

Photography Tour

Day 01: Arrive and Go Sightseeing in Paro (2,250 m / 7,382 ft)

Upon your arrival into the country, a representative from Himalayan Treks and Adventure will meet you at an agreed upon location to assist in checking into a hotel. In the evening we can walk through Paro to become acquainted with the area.

Day 02: Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery (3,180 m / 10,433 ft), back to Paro: 4-5 hours

Today we treat ourselves to a tour of the Tiger's Nest Monastery. After eating a healthy breakfast, the tour goes on a short hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery. Tiger's Nest Monastery rests at an elevation of 3,180 meters and is Bhutan's most cherished heritage site. Spiritual teacher Rinpoche is believed to have traveled on the back of a tiger into the cave where Tiger's Nest Monastery sits. We can stay here on location until sunset for great photographs under various lighting conditions. After we have taken enough pictures, we hike back to Paro to spend the night.

Day 03: Travel to Thimphu (2,320 m / 7,610 ft): 54 km, 1 hour

We are again treated to Bhutan's highest regarded land marks. Our tour begins with a visit to Rinpung Fortress. The fortress has beautiful wooden galleries lining the courtyard and paintings that tell the stories of Buddhism. We can also learn about the history of the fortress. After touring the fortress and taking pictures, we travel to Thimphu. In Thimphu we tour the Memorial Chorten. It was built in honor of the third king of Bhutan (1952 - 1972). Our tour then turns to Kuensel Phodrang, where a huge Buddha statue overlooks Thimphu Valley.

Day 04: Travel to Punakha (1,250 m / 4,100 ft): 76 km, 2 - 3 hours

After eating breakfast in Thimphu, we travel to Dochula La pass (3,100 m) for fantastic views of the Himalayas. We continue to Punakha through mature forests of rhododendrons, firs and hemlocks. Our next stop is in Lobesa for a hike through the country side to Chimi Lhakhang Temple, which was built to worship Drukpa Kuenley "the Divine Madman" who blesses women seeking fertility. Next, we visit Punakha Dzong "fortress". The fortress is located in the middle of two rivers. We spend the night in Punakha.

Day 05: Travel to Paro: 130 km, 4 hours

From Punakha we travel to Paro over Dochula Pass. Before reaching Paro, we visit the Druk Wangyal Buddhist Temple. At the temple we can see artwork depicting the king's ancestors and their achievements. We spend the night in Paro.

Day 06: Tiger's Nest Monastery

Today we visit Tiger's Nest Monastery again. This time we arrive in the early morning for more photographs under different lights. We have the rest of the day to take the perfect shot or we can go back to Paro and tour the area. We spend the night in Paro

Day 07: Final departure

We conclude our trip after breakfast. If you wish to stay in Bhutan, further accommodations can be arranged or if you are leaving we will assist in preparations and transport to the airport.