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# Glimpse of Bhutan Tour - 6 Days

A glimpse of Bhutan Tour will give you an opportunity to explore the Buddhist culture and tradition, visiting the beautiful monasteries by flying over the glorious Himalayan ranges like Mt. Everest, Kanchanjunga, and others. The architectural Dzongs, monasteries, Thanka painting schools, and local handicraft centers exhibit the history, culture, religion of the Dragon Kingdom, Bhutan.

A glimpse of Bhutan Tour is an ideal tour for those who want to spend their short time visiting Bhutan focusing on the main attractions. The architecture of ancient temples, fortresses are highlights along with natural attractions of picturesque valleys, picturesque mountains, rivers, lush dense forests, their flora, and fauna.

We begin our window to Bhutan tour after taking a flight from Kathmandu to Paro. The scenic flight offers great views of various snow-capped mountain ranges. On the very same day the visit to Ta Zong tower, the national museum that reflects the centuries-old paintings, armors, and insight into Bhutanese Buddhist culture. The major attraction in this short tour is the famous Taktsang Monastery or Tiger’s Nest located at a high altitude of 10400 feet on the face of a 1000m rock cliff.

Suitable time to do the Glimpse of Bhutan Tour is almost all months but July-August is not recommended because of monsoon rain in Bhutan during these months.

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## PRICE INCLUDES

- All ground transfers in comfortable private vehicle including airport/hotel transfers
- Bhutanese Visa Fee
- Accommodation in The government approved 3 star category hotels on twin- shared basis
- Three meals per day, including tea, water (bottled or boiled) and snacks
- English speaking, trained and experienced local guide and staff
- All entrance and permit fees for visits to monuments and museums
- Company services and all required Bhutanese government taxes/royalties

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- Airfare for international flights to and from Bhutan
- Items of personal nature (personal trekking gear, telephone calls, alcoholic beverages, internet, laundry, etc.)
- Personal gears
- Travel/trip cancellation and medical/evacuation insurance
- Tips for staff
- Any optional activities besides the itinerary during free time
- Services not mentioned in the ‘Trip Cost Included’ section

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## ITINERARY IN DETAIL

### Day 1: Arrive Paro to Thimphu

Don't miss to gaze through window pane of your airplane during the flight to Paro. Airplane flying into Paro flies over above world's highest peaks, so you will witness splendor of Himalayan peaks through your flight too. As you land, you will find our airport representative to welcome with warm Bhutanese hospitality and transfer you to your hotel. Your program is to be transferred to Paro which is about one hours drive. In the evening, you can take a walk through the city and observe the city life.

### Day 2: Thimphu sightseeing

You spend the day exploring various historical and cultural sites in Thimphu, including King's Memorial Chorten. This Chorten was built in honor of late King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck. You will visit School of Arts and Crafts (also known as the painting school), Folk Heritage Museum, National Institute of Traditional Medicine, Buddha Point, and Motithang Takin Preserve. In the evening, visit the Tashi Chhoedzong, known as the "Fortress of Glorious Religion".

### Day 3: Thimphu to Punakha

After breakfast, cherish the scenic drive to Punakha. Your guide will make stop at Dochula pass (3150 meters) from where on a clear day you can get fabulous views of the Himalayas. From the pass, drive downhill through dense forests of rhododendron, fir and hemlock. Upon arriving Metshina Village, you can take 20-minute walk through rice fields to Chimi Lhakhang, the Divine Madman's temple famous to be a temple of fertility. You will have lunch in one of the restaurants and continue your drive to Punakha. On arrival, visit Punakha Dzong, which is famous for being one of the most beautiful Dzongs in Bhutan. Built in 17th century Punakha Dzong which means the palace of great happiness or bliss is the second oldest and second largest dzong in Bhutan and one of its most majestic structures. The Dzong is located at the confluence of the Pho Chhu (father) and Mo Chhu (mother) rivers in the Punakha–Wangdue valley.

### Day 4: Punakha to Paro

We drive back to Paro with stop at Dochula to visit the new Druk Wangyal Monastery, which is the only of its kind in the country. After lunch in Paro, visit the Rinpung Dzong, the 15th century massive fortress which now serves as administrative center of the valley. From the Dzong, you can walk down to the road head crossing a traditional wooden bridge. From here, you will be taken to Kichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest and the most sacred shrine in the country. In the evening, you can stroll in Paro town.

### Day 5: Tiger's Nest Monastery

Tiger's Nest Monastery fascinates everybody. Many people's good reason to visit Bhutan is because they are fascinated by this monastery, its location and its story. After waiting four days, finally we are going to make a good hike up to the Taktsang (Tiger's Nest) monastery, which clings to the rock at 3180m. According to the legend, it is believed that Guru Rimpoche, the 8th century spiritual guru, flew to this location on the back of a tigress for meditation. You will eat lunch at Cafeteria Restaurant halfway up on the mountain. After exploration of the monastery and satisfying our inquisition, we trek back to Paro.

### Day 6: Depart Paro

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After breakfast, its time to leave. You will be bid farewell and driven to Paro Airport for our flight to your destination ahead.