

Phuentsholing to Paro

Day 1: Arrive in Phuentsholing (300 m / 985 ft)

Upon your arrival to the India-Bhutan border at the check point in Phuentsholing, a representative from Himalayan Treks and Adventure will meet, and assist in the visa formalities then help with checking into a hotel. We stay the night in Phuentsholing.

Day 2: Travel to Thimphu (2,350 m / 7,710 ft): 175 km, 6 hours

Today we depart for Bhutan's capital city, Thimphu. On the way to Thimphu, We pass by beautiful landscapes including a few waterfalls. We spend the night in Thimphu.

Day 3: Go sightseeing in Thimphu

In Thimphu, our tour continues to Memorial Chorten, a nunnery temple, mini zoo, the National Institute of Traditional Medicine, a Bhutanese traditional painting school, a folk heritage museum, the majestic Tashichho Dzong and a traditional paper factory. If this day is on the weekend, some of the landmarks will be closed and we will instead visit the weekend market, which is also a wonderful experience.

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

We begin our day by traveling Punakha with a stop for tea at Dochu La Pass. At the pass we are treated with great views of the Himalayas as well as the forested area below. As we continue to Punakha, we drive through a forest full of rhododendrons, firs, and hemlocks. As we near Punakha we pass rice fields and river banks. In Punakha, we visit Punakha Fortress, which is the second oldest (1638) fortress and second largest in Bhutan.

Day 5: Travel to Paro: 130 km, 4 hours

After breakfast, we travel to Paro through Dochula Pass. At the pass we visit the Druk Wangyal Monastery, where the king's family's lineage is depicted in paintings with their keystone accomplishments. After touring the monastery, we continue traveling to Paro to spend the night.

Day 6: Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery (3,180 m / 10,430 ft)

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 stands. After lunch and exploring the monastery, the tour continues to Thimphu, where we will spend the night.

Day 7: 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.