

5 Days Bhutan Tour

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Destination

Bhutan Tours

Start / End Point

Paro/Paro

Trip Type

Bhutan Tour

Route

Paro-Thimpu-Paro

Duration

5

Destination

Bhutan

Language

Bhutan

Per Person From

USD 999

Group Size

2 - 20

Best Season

March, April, May and September, October, November, December

Transportation

Private Vehicle

Accommodation

Hotel

Meals

B.L.D Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Difficulty

Easy The trip is easy and suitable for everyone, including children and older people. It does not require any skills in mountain climbing or traversing difficult terrain.

Major highlights of 5 Days Bhutan Tour

- Begin your journey by arriving in Paro and taking a scenic drive to the capital city of Thimphu.
- Explore the Tashichho Dzong, the National Memorial Chorten, Zorig Chusum (School of Arts), and the National Textile Museum.
- Experience the hike to the iconic Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), perched on a cliff above the Paro Valley.
- Witness Buddha Dordenma, one of the largest Buddha statues in the world,
- Wander through the living history, the Folk Heritage Museum in Thimphu and Kyichu Lhakhang in Paro.

- Take a leisurely walk around the Paro Town Bazaar near Rinpung Dzong to shop for handicrafts and souvenirs.

5 Days Bhutan Tour Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in Paro and Drive to Thimphu

- **Attraction of the day:** Thimphu City, Tashichho Dzong

When you arrive at Paro International Airport, your guide will meet you. You will then drive for about 1 hour and 15 minutes, covering 54 kilometers to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan. After you check in at Jambayang Resort or a similar hotel, you can explore Thimphu City. One highlight will be visiting Tashichho Dzong, an important fortress monastery with government offices and the King's throne room. Your day will end with a tasty lunch and dinner, starting your adventure in Bhutan.

Insider tip: On the flight to Paro, pick a left side window seat (A/K). This will offer you an amazing view of the Himalayan peaks, including Mt. Everest, Lhotse, and Kanchenjunga.

Meals:

Lunch and Dinner

Accommodations:

Jambayang Resort or similar

Day 02: Thimphu Visit

- **Attractions of the day:** Zorig Chusum, Takin Preserve, Weekend Market, Craft Bazaar, National Textile Museum

On the second day, we explore Thimphu's major attractions. We will have breakfast and drive 12 minutes to our first destination, none other than Zorig Chusum. It's also known as the School of 13 Traditional Arts, including painting, carving, and woodworking. After a few hours in **Zorig Chusum**, we will visit the Takin Preserve, where we will see Bhutan's unique national animal, the **Takin**.

Then, we will head to the Weekend Market, where locals sell fresh produce, handicrafts, and souvenirs. We will explore the market, but today's journey doesn't end here. We will also visit the National Textile Museum to witness traditional collections of Bhutanese royals. We will rest in Thimphu today.

Insider tip: You can buy handmade souvenirs from the students. These souvenirs are high quality and help fund their training or scholarships.

Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodations:

Jambayang Resort or similar

Day 03: Drive Back to Paro

- **Attraction of the day:** Paro City, National Museum of Bhutan, Paro Rinpung Dzong

Today, we'll enjoy a scenic drive back to Paro. You'll witness green hills and villages on this drive of about 1 hour and 50 minutes. Upon arrival, we'll visit the National Museum of Bhutan in the old Ta Dzong watchtower to learn about the culture. Next, we'll stop by Paro Rinpung Dzong, a beautiful traditional fort. After lunch, we'll visit traditional Bhutanese farmhouses to see daily life. Later, there will be time to explore Paro and interact with locals before returning to Hotel Olathang or a similar place for dinner and a relaxing evening.

*Insider tip: Ask your driver to stop for a while at **Chuzom Bridge** to witness the Pa-Chu (Paro River) and Wang Chu (Thimphu River) merge beneath three stupas. Here, you'll get a postcard worthy shot of turquoise waters and, on clear days, you will even see snowy Jomolhari rising in the distance.*

Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodations:

Hotel Olathang or similar

Day 04: Paro to Taktsang Monastery Hike

- **Attraction of the day:** Tiger Nest

Today will be a bit adventurous as we head towards the main highlight of our tour, the Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest). To reach the monastery, we will hike 540 m to a 900 meter cliff above the Paro Valley. The hike begins with a steady ascent through pine and oak forests. As the journey continues, we will walk past prayer flags and waterfalls.

Before arriving at the monastery, we will have to cross a steep path featuring stone steps and a few viewpoints offering stunning vistas of the monastery. At Taktsang, we will have an opportunity to explore old age caves, chapels, and shrines in the area. As the sun starts to go down, we will then descend back and return to Paro for an overnight stay.

Insider tip: Start at 7 am and no later to hike under the shade and drink butter tea at the iconic cafe without waiting in line.

Distance:

4 hours

Ascent:

540 m / 1,772 ft

Descend:

540 m / 1,772 ft

Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodations:

Hotel Olathang or similar

Trek Distance:

6.4 km / 4 miles

Day 05: Departure

This is your final day in Bhutan. You will head back toward the Paro International Airport to catch a flight home. Before getting transferred to the airport, you will enjoy a final meal at the hotel and say farewell to the fellow travelers. The guide will escort you to the airport and help you depart safely. Himalayan 360 team hopes you had a fantastic journey with us! Have a safe flight back to your home country, Namaste.

Meals:

Breakfast

Accommodations:

N/A

Why Choose 5 Days Bhutan Tour?

This five-day Bhutan tour is a short, scenic, and spiritual journey covering Bhutan's greatest hits. **In one trip, you can explore tshechus (religious festivals) and dzongs (fort-monasteries), meet monks, and walk in quiet pine forests.** Since it only takes five days, it is perfect for office workers seeking a brief escape. Fly to Bhutan on Saturday and return on Thursday, leaving the weekend for rest before work. There are fewer hotel nights and lower government charges. You can also go for [4 Days Bhutan Tour](#) if you're short on time.

The tour offers a good pace. It's not rushed, thus, family-friendly. Our itinerary only requires you to hike Tiger's Nest on day four. Hence, you have two whole days to acclimate and overcome jet lag. Unlike many Bhutan tours, which are combined with treks in Nepal or a visit to Bangkok, this tour is stand-alone. So, it is most suitable for budget and time-limited travelers. However, if you have time, you can still easily combine this tour with these. Additionally, you learn a unique way of life, where happiness is prioritized.

In sum, 5 days Bhutan tour is flawless and offers the maximum advantages. Book this tour now and rejuvenate yourself!

Include

- Airport Pickup & Drop.
- All sightseeing tour by private vehicle
- 2 Night Thimpu in 3-star hotel. (sharing basis)
- 2 Nights Paro in 3-star hotel. (sharing basis)
- 3 Meals per day during bhutan tour
- water bottle during day tour
- One Bhutnese English speaking tour guide
- All sightseeing entrance fees
- Bhutan tourist visa

- Government and local tax and agency service charges.
- Sustainable Tourism Royalty of USD100 per person per night.
- All internal taxes.

Exclude

- International Airfare. (Can be arranged with us)
- Domestic Airfare
- Extra night accommodation in Bhutan due to early arrival or late departure.
- Single room supplement: USD160 per person.
- Alcohol and cold drinks
- Personal ordered food
- Travel insurance that covers emergency rescue and evacuation. (Recommended)
- Tips for staff. (it is expected)
- Additional costs incurred due to causes beyond our control, for example weather conditions, landslides, itinerary modifications, illness, government policies change, strikes, etc.

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
1 - 1	USD 1,385
2 - 2	USD 1,230
3 - 3	USD 1,190
4 - 4	USD 1,130
5 - 9	USD 1,080
10 - 12	USD 1,050
12 - 20	USD 999

Common Questions Regarding 5 Days Bhutan Tour

Is Bhutan safe to travel?

Yes, Bhutan is among the safest nations to travel to. It has low crime levels in every city, and the locals are friendly. Tourism is also well managed with licensed guides. However, you can carry a copy of your passport and visa separate from the originals to keep them safe from petty theft and natural disasters like landslides and earthquakes.

What sorts of accommodations you will get in Bhutan?

Bhutan offers a wide range of accommodation options. Popular choices among travelers include hotels, farm stays, resorts, and homestays. During the 5-day trip, you will mostly stay in 3-star hotels with proper facilities to ensure a pleasant stay. If you prefer a peaceful place, we can also accommodate you in a farmhouse or a resort.

Is vegetarian food available in Bhutan?

Yes, a wide variety of vegetarian food is available in Bhutan. The country's unique cuisine includes meal options like Ema Datshi, Kewa Datshi, Shamu Datshi, and many more. However, when traveling towards the upper region, the vegetarian options may be limited.

Do I need a VISA for the Bhutan tour?

Yes, all foreign tourists need a visa to visit Bhutan, except those from India, Bangladesh, and the Maldives. If you decide to travel with us, we will take care of all the paperwork and arrangements to make sure you have your visa ready before the day of your arrival.

Which country is more affordable: Nepal or Bhutan?

When comparing Nepal and Bhutan, Nepal is the most prominent and affordable option. Nepal is quite cheap, whereas Bhutan, on the other hand, is one of the most expensive countries in Asia to visit. The daily minimum expense in Bhutan ranges from US\$200 to US\$250, which is quite high compared to the expenses in Nepal.

What is the level of physical fitness required for this tour?

This 5-day Bhutan tour is generally easy and suitable for most travelers. However, the hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery involves a moderately steep trail. As long as you're comfortable walking uphill for a couple of hours, you'll be fine. Wear comfortable walking shoes to enjoy the experience fully.

Is the hike to Tiger's Nest difficult?

The hike to the monastery is about 6.4 km round trip. You should be fine if you can handle a steady uphill walk on uneven steps. Ponies are available to carry riders to the halfway cafe, but they come at an extra cost. You can complete the hike in around 4 hours, whether you take a pony or not.

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How Bhutan Can Change the Way You Travel

Bhutan is the first and only country in the world to adopt **Gross National Happiness (GNH)** as its national development philosophy. *King Jigme Singye Wangchuck introduced it as an alternative to GDP (Gross Domestic Product).* Here, development and progress are measured by focusing on the well being of citizens, culture, and the environment. It is a holistic approach that ensures people are happy and protects culture and nature. On the tour, you'll see how the country values happiness over material wealth. Bhutan helps travelers to think about what actual success and well being mean.

Plus, they have strict rules for sustainable tourism, like limiting the number of travelers and banning single use plastics. So, they will learn to travel responsibly and be kind to our planet. While visiting the

peaceful spiritual sites, most travelers find inner peace. Additionally, Bhutanese people are welcoming and helpful towards travelers. They encourage you to actually participate. Instead of just sightseeing, you'll spin prayer wheels, chat with locals, and dance with them at the special events.

Hence, Bhutan is not just another destination for a tour. It helps you discover a concept that inspires you to live simply, prioritize happiness, and be kind.

Best Season For 5 Days Bhutan Tour

Touring Bhutan can be done in every season: Summer, Winter, Spring, and Autumn. All these seasons give the country a unique touch, making it a good destination with every passing season. Among the four, Spring and Autumn are two great seasons for someone who wants to add the adventure of trekking to their trip. Summer and winter, on the other hand, could be ideal choices for someone who wants to explore the city without any adventure. These season choices also implements to other tour like [7 Days Bhutan Tour](#).

Here is a brief breakdown of all the seasons, along with all the aspects you want to consider before planning a trip to Bhutan.

Season	Time Period	Temperature	Popular Places	Festivals
Spring	March to May	Day: 15°C to 20°C (59°F to 68°F), Night: 5°C to 10°C (41°F to 50°F)	Thimphu, Paro, Punakha, Bumthang, Taktsang Monastery	Paro Tsechu (March/April), Jambay Lhakhang Drup (sometimes overlaps)
Summer/Monsoon	June to August	Day: 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F), Night: 10°C to 15°C (50°F to 59°F)	Paro, Phobjikha Valley, Punakha	Fewer major festivals, regional Tsechus may occur
Autumn/Fall	September to November	Day: 15°C to 22°C (59°F to 72°F), Night: 5°C to 12°C (41°F to 54°F)	Thimphu, Paro, Punakha, Phobjikha Valley, Bumthang	Thimphu Tsechu (Sept/Oct), Punakha Drubchen (Oct/Nov)
Winter	December to February	Day: 5°C to 15°C (41°F to 59°F), Night: -5°C to 5°C (23°F to 41°F)	Paro, Thimphu, Punakha	Losar (Tibetan New Year, February), Wangdue Phodrang Tsechu (Feb/March)

Do we need travel insurance for this tour?

As of April 23, 2024, you don't necessarily need to get travel insurance when visiting Bhutan. However, you can get one to prepare yourself. It can help you in unexpected situations like trip cancellations, lost bags, theft, medical emergencies, or flight delays, especially in remote mountain areas.

Insurance gives you peace of mind, knowing you're covered if things don't go as planned. Before

choosing a policy, ensure it covers health care, emergency evacuation, and travel disruptions. A good plan lets you focus on enjoying the tour without worrying about what ifs.

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