

Offbeat - For Explorers

 LAND OF THUNDER DRAGON

BHUTAN

 PHUENTSHOLING, THIMPHU, PHOBJIKHA VALLEY,
PUNAKHA, PARO.

WITH STAY AT PHOBJIKHA VALLEY

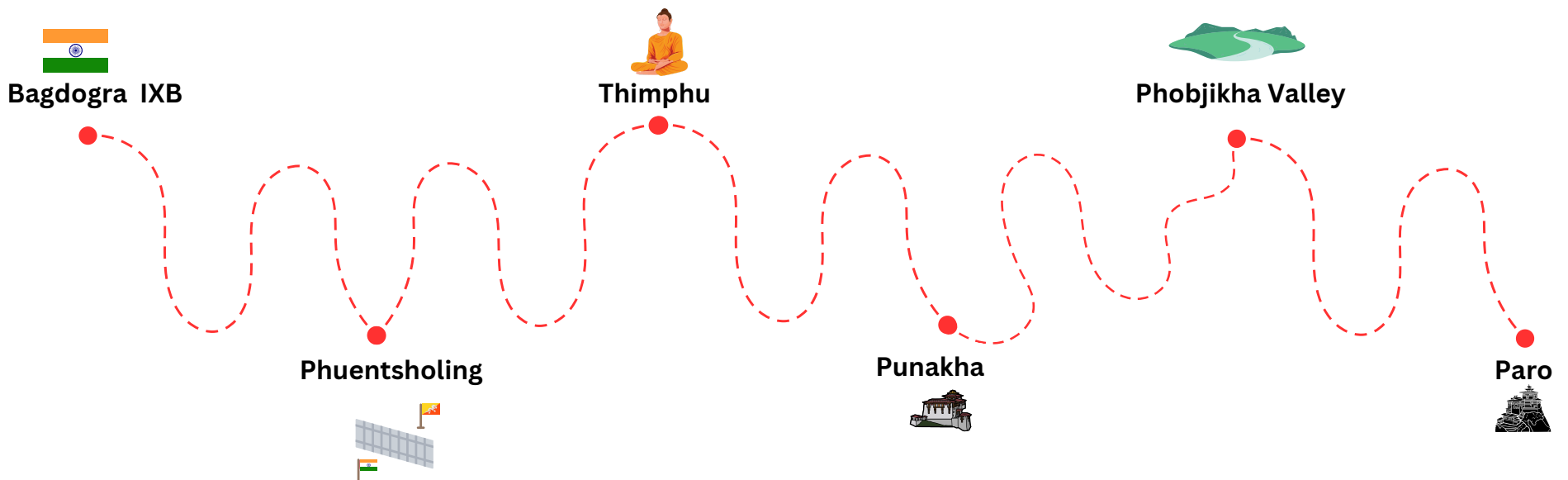
₹34999/- PER PERSON

OFFBEAT GROUP TRIP | INCL. S.D.F 7N/8D - EX: BAGDOGRA AIRPORT

Ready for an adventure beyond the ordinary? Join our exclusive 7N/8D group trip to Bhutan, featuring a captivating stay in Phobjikha Valley, known for its stunning landscapes and unique wildlife.

This package includes a scenic walk along the **Gangtey Natural Trail**, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in Bhutan's beauty and culture without typical day excursions. Explore lush valleys, majestic monasteries, and engage with local communities while savoring authentic cuisine.

Don't miss this transformative journey—secure your spot today for the best package that promises unforgettable memories!



FIX DEPARTURE DATES

22 SEP - 29 SEP

29 SEP - 06 OCT

06 OCT - 13 OCT

13 OCT - 20 OCT

20 OCT - 27 OCT

27 OCT - 03 NOV

Black Necked Crane Festival

07 NOV - 14 NOV

17 NOV - 24 NOV

24 NOV - 1 DEC

01 DEC - 08 DEC

08 DEC - 15 DEC

15 DEC - 22 DEC

22 DEC - 29 DEC

29 DEC - 05 JAN

05 JAN - 12 JAN

12 JAN - 19 JAN

19 JAN - 26 JAN

AIRPORT PICK-UP & DROP

- Pickup and Drop location: **Bagdogra Airport - IXB**
- Distance from Bagdogra Airport to Phuentsholing: 4:00 hr (150.8 km) via road.
- Airport Pickup: Scheduled between 02:00 pm and 03:00 pm at Bagdogra Airport.
- Airport Drop: Scheduled **at 04:00 pm**. Kindly book your flight after **6:00 PM onwards** or consider staying at Bagdogra at your own expense and catching a flight the next day.

Important Notice:

- We won't keep you waiting at the airport for pickup. We'll begin our journey from Bagdogra Airport once six members have arrived, with one Innova for every six group members.
- If arriving and departing by train at **New Jalpaiguri (NJP) Station**, the vehicle will pick you up and drop you off at Tinbatti More, located approximately 3.7 km (around 11 minutes by road) from NJP Station.
- Our team member will be at the airport to coordinate and arrange your pickup.
- Please note: If your pickup or drop falls outside our designated time, you can arrange a separate vehicle at your own expense.
- If you have booked a late evening return flight, you have the option to wait at the airport.

BOOK YOUR TRIP

TRIP AMOUNT	@5% GST	@5% TCS	INCLUSIVE OF TAX	BOOKING AMOUNT
Rs. 34999/-	Rs. 1750/-	Rs. 1925/-	Rs. 38674/-	Rs. 10000/-

To secure your seat for our group tours, follow these straightforward steps:

- Advance Payment:** Secure your reservation with an advance of Rs. 10000.00/- per person.
- Booking Confirmation:** After completing the booking, you will promptly receive a trip confirmation email from contact@tripkarado.com and will be added to a WhatsApp group created for the group.
- Enjoy peace of mind with our "**Pay on Arrival**" system, which allows you to settle the balance payment upon arrival at your hotel in Phuentsholing.
- We will require your PAN card details for TCS (Tax Collected at Source).
- TCS** (Tax Collected at Source) is not an additional tax and is refundable upon filing your Income Tax Return (ITR). This is mandated by the Government for all international trips.
- Single Occupancy Room** is available at additional cost of Rs 12000 + Tax.

Embrace a worry-free journey as you eagerly anticipate an unforgettable adventure with us! Please note, the "**Pay on Arrival**" option is exclusively available for group trips.

PAYMENT DETAILS.

GST REG: **19BQTPB4212R1Z9**
A/c Name: **Tripkarado**
A/c Number: **7573002100003961**
IFC : **PUNB0757300**
Bank: **Punjab National Bank**
Account type: **Current**



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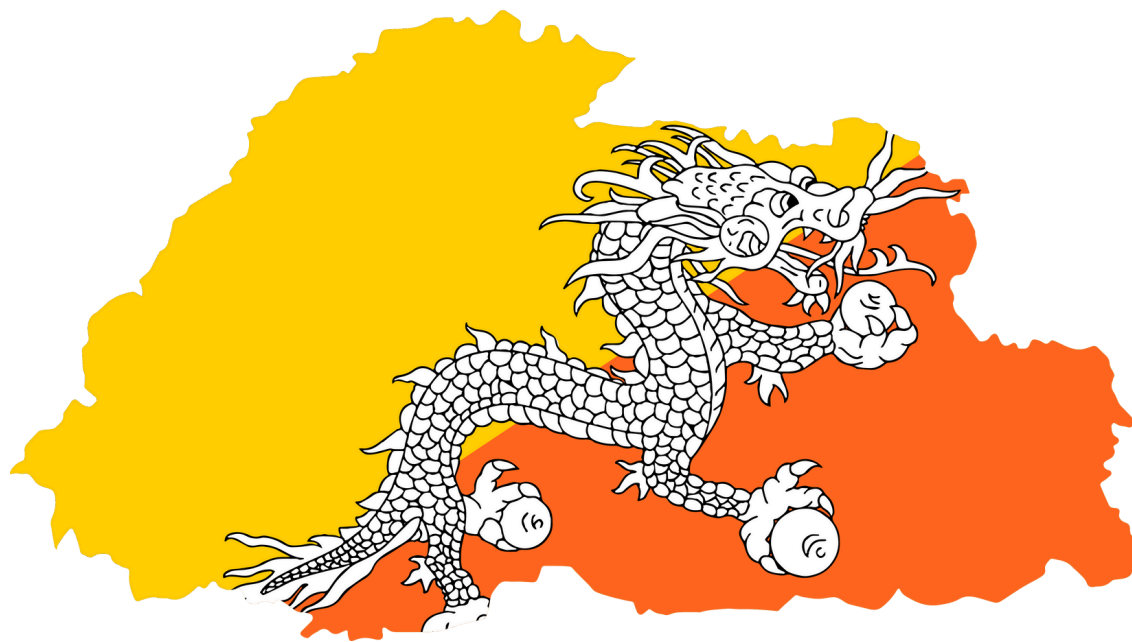


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BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY - 1	Pick up from Bagdogra Airport and transfer to Phuentsholing. Relax for the night.
DAY - 2	Drive from Phuentsholing to Thimphu. Settle in and overnight stay.
DAY - 3	Explore Thimphu's sights and attractions. Overnight in Thimphu.
DAY - 4	Travel to Phobjikha Valley via Dochula Pass. Stay overnight in Phobjikha.
DAY - 5	Proceed from Phobjikha to Punakha. Overnight stay in Punakha.
DAY - 6	Travel from Punakha to Paro. Explore Paro and stay overnight.
DAY - 7	Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery. Enjoy the evening in Paro.
DAY - 8	Transfer from Paro to Bagdogra End of trip.



DAY 1: Bagdogra to Phuentsholing

Travel time: 4:00 to 5:00 hr (150.8 km)

- Upon your arrival at **Bagdogra Airport**, our representative will meet you, You'll start your journey from Bagdogra Airport reach Jiagaon our team member will guide you to cross the border into Bhutan via Pedestrian Terminal to reach Phuentsholing Town, The gateway to the land of thunder dragons, **welcome to Bhutan.**
- Once everyone arrives in Phuentsholing hotel, we will gather for dinner.
- In the evening visit **Zangtopelri** on your own, this Temple is located in the center of the Phuentsholing town.
- **Nightlife in Phuentsholing:** If you'd like to experience the nightlife, consider visiting: **Samsara Club or The Lion Club**
- For a more relaxed evening, you can head to **Hungrella Restaurant.** you can visit this places on your own.
- You'll **stay overnight in Phuentsholing.**



DAY 2: Phuentsholing to Thimphu

Travel time: 5 hr (145.6 km)

- After **breakfast**, ensure your luggage is ready, After **immigration** proceed towards Thimphu. The journey promises breathtaking scenery and memorable stops along the way.
- As you traverse the mountainous roads, make a stop at **Gedu Stupa**, stop for lunch and enjoy the drive through Bhutanese countryside moving forward witness Wangkha waterfalls, .
- As you traverse the winding roads, make a stop at **Chuzom**, where the Paro and Thimphu rivers converge.
- In the evening, indulge in a captivating city walk around **Clock Tower, Thimphu city, on your own.**
- **Nightlife in Thimphu:** If one wishes to experience nightlife in Bhutan, Thimphu is the best place to be. This are few places to visit: **Mojo Park. Space 34.** where you can unwind with live music, dance, and mingle with fellow travelers and locals.
- You'll spend the **night in Thimphu.** Meal Plan: MAP



Day 3: Thimphu Sightseeing

Travel time: Around Thimphu city

- Have Breakfast, You'll spend the day exploring Thimphu's attractions today.
- **National Memorial Chorten:** This large chorten is one of the most visible landmarks in Thimphu, and for many Bhutanese it is the focus of daily worship. The Tibetan-style stupa was built in 1974 as a memorial to the third king, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck (1928–72). Early morning is a great time to visit, as elderly people shuffle meditatively around the chorten
- **Simply Bhutan:** is a living museum that provides insight into traditional Bhutanese life and culture. Here, visitors can experience authentic Bhutanese architecture, cuisine, and craftsmanship, as well as participate in cultural activities such as archery and traditional dance.
- **BBS Tower view point:** BBS Tower is at an elevation of 2,865 metres which offers an exquisite view of the whole town of Thimphu. Also known as Sangaygang Viewpoint, this is very popular among visitors.
- **Buddha Dordenma:** On the top of Kuensel Phodrang hill sits the statue of Sakyamuni Buddha. The 51.5-meter long bronze statue would surely attract you and the uninterrupted view of the valley would leave you spellbound. The site is also known as Buddha View Point.
- **Takin Preservation Centre:** You will find the National animal of Bhutan “Takin” in this open zoo. Takin is one of the most endangered species of the World and it is available only in Bhutan.
- **Authentic Craft Bazaar:** You can explore stalls and shops filled with intricately designed items, many of which are handmade by skilled artisans from across the country.
- You'll stay **overnight in Thimphu**

DAY 4: Thimphu to Phobjikha

Travel time: 3 hr 38 min (129.6 km)

- On this beautiful morning, after enjoying a hearty breakfast, it's time to pack your bags for an unforgettable journey to Phobjikha Valley. Our first stop is the **Dochula Pass 3050 m**, where you'll be treated to breathtaking views of 108 chortens dotting the landscape against the backdrop of majestic mountains. As we continue our drive, we'll head directly to the enchanting Gangtey Monastery, a sacred site nestled amidst the valley's picturesque landscape.
- For the adventurous souls, consider trekking along the **Gangtey Natural Trail**. A pleasurable walk (around 2 hours) that gives a nice feeling for Phobjikha Valley. It is the most beautiful and shortest of the existing nature trails in Bhutan. From the small hilltop overlooking Gangtey Goemba, head downhill through flower meadows to Semchubara village and from here through beautiful forests and into the open valley.
- Additionally, visit the **Phobjikha Visitor Center** to learn more about the valley's unique ecosystem and the conservation efforts for the endangered black-necked cranes, which migrate here during the winter months.
- As night falls, retreat to your cozy accommodation in Phobjikha Valley.



DAY 5: Phobjikha to Punakha.

Travel time: 2hr 30 min hours, 79 KMS

- As the morning sun graces the horizon, it's time to gather your belongings for an unforgettable journey to Punakha.
- **Chimi Lhakhang (Fertility Temple)** – Stationed at the top of a hillock, the is a site dedicated to Lama Drukpa Kuenley. Known as the ‘Divine Madman,
- **Punakha Dzong** - Also known as “the palace of great happiness” This Dzong is the most picturesque of all Bhutan ancient fortresses and it joins the mainland by an arched wooden bridge that contains many precious relics from the days when successive kings reigned the Kingdom from this Punakha valley
- **Suspension Bridge** - This hidden treasure in the Punakha Valley connects the rest of the valley to the old administrative center of Punakha Dzongkhag the whole deck is covered with prayerflags and provides a perfect spot for bird watching and photography.
- In the evening you can stroll around **Kaja Throm (market)** in Khuruthang town which is the newest space for people to visit. One can witness a beautiful local market which showcases the best of what locals have to offer to visitors. You can enjoy the gardens, live music, food & drinks, and meet local Bhutanese farmers. This can be one of the best places to hang out after sightseeing.
- **Optional Activity:** River Rafting The Mo Chhu river rafting is 10KM course which comprises of 10 rapids. The raft is 6-seater. River rafting time is approximately 1.5 hours

Overnight stay in Punakha, Breakfast & Dinner in Hotel



DAY 6: Punakha to Paro.

Travel time: 3 hr, 114.8 km.

- After enjoying a satisfying breakfast, it's time to prepare your luggage for an unforgettable journey from Punakha to Paro.
- Stop at iconic **Iron Bridge, known as Tamchog Zam**, spanning the rushing waters below. Take a moment to appreciate this historic bridge and capture some memorable photographs against the scenic backdrop
- **Visit to the Paro Airport viewpoint.** From this vantage point, you'll enjoy stunning panoramic views of the airport nestled amidst the picturesque valley surrounded by lush green hills. Take in the sights and capture memorable photographs before we continue our exploration of the charming town of Paro.
- Upon arrival in Paro, **visit Rinpung Dzong**, a fortress-monastery perched on a hilltop overlooking the valley.
- **The National Museum of Bhutan:** is a must-visit attraction in Paro. Located in the picturesque Ta Dzong building, this museum offers a fascinating journey through Bhutanese history, art, and culture. Explore its diverse collections, including traditional Bhutanese artifacts, religious relics, ancient manuscripts, intricate thangka paintings, and exhibits on Bhutan's flora and fauna
- **Kyichu Lhakhang:** is one of the oldest and most sacred Buddhist temples in Bhutan. Located in Paro Valley, this ancient temple is renowned for its historical significance and spiritual ambiance. Built in the 7th century by the Tibetan Emperor Songtsen Gampo.
- Finally, settle into your accommodation for the **night in Paro**, where you can unwind and reflect on the day's adventures.

Day 7: Hike to Tiger's Nest

Hike time: Around 6 to 7 hours, altitude: 3,120 m, 6.4 km

- Carry a **Bag pack for today**. This day will begin with an early breakfast. Embark on the iconic hike to **Tiger's Nest**.
- **Taktsang Monastery** - The hike to Tiger's Nest is as much a spiritual pilgrimage as it is a physical challenge. The trail winds through dense pine forests and rhododendron trees, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.
- **Traditional Hot Stone Bath (Direct Pay Basis)**: It is very nice to experience Bhutanese hot stone baths. It is the perfect way to relax and wind down after a hike, it is considered for numerous health benefits help relieve deepset aches and pains. When placed in water, the hot stones crack and steam, releasing key minerals that help to aid stress and soothe the body.
- You can choose to explore Paro market or simply relax at your hotel.
- Your overnight stay will be in **Paro**. Meal Plan: MAP



Day 8: Paro to Bagdogra Airport drop

Travel time: 9 hours, 296 km.

- On the last day of your Bhutan journey, we will start early at 5:30 AM. Your breakfast will be packed for you to enjoy on the go. Bid farewell to the warm hospitality that has accompanied you throughout your stay.
- Your driver will be waiting to transfer you to Phuentsholing, where you'll catch your next vehicle to the airport. If you prefer a hotel drop-off, please note that this will incur an additional cost based on your accommodation location.
- As you embark on this final leg of your trip, take a moment to reflect on the wonderful memories you've created, the stunning sights you've experienced, and the cherished moments you've enjoyed in the Land of the Thunder Dragon. Safe travels!

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR BHUTAN:

- Bring your original Voter Card or a valid Indian passport. (Passport with six months of validity from the last day of your Bhutan trip)
- For Children (Under 18): - Passport or Birth Certificate.
- (Details Should be written in English not in regional language)
- **Notice: Aadhaar Card is not accepted for adults or children.**
- **If using a Voter ID, it must be the original issued by a government office, not a PVC card printed from an online download.**
- No passport-size photocopies or any copies of your Voter ID or passport are required; only the original documents need to be carried.

Travels Traveler Conduct Policy:

At Tripkarado, we are committed to ensuring that travel is a respectful, safe, and enjoyable experience for all our travelers. We expect all travelers to adhere to our conduct policy to guarantee the safety, security, and overall satisfaction of everyone involved. Read complete terms and conditions here:

<https://www.tripkarado.com/terms-and-conditions/>

INCLUSIONS

The rates quoted in the packages is total amount for one person & valid for Indian nationals only.

- Sustainable Development Fee (**SDF**) Included. 1200.00 pp / per night.
- Licensed Bhutanese **Tour Guide** to assist throughout the trip.
- 1N Phuentsholing, 2N Thimphu, 1N Phobjikha, 1N Punakha, 2N Paro Stay. Breakfast & Dinner is included at all accommodated hotels.
- Complimentary Tourist Sim Card with 100 Min talk time & 1 GB data.
- Pickup & Drop from Bagdogra Airport (IXB) on **Innova SIC**
- Bhutan Part vehicle as per Itinerary on **Toyota Coster / Hiace SIC**.
- Driver allowances, toll tax, parking charges, state taxes.
- **Travel Water** 2 bottles (500ml each)/day/person)
- **5% GST & 5 % TCS** is included in the package, check page 3 for more details.

EXCLUSIONS

- Any Airfare or Train Fare .
- Lunch, any extra meal/beverages not mentioned in the package. Additional extra usage of vehicle other than mentioned in the itinerary.
- Vehicle. Timing : 9:00 am to 6:00 PM , Point to Point Sightseeing, not at disposal Basis.
- Any activities. Entrance Fees at Monasteries / Monuments / Museums etc.
- Transfers other than those mentioned in the Itinerary.
- Any expenses caused by reasons beyond our control such as rescheduling or cancellations e.g. flights cancellations, flights delay any accidents, weather conditions, medical evacuations, riots, strikes etc. Such expenses will have to be paid directly.
- Any other expenses specifically not mentioned above.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- The booking amount of Rs. 10000.00 is non-refundable.
- The Rs. 10000.00 advance payment can be carried forward to any next available batch if the cancellation occurs before one week of the original travel date.
- No refund will be provided for cancellations made within 7 days of the trip date.
- Failure to show up on the day of departure as per the provided timeline will result in no refund.
- In the event that the entire trip is canceled due to natural calamities or unforeseen circumstances such as rain, snowfall, earthquake, landslides, strikes, bandhs, COVID-19 restrictions, or local government restrictions, then non refundable.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require further clarification.

HOTELS & OTHER DETAILS

Hotels 3-Star certified by Tourism Council of Bhutan.

- **Phuentsholing:** Evergreen 9 / similar - 1N
- **Punakha** White Dragon / similar 1N
- **Thimphu:** Bhutan Boutique & residency / similar 2N
- **Phobjikha:** Dewachen Hotel & Spa / similar 1N
- **Paro:** Gawaling Hotel / similar 2N

- The hotels mentioned above will be confirmed based on room availability. Otherwise, we will confirm hotels of a similar category.
- All three hotels are handpicked, The hotels we offer you are the best **3-star Premium hotels** best in class, approved by the **Tourism Council of Bhutan.**
- The hotels offer buffets with **Bhutanese, Indian, Chinese, and Continental dishes.** However, if you prefer not to eat touristy food, please inform your guide so that he can suggest you to local restaurants. Any expenses incurred from eating outside will be your responsibility.
- The room photos provided are intended to give you an idea of the rooms available at the property and may not depict the exact room you will be allocated.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. We're a couple, do we need to share a room?

- No, you do not need to share a room. Couples can opt for double sharing without sharing with other travelers.

2. I'm traveling Solo, how will I be accommodated?

- For solo travelers, accommodation will be arranged on a twin sharing basis with same-gender.

3. What currency is used in Bhutan?

- Bhutan's national currency is the Ngultrum (BTN). However, Indian currency is widely accepted everywhere. so there's no need to exchange INR for Bhutanese Ngultrum.

4. Are ATMs / Credit Card available in Bhutan?

- While there are ATMs in Bhutan. It's advisable to carry sufficient cash to ensure smooth transactions during your trip. Credit card is still not common in Bhutan. Very few stores/hotels accept VISA card with 5% charges.

5. Is Bhutan safe for solo traveling?

- Yes, Bhutan is considered one of the safest destinations for solo travelers. It offers a welcoming and secure environment. However joining a group can help reduce these costs.

6. Are there any restrictions on dress?

- There are no rules about what visitors should wear. However for visiting places like religious sites, respectful clothing that covers your body from shoulders to knees is appropriate and appreciated.

7. How much cash can I bring into Bhutan?

- You may bring cash equivalent to US\$10,000 into the country.

8. What is the weather like in Bhutan and when is the best time to visit?

Bhutan is a year-round destination. There are four seasons: summer (June to August), autumn (September to November), winter (December to February) and spring (March to May). But because of the range of altitudes in the country, and the influence of the north Indian monsoons, the climate is incredibly varied.

9. Additional Expenses Overview.

To assist with your trip planning, here's an estimate of additional expenses:

- **Lunch:** Approximately Rs. 300.00 to Rs. 500.00 pp per meal. Note: Prices may vary, especially for authentic Bhutanese meals.
- **Entrance Fees for Monuments :** Around Rs. 5000.00 pp in total for all sightseeing places.
- **Punakha River Rafting:** Approximately Rs. 2000.00 pp.
- **Hot Stone Bath:** Approximately Rs. 1500.00 to Rs. 2000.00 pp.

Please note that these amounts are approximate and may vary based on actual consumption and current rates. We recommend planning accordingly and feel free to contact us for any further details or questions you may have.

TESTIMONIALS

We are finally back home from our Bhutan tour and I would like to thank TRIPKARADO for organising tour ,throughout we had a wonderful time at every destination and the Hotels,Driver,wonderful guide was and how exceptionally made the Bhutan tour .

KP BHANDARY

REVIEW

I have been in tour with this group recently, and believe me such kind of travel organizers I have not seen before. They managed to plan and execute things in such an excellent manner that I couldn't feel I am in a group tour and I have to compromise somewhere.

CHIRAG JINDAL

REVIEW

We went to Bhutan in April 2024 with Tripkarado and had a great experience. I found them from an Instagram ad and was sceptical as this was our first group tour but it went amazing. All the itineraries were covered accordingly. The owner Vishal, Vivek, Susma (VVS travel- their former company name)

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REVIEW

TRIP MEMORIES



DOS AND DON'TS FOR YOUR TRIP TO BHUTAN

Dos:

- **A prayer wheel** contains a scroll of mantras at its core, called a “Life Tree.” The wheel is always spin clockwise,
- **Photography Guidelines:** Always ask for permission first and only take photos after receiving it. Additionally, refrain from photographing police personnel and refrain from taking pictures inside temples and monasteries.
- **Dress Code:** When visiting religious sites, please wear appropriate attire. Men should wear long pants, while women should opt for long skirts or dresses that cover their shoulders.
- **Waste Disposal:** Please do not litter. The Bhutanese view their natural environment as a sacred gift, so it’s important to respect it.
- **Wildlife Guidelines:** Don't disturb or feed wild animals.
- **Zebra Crossings:** Use zebra crossings when crossing roads; failure to do so may result in fines, Use pedestrian walkways when walking.

Don'ts:

- **Respect cultural:** Avoid touching or pointing feet at religious objects.
- **Don't Smoke in Public:** Smoking in the public areas is strictly prohibited and liable to be fined. Spitting on the wall and other places is discouragement.
- **Don't Disturb Wildlife:** Keep a safe distance and avoid loud noises or sudden movements around animals.
- **No Drones:** Visitors can't fly drones. Approval only for government use.
- **Avoid politically sensitive issues:** It is wise to bear this in mind when conversing with local people. Avoid politically sensitive issues.
- **Bargaining:** Shops typically have fixed prices for all items, and bargaining is not common.

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