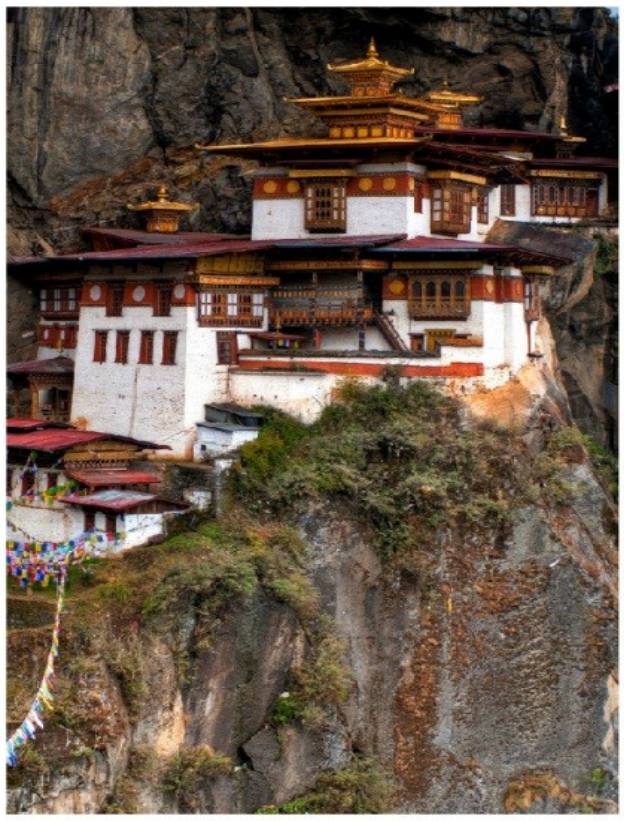
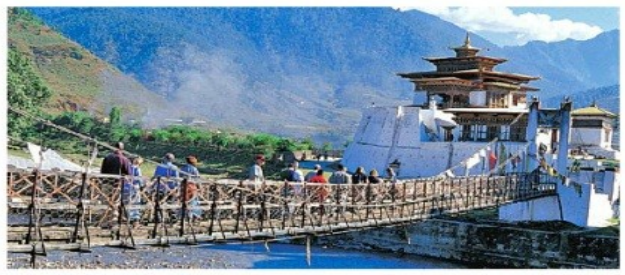
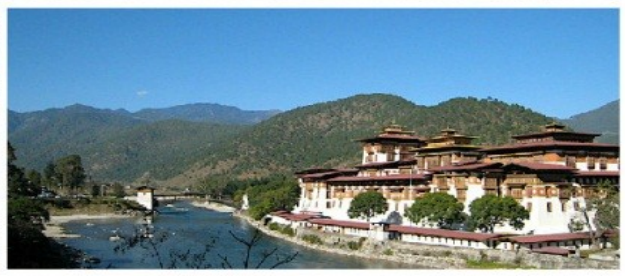
Bhutan – Land of Thunder Dragon

06 Nights / 07 Days | **2N Thimpu– 2N Punakha- 2N Paro**







PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

→ In Thimpu, visit Trashichhoedzong, National Library, Arts & Crafts School, Handicrafts Emporium and Memorial Chorten stupa.

→ Stopover at Dochula pass

→ In Punakha, visit Punakha Dzong and local market

→ Simtokha Dzong- the oldest fortress of the Bhutan Kingdom.

→ In Paro, visit Ta Dzong - the National Museum of the Kingdom, and Rinpung Dzong.

→ Assistance at airport and sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle .

→ Start and End in Paro.

ITINERARY:

Day 01: Paro Airport – Thimphu (65 kms / approx. 2 hrs. / Altitude of Thimphu: 2350 mts.)

Meet our representative upon arrival at Paro Airport and transfer to Thimphu (7,710 ft.) the capital city of Bhutan.On arrival check in at the hotel. Evening explore the Thimpu town by walk.Overnight stay at Thimphu.

Day 02: Thimphu Sightseeing

After breakfast visit Kuensel Phodrang (Buddha Statue) a place for refreshing with a huge statue of Buddha on the top of the Kuensel Phodrang, National Memorial Chorten (Monument) & Folk Heritage Museum. Afternoon visit Sangaygang View Point, Changangkha Monastery, Taking

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Preserve Centre, The talking national animal of Bhutan can be seen here Tashichho Dzong (Fortress of the Glorious Religion). Overnight stay at Thimphu.

Day 03: Thimphu – Punakha Sightseeing (77 kms / approx. 3 hrs. / Altitude of Punakha: 1310 mts.)

After breakfast drive to Punakha / Wangdue, on the way Stop at Dochu-La-Pass (3150 mts.). To view the higher Himalayas. Arrivals at Punakha check in at hotel. After noon 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 Pungthang 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 excursion trip 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 will be at Punakha.

Day 04: Excursion to Gangtey (Phobjikha) (78 kms One way / approx. 3 hrs. / Altitude of Chele-La-Pass: 3810 mts.)

After breakfast, start for full day excursion trip to Gangtey (9,840 ft.). Gangtey is the home of Black Necked Crane which migrates from the arid plains of Tibet in the north. It is a beautiful valley of Bhutan. You can also visit Gangtey Gompha. Evening return back. Overnight stay at Punakha.

Day 05: Punakha – Paro Sightseeing (140 kms / approx. 5 hrs. / Altitude of Paro: 2280 mts.)

After breakfast drive to Paro (7,483 ft.). On the way stop at Lamperi to visit Royal Botanical Park - The park contains a rich biodiversity of flora and fauna and features a huge species of plants and animals including endangered species. On arrival check in at the hotel.Afternoon visit Ta Dzong - National Museum with an excellent collection of arts, relics, religious thangkha, etc. Rinpung Dzong - Meaning "fortress of the heap of jewels".The dzong now serves as the administrative and judicial seat of Paro. Evening free for leisure.Overnight stay at Paro.

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Day 06: Paro Sightseeing

After breakfast visit Drukgyel Dzong. Also visit famous Taktsang Monastery - called “Tiger's Nest” (2hrs hike from the base camp) & Kitchu Monastery. Overnight stay will be at Paro.

Day 07: Paro Airport

After breakfast check out from hotel and drop at Paro Airport for your onward journey.

End of Services.

HOTELS OFFERED:

City	Nights	Luxury	Superior	Deluxe	Meal Plan
Thimpu	2	Namgey Heritage	Kisa	Shantideva	Breakfast
Punakha	2	Drubchhu	Pema Karpo	Kingaling	Breakfast
Paro	2	Udumwara	Drukchen	Galing Resort	Breakfast

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- 6 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned below hotels or equivalent
- Accommodation on twin sharing with Breakfast.
- Exclusive Non a/c vehicle for transfers & sightseeing as per itinerary.
- All permit fees & hotel taxes (as per itinerary).
- Guide charges (Only Bhutan Portion).
- Rates are valid for INDIAN NATIONALS only.

PACAKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- Air tickets, airport taxes and Visa fee for foreign nationals
- Entry Fee at the Monuments
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls, tips to guides / drivers etc.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monuments

NOTE:

- Ta Dzong - Paro (national museum) and Ta Dzong - Trongsa (museum): closed on Sun & Mon.
- National Library - Thimphu: closed on Sat, Sun & Government Holidays.

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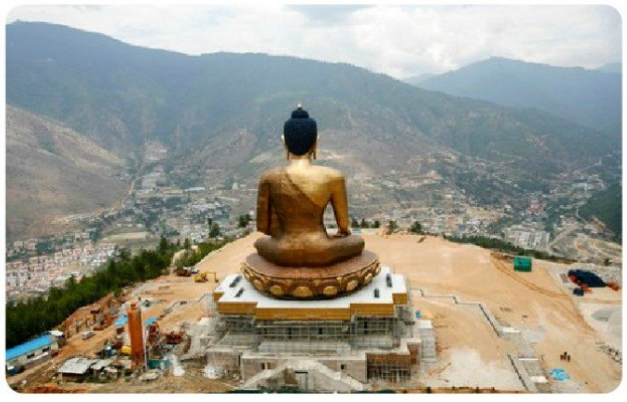
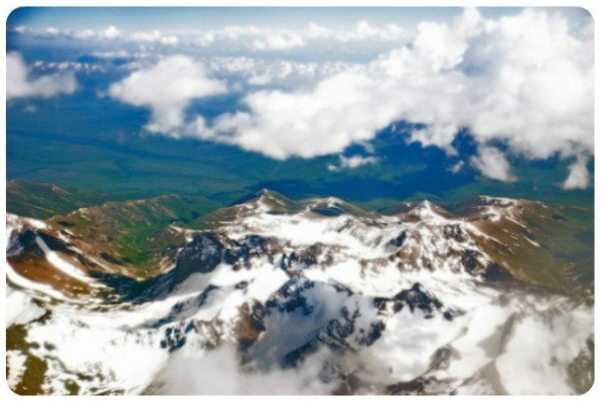
- Folk Heritage Museum - Thimphu: closed on Government Holidays and on Sat open from 10.30 a.m to 1.00 p.m. and on Sun open from 11.30 a.m to 3.00 p.m.
- Textile Musuem - Thimphu: Closed on Government Holidays and on Sun and on Sat open from 9.00 a.m to 4 p.m.
- Institute of Zorig Chusum (Painting School or Arts & Crafts School) - Thimphu: Closed on Sun & Government Holidays and on Sat open from 10 a.m to 12 o'clock.
- Institute of Traditional Medicine - Thimphu: Closed on Sat, Sun & Government Holidays.
- Post Office: Closed on Sat, Sun & Government Holidays and other days open from 1000-1700.
- Paro Dzong opens till 1700 hrs."
- Trashi Chhoe Dzong, Thimpu: Open from 5-6pm from Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm on Sat & Sun, 8 am to 5 pm in winter on Sat & Sunday.
- Above rates are subject to change due to tariff revision by Tourism Council of Bhutan (TCB), major exchange rate fluctuation, royalty or visa fee revision or in case new taxes are being imposed by govt. of Bhutan.
- Bhutan is a Tobacco Free country and hence Tobacco is not easily available. One can carry up to 250 cigarettes for personal use by declaring at customs upon arrival and paying appropriate duty @ 200%. Most of the hotels have both smoking as well non-smoking rooms however they prefer no smoking in the rooms because most of the hotels are made of wood.
- One bottle of liquor per person is allowed to be imported Duty Free.
- Do not carry Indian Rs. 500/- or Rs. 1000/- currency notes. It is illegal.
- Santa Fe / Tucson for 2-3 Pax & Hyundai H1 / HI ace for 4-6 Pax.
- Hotel Check in 1400hrs and check out 1200hrs (Subject to availability).
- High season surcharge will be applicable for every booking on 16th Oct – 25th Oct during Durga Puja, 20th Dec – 5th. Jan during X-Mass & New Year & during Holi (as per date), Thimpu Tshechu (23rd to 25th Sept 2015) & Paro Tshechu (20th to 24th March 2016) These peak season supplements dates can be changed without any prior intimation

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