

MTT-1026 CUSTOM MADE ITINERARY

DESTINATION COVERED: Paro – Thimpu – Punakha
6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

RATES VALID FROM 01ST APR'26 TILL 30TH SEP'27

Day 01 Arrival Paro- drive to Thimpu

On arrival in Paro, you will be received by our representative
 Drive to Thimpu (55 Kms/ 01 Hr.). En route visit **Simtokha Dzong**, the oldest fortress of the Kingdom which now houses the school for religious and cultural studies. Evening free.

Overnight Thimpu.

Day 02: Thimpu

There are a good many things to see in the capital which has a very relaxed, laid-back feel about it. Thimphu is relatively small having a population of approximately 90,000 people and the streets are wide and tree lined. In the morning visit the Buddha Point, the National Library,

Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang)

Located at a short drive from Thimphu city centre, visitors can get a good overview of the Thimphu valley from the Buddha point (Kuensel Phodrang). You can pay your obeisance and offer prayers to the Buddha, the largest statue in the country and then walk around and take a glimpse of the valley.



Visit **National Memorial Chorten**: The building of this landmark was envisaged by the third king, His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, as a monument to world peace and prosperity. Completed in 1974 after his untimely death, it is both a memorial to the Late King ("the Father of modern Bhutan") and a monument to world peace. The paintings and statues inside the monument provide a deep insight into Buddhist philosophy.



Overnight at hotel

Day 03
THIMPU – Punakha 2 &1/2 Hrs. pa

In the morning after early breakfast, we drive to Punakha VIA Dochula. Leaving Thimphu, the road climbs via a series of zigzags over the Dochula La Pass, 10,000ft/3,048m. On a clear day panoramic views can be had of the eastern Himalaya, including Bhutan's highest mountain, Gangkar Punsum, 24,770ft/7,550m. Punakha the old winter capital is 3 Hrs. drive from Thimpu. After Dochula the road drops down through varied forest finally emerging into the highly-cultivated Punakha valley. In the afternoon hike to Chimi Lhakhang, the divine mad monk's temple. It is a beautiful walk through a lovely village. The temple can be visited and there is a tree outside which is supposed to have sprouted up after Drukpa Kunley sent a thunderbolt from an adjoining valley to kill some evil spirits who had gathered at the site. Also visit the courtyard of Punakha Dzong. **Overnight in Punakha.**



DAY 4: PUNAKHA

Visit the beautiful Khamsum Yule Namgyel temple (30 mins round trip from the road). Overnight Punakha. Drive through the idyllic countryside north of Punakha and trek for about (½ hr each way) to visit Khamsum Yulley Chorten temple. In addition to its great art-works, there walk to and from is interesting through the paddies and village and the view is also magnificent



DAY 05: PUNAKHA – PARO 3 & ½ HRS.



After breakfast drive back to Paro VIA Thimpu

Upon arrival check in at the Hotel. Afternoon City Tour

Ta Dzong (Sun, Mon Govt holiday closed): once a watchtower, built to defend Rinpung Dzong during inter-valley wars of the 17th century, Ta Dzong was inaugurated as Bhutan's National Museum in 1968. It holds fascinating collection of art, relics, religious thangka paintings and Bhutan's exquisite postage stamps. The museum circular shape augments its varied collection displayed over several floors.

Afterwards, walk down a hillside trail to visit

Rinpung Dzong,

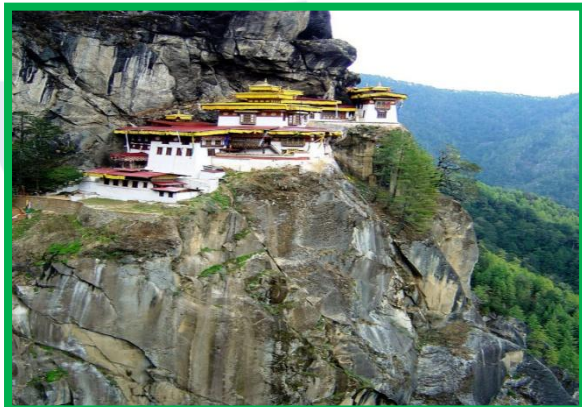
which has a long and fascinating history. Built in 1646 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, the first spiritual and temporal ruler of Bhutan, the Dzong houses the monastic body of Paro, the office of the Dzongda (district administrative head) and Thrimpon (judge) of Paro district. The approach to the Dzong is through a traditional covered bridge called Nemi Zam. A walk through the bridge, over a stone inlaid path, offers a good view of the architectural wonder of the Dzong as well as life around it. It is also the venue of Paro Tshechu, held once a year in the spring. **Overnight at hotel.**



Day 06: PARO

Day excursion to Tiger's Nest

Taktshang or 'Tiger's Nest' as it is often referred to for Taktshang Pelphung monastery, is one of the most venerated and famous of Bhutan's monasteries. It is located on the face of a 900m sheer cliff. It is an impressive and unmissable site, but accessible only by walk or to ride mules/pony. From the trail head at Rumtokto (2600m), the walk till the cafeteria is a steep one hour uphill (about 350m ascent). From the Cafeteria (2940m), one can get a good close-up view of Taktshang. Savor views of the monastery over a well-deserved cup of tea and biscuits at the cafeteria and continue uphill for another 45 minutes to a high observation point (3140m) where there is a Chorten. From this vantage point, the lookout to the monastery is a very spectacular and seems almost close enough to



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touch. It is now on the other side of a deep chasm, only around 150m away as bird flies, but takes half hour or even more to reach. Continue down the flight of cliff-hanging steps on the narrow trail to a beautiful waterfall that plunges down the deep chasm and alongside is a retreat hermitage, jammed dramatically into a rock crevice. Then climb up the flight of steep steps to the monastery. At any point on this walk, you can always return if you find it too difficult. Once inside the monastery, there are several shrines or temples with few monks in residence. After visiting Taktshang monastery's many shrines, most tours schedule lunch at the cafeteria upon return. After lunch, retrace back to the road-head where you started in the morning. The return from Cafeteria is all downhill and takes just over half hour. Further, if you have more time, energy and ready for more challenging day, you can start early and trek beyond Takstang to see several monasteries, temples, retreat houses in the surrounding area. The most notable among them are Zangdopelri and Ugyen Tsemo. Pony/horse can be hired for ride up till the cafeteria. However, you cannot ride beyond the cafeteria or come down hill on the horse. According to the legend, Guru Padmasambhava or Guru Rinpoche, who spread the Buddhism across the entire Himalayas is said to have flown here in the 8th century on the back of a Tigress, in order to subdue negative spiritual forces that were hostile to spread of Buddhism. In 853, one of his students, Pelgyi Senge mediated here in the main cave. The stupa inside one of the temples contains his mortal remains and therefore the cave is known as 'Pelphung or Pelgi's cave'. Subsequently many great spiritual masters such as Milarepa, Thangthong Gyalpo, Phajo Dugom Zhigpo, Shadrung and many others, passed periods here in profound meditation. In 1692, Tenzin Rabgye built a two-storey temple around what little may have existed previously. This was expanded and refurbished many times over the period of time. Taktshang and several temples in the area were burnt down in 1951 by fire accident but much of them remained intact and most of the relics were saved. Soon after, the, Taktshang was rebuilt by population of Tsento village. Again, in April of 1998, a major fire destroyed the main structure of the building and its contents (some believe it to be arson). Reconstruction began in 2000 and was completed and consecrated after extensive efforts and financial support of Governments as well as donors.

DAY 07: PARO- DEPARTURE FLIGHT

After check breakfast, check out from the hotel. (Check out time at hotel is 1200 Hrs). Put the luggage in luggage room. Free for the day or for shopping (at own/ no Vehicle).

In time transfer to Paro airport to board the flight for onward destination.

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PROPOSED HOTELS OR SIMILAR: -

DESTINATION	HOTELS DELUXE
2N PARO	HIMALYAN KEY / KAACHI GRAND
2N THIMPU	ICHL YARKAY / TERMALINCA
2N PUNAKHA	RKPO GREEN RESORT / LOBESA BOUTIQUE

*** Check in time at hotel is 1400 Hrs and check out time is 12 noon.

3* COST ON PER PERSON ON DOUBLE SHARING BASIS: R42360

3* COST ON PER PERSON ON TRIPLE SHARING BASIS: R39696

Tour cost includes:

- 06 Nights' accommodations on **DOUBLE/ TRIPLE** rooms in the mentioned hotels/similar.
- Including the all taxes.
- Daily buffet breakfast and dinner according to the tour itinerary.
- All transfers by **CAR** as per the itinerary.
- Arrival/departure assistance as per tour itinerary.

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- All road taxes, toll tax, parking fees, driver allowances, fuel charges etc.
- SDF @ US\$100 Per Person per night for Foreigners
- VISA Fee @ US\$40 Per Person for foreigners
- Coaster as per itinerary in Bhutan with Services of an English-speaking local guide cum escort

Tour cost excludes:

- **Anything Not in Inclusions Is Excluded**
- **Tipping is very important for tour guide and Drivers**
- **Entrances to monuments/monasteries/places visited during S/s tours (Approx. US\$100 P.P.)**
- In case base category room is NOT available at time of booking then next available category supplement would be applicable
- Quotes are based upon base category rooms at mentioned hotels, in case base category rooms are NOT available then next available category supplement would be applicable
- Pony for hike to Tiger's Nest @ US\$25 P.P. till midway cafeteria
- Bhutan is a Tobacco Free country and hence Tobacco is not legally available. One can carry up to 250 cigarettes for personal use by declaring at customs upon arrival and paying appropriate duty @ 200%.
- Credit Cards are rarely accepted in Bhutan & that too at surcharge of 6-7%
- All type of personal expenses like laundry bill, telephone calls, drinks, stilt / digital camera, tips and extra meals apart from buffet breakfast at your hotels.
- **Tipping is very important for tour guide and Drivers**
- Any kind of entrance monuments fees as per above tour program
- Any other kind of service which are not committed as per tour program.
- Any elephant/Tonga/rickshaw/jeep ride in any place will be on extra cost.
- **Internal flights: NIL**
- **CHRISTMAS EVE/NEW YEAR DINNER IS COMPULSARY BUT NOT INCLUDED IN COST AS HOTEL HAVE YET TO DECIDE THE RATES. IT WILL BE EXTRA CHARGE ABLE AS PER DATES AND CITY AT THE TIME OF CONFIRMATION AND HAS TO BE COLLECTED BY THE AGENT TO CONFIRM BOOKING**
- Last minute changes/cancellation will not be acceptable in any condition except in case of emergency and extra charges will be applicable of any changes.
- Please also be informed that the above is just a quote and we are not holding any rooms for the same, it will be subject to availability at the time of actual booking & flight. And we also do not guarantee rooms for the above quoted hotel as mentioned earlier it's just a quote.

Please note: terms & conditions

Check-in/check-out time will be at 14:00/12:00 noon

All accommodation is based on standard rooms unless otherwise specified.

The proposed itinerary and prices are provisional and depend on availability at the time of booking.

Airfares are subject to seat availability and rules pertaining to the fare eg advance purchase.

A cancellation fee will be charged for any cancelled booking, dependent on time frame before travel.

Standard terms and conditions apply – these are available on request

All airlines now require full names (first and last) on all airline tickets. Please ensure you have these at time of booking as there will be charges if there are amendments to names.

Above rates are net non-commissionable.

Please note, the names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels. It is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey the confirmations to you on receipt of your acceptance. However, in the event of any of the above-mentioned hotels not becoming available at the time of initiating the reservations, we shall book

Alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whatever applicable) to you.

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Cancellation policy for package:

60-45 days before arrival 30% cancellation

45-30 days before arrival 50% cancellation

30 days from arrival 100% cancellation

No refund for early departure/unutilised services

Bhutan Flight cancellation for normal FIT fare is as follows:
TICKET CANCELLATION CHARGES:

Cancel more than 25 Days 10%

Cancel from 08-25 Days 25%

Cancel from less than 05 Days 50%

Cancelled within 3 days non-refundable.

GST taxes also will be charged in all cancellations along with Rs1000/- service charge per ticket.

(Cancellation received after 4 PM on Monday to Friday will be treated as received next working day, cancellation received on Saturday / Sunday / Holiday will be treated as received NEXT working day)

Opening & closing timings of places of tourist interest:

Name	Place	Timings	Closed On
Taktsang / Tiger Nest Temple	Paro	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	-
Memorial Chorten	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	-
Punakha Dzong	Punakha	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	-
Paper Factory	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	Gov. Holidays
School of Arts & Crafts	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	Gov. Holidays
National Museum	Paro	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	Gov. Holidays
Royal Textile Museum	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturdays	Sundays & Gov. Holidays
Folk Heritage Museum	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sundays	Gov. Holidays
Institute of Traditional Medicine Museum	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday	Sundays & Gov. Holidays
Ta Dzong Museum	Trongsa	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Weekdays & Weekends	Gov. Holiday
Takin Zoo	Thimphu	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Tuesdays - Sunday	Mondays
Tashi Chho Dzong	Thimphu	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Weekdays 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Weekends	-
Royal Botanical Garden	Serbithang	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Summer 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Winter	-
Royal Botanical Park	Lamperi	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Summer 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Winter	-
Black Necked Crane	Phobjikha	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Summer 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Winter	-
Ogyen Choling Museum	Bumthang	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Summer 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Winter	-

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