



## Incredible Indian Tours Incredible Bhutan 10 days ex Paro 2 - 11 November 2019



**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 Saturday 2nd November 2019

**Finishes in** Paro on Monday 11th November 2019

**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 Thimpu. Over the following days we explore the valleys of Punakha, Phobjikha and Bumthang before returning to Paro and the spectacular Taksang Monastery and nearby Haa valley. This departure also coincides with the spectacular Jakar Festival in Bhumthang, so if you've ever wanted to experience a colourful Bhutanese buddhist festival, this is your chance.

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 Thimpu

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

#### 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. We will also have the opportunity to see the fascinating Black-necked cranes who have migrated to spend the winter months in the Gangtey valley.

#### 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 Bhumthang

This morning we visit the Jakar Tsechu at Jakar Dzong. The Tsechu, or festival is one of Bhutan's colourful monastery festivals where the Buddhist monks perform dances and rituals to honour the deities and mark important historical events. Today we also visit Kurjey Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's most sacred and oldest temples.

#### 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-days 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, 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.

Contact: Debbie Kindness

[www.incredibleindiatours.com](http://www.incredibleindiatours.com)

E-mail: [info@incredibleindiatours.com](mailto:info@incredibleindiatours.com)

Ph: +91 95490 02876

