

## Shangri la Tour Bhutan - 10 Days

Bhutan tour is also popularly known as the Shangri La Tour that holds the incredibly beautiful landscapes and displays the ancient architectural thankas, paintings, Dzongs and monasteries that reflects centuries old culture, tradition and history of Bhutan. Sightseeing in Thimpu, the capital of the Dragon's Kingdom is equally aesthetic to the outsiders.

We start our 10 days Last Shangri la tour after arriving at the Paro airport and sightseeing at the Ta Zong, the national museum and ancient watch tower which shows the Thangka paintings, textiles, weapons and artifacts. Also the stunning view of holy mountain, Mt. Chhomolari (also known as Mountain of goddesses) at an altitude of 24000 feet. Further we head towards to visit the Taktshang monastery (also known as Tiger's Nest) situated at the unique vertical granite cliff above the valley floor. Then we will drive in the beautiful valleys of Thimpu and visit the thanka painting schools and traditional folk school along with Tashi chho Dzong and the Handicraft emporium. After visiting around the scenic landmarks around the Thimpu we will drive back to Paro airport and fly back towards Kathmandu.

Tours in Bhutan are best holiday packages if you are looking to be at the peaceful environment exploring the Buddhist culture and tradition along with the unique landmarks. Join Last Shangri-la tour organized by Icicles Adventure treks that provides you an opportunity to explore the dragon Kingdom, Bhutan.

## ITINERARY IN DETAIL

### Day 1: ARRIVE PARO

Our Tour escort from Bhutan will receive you upon arrival at Paro Airport (7,000ft) and drive you through the valley of Paro to the hotel. After refreshment, take a stroll around the town of Paro. Overnight at hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

### Day 2: PARO

Drive to the ruins of Drugyel Dzong. This Dzong is of historical importance, from whose ramparts the Bhutanese repelled Tibetan invaders. On a clear day one can view the sacred Mount Chhomolari, Mountain of Goddess (24,000 ft). After lunch visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum housed in an ancient watchtower, which has a fine collection of ancient Thangka painting, textiles, weapons and artifacts. Walk to the traditional wooden bridge. Overnight at hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

### Day 3: PARO - EXCURSION TO TAKTSHANG OR DRIVE TO CHELILA PASS

Drive to Ramthongkha and then hike to viewpoint of Taktshang, the Tiger's Nest (one and a half hours). This magical monastery clings to a vertical granite cliff 3,000 ft above the valley floor. The monastery unfortunately got burnt in 1998 but it has recently been reconstructed. Overnight at hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

### Day 4: PARO - THIMPHU

Drive through the beautiful valleys of Paro and Thimphu to the capital of Bhutan – Thimphu. Visit the Zangthopelri Lhakhang, the School of Thankha Painting and the Tashi Nincha folk studio where the traditional folk and mask dance are learned and practiced. Afternoon, visit the Zelukha Nunnery, the TashiChho Dzong and the Handicraft Emporium. Overnight at hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

### Day 5: THIMPHU - WANGDUE PHODRANG

In the morning, visit the Memorial Chorten and see also some gold and silversmiths at work. After lunch drive to Punakha through Dochula Pass. Visit Punakha town and visit the Punakha Dzong if the monastic body has shifted to Thimphu for the summer. Evening drive to Wangdue town. Overnight at hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

### Day 6: WANGDUE PHODRANG - TRONGSA

Visit the Wangdue town. After lunch drive to Trongsa over the Pelela Pass. (Alt 11,155 ft / 3,400 m) in the Black Mountain ranges, which separates the western region from the other regions of the country. Overnight at hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

### Day 7: TRONGSA - BUMTHANG

Visit to the outside premises of Trongsa Dzong one of the largest Dzongs in the country. Visit also the Ta Dzong (Watch Tower) and stroll through the small Trongsa town. After lunch, drive to Bumthang Valley across the Yutola Pass. Overnight at hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

### Day 8: BUMTHANG

Drive to Ura – one of the four valleys of Bumthang. Visit the village and explore the beautiful valley. Visit Ura Lhakhang and drive through the picturesque valley of Bumthang to see Kurje Lhakhang, Tamshing Lhakhang and Kuenshusum Lhakhang. Overnight at hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

#### **Day 9: BUMTHANG - THIMPHU**

Drive to Thimphu. Enroute visit the Rukhubji village. Overnight in Thimphu. Overnight at hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

#### **Day 10: THIMPHU -PARO - DEPARTURES**

Early morning drive to Paro for departure. Overnight at hotel. (Breakfast, Included)