpo (White and Black Temples).

#### Day 9 Paro

We have saved the best till last with our trek to Taktsang Monastery, known as Tiger's Nest. This small monastery nestled on the side of a mountain is Bhutan's most iconic site, nestled at 900m above the Paro Valley.

#### Day 10 Departure

There are no organised activities today. You will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward flight.

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