Glimpse of Bhutan (3 Nights / 4 Days)



Trip Overview

The Glimpse of Bhutan Tour is designed for travelers seeking a short yet comprehensive introduction to the Kingdom of Bhutan. In just four days, this journey highlights the essence of Bhutan’s culture, heritage, and natural beauty. Explore Thimphu, the charming capital nestled in the Himalayas, and Paro, home to ancient monasteries and sacred landmarks. The tour features stunning mountain landscapes, traditional Bhutanese architecture, and a visit to the iconic Taktsang Monastery (Tiger’s Nest), one of the most revered sites in the country.

Total Trip Days: 3 Nights / 4 Days

Region: Bhutan

Max Altitude: 3,120 m (Taktsang Monastery)

Activity: Short Cultural and Scenic Tour

Difficulty: Easy

Trip Highlights

- Scenic drive from Paro to Thimphu through beautiful valleys and terraced fields
- Discover Thimphu’s cultural landmarks including the Memorial Chorten and Buddha Dordenma
- Visit Folk Heritage Museum, Textile Museum, and the Traditional Arts & Crafts School
- Experience Bhutanese local life and markets such as the craft bazaar and farmers market
- Enjoy the breathtaking hike to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger’s Nest) perched on a cliff at 3,120 meters
- Visit Kyichu Lhakhang, one of Bhutan’s oldest temples, and Paro Rinpung Dzong

Itinerary

Day 1:

After arrival at Paro International Airport, you will be received by your guide and drive 60km (45mins) to the capital city of Bhutan, Thimphu and check into your hotel. Depending on your flight arrival time, sightseeing will begin today or you will dine at your hotel and rest for a full day tour the following day.
Overnight at Thimphu | Altitude: 2400m

Day 2:

This morning we visit National Memorial Chorten (Stupa), a monument to world peace and Kuenselphodrang to see one of the largest statue of Buddha Dordenma. We then go to the Takin Preserve to see the national animal of Bhutan, the takin – a large, muscular, hoofed mammal sometimes referred to as a goat antelope. We then visit Folk Heritage Museum and the Traditional Arts & Crafts School nearby. Lunch will be at a restaurant in town

and then continue to visit the Textile Museum followed by a stroll down craft bazaar for some souvenir shopping. After we visit kaja throm, the farmers market. In the evening, drive towards Paro and check into hotel.
Overnight at Paro | Altitude: 2200m

Day 3:

We start early at 6am today and dive to Paro for our hike to the famous landmark of Bhutan that hangs on a cliff at 3120m. Legend has it that Guru Padmasambhava was carried from Tibet to this location on the back of a tigress thus giving it the name Taktsang, meaning Tigers Nest. On average the hike takes about 5hrs with an elevation gain of around 1000m; 2hrs uphill, an hour visiting the temple and another 2hrs back down.
Lunch today can be had at the half point cafeteria or you can head back to base. For those who wish to can hire a horse to ride till the half point. After the hike, we visit Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan and lastly end with visit to Paro Rinpung Dzong. We then freshen up at the hotel and have some free time to stroll around Paro town and shop or have a cup of coffee/tea at one of the many cute cafes in old town structures.
Overnight at Paro | Altitude: 2200m

Day 4:

This morning, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure.