

Bhutan, "The Land of the Thunder Dragon" is still regarded as one of the last Shangri-Las in the Himalayas because of its remoteness. Bhutan is located in a relatively unexplored pocket of Asia and because of this there have been heavy restrictions placed on the number of travellers visiting this country. Join this exclusive Best of Bhutan tour and discover a spectacular world of Himalayan Mountains and forested hills, where magnificent fortresses still command the hilltops.



Day 1: Kolkata

On arrival at Kolkata Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The city of Calcutta (now called Kolkata) is the proud intellectual capital of India, with a rich contemporary cultural life, but retaining some of India's most striking colonial buildings. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 2: Kolkata

After breakfast you will visit the Jain Temple, the Kali temple, and the white marble Victoria Memorial. Drive past the Howrah Bridge, the Dalhousie Square, Fort Williams, the Old Court House Street, finishing with a visit to the Zoological Gardens. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 3: Kolkata - Paro

After breakfast transfer to the airport to board your onward flight to Paro. On arrival at Paro airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Paro

After breakfast you will be taken on a city tour of Paro visiting Ta Dzong - an ancient watchtower, now the National Museum of Bhutan and Rinpun Dzong. In the afternoon visit the Drukgyel Dzong ruins built to commemorate victory over Tibetan invaders in 1644. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Paro - Thimphu

This morning there will be a sightseeing tour of Taktshang Lakhang, located approximately 80 km from Paro, and precariously perched on the edge of a cliff. In the afternoon drive to Thimphu for your overnight stay. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Thimphu

After breakfast, you will be taken on a sightseeing tour of Thimphu visiting Memorial Chorten (built in memory of His Majesty King Jigme Dorji Wangchuk), Textile & Folk Heritage

Museum, National Library and Arts and Crafts school. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Thimpu – Punakha

After breakfast you will visit Tashichhodzong. After seeing the sights, you will continue on to Punakha via Dochula pass. On arrival at Punakha you will be taken to your HOTEL for your overnight stay. Evening at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Punakha – Paro

After breakfast you will go to Punakha Dzong - the old capital of Bhutan. Every consecutive year the National Day in Bhutan is celebrated here. After sightseeing in Punakha depart to Paro by road. Evening at leisure. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Depart Paro

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

(1 Oct - 31 Dec 10)

Superior \$2,735pp
Luxury \$5,220pp

(1 Jan - 15 Apr 11)

Superior \$2,980pp
Luxury \$5,690pp

(16 Apr - 30 Sep 11)

Superior \$2,570pp
Luxury \$4,900pp

PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 nights accommodation twin share on full board basis
- Transport by private chauffeured airconditioned vehicle
- All meals at Paro, Thimphu and Punakha (B, L, D)
- Sightseeing tours as per the itinerary with services of English speaking local guide in Kolkata and accompanying guide in Bhutan
- Entrance fees at all monuments. Other inclusions as per full itinerary

Based on minimum of 2 passengers travelling together. Price excludes domestic and international airfares.

HOTELS

City	Superior	Luxury
Kolkata	The Park	The Oberoi Grand
Paro	The Village Lodge	Uma Paro
Thimphu	Hotel Kisa	Taj Tashi
Punakha	Hotel Zangtho Pelri	Amankora Punakha



National Memorial Chorten



Taktshang Lakhang