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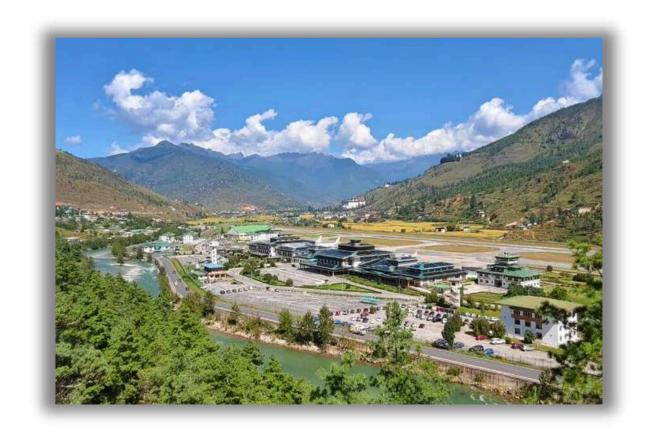
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# 6N/7D | ALL-AGE AFFORDABLE GROUP TRIP EX BAGDOGRA AIRPORT | INCL. S.D.F

### One Journey, Many Stories.

Perfect for families, solo explorers, and senior travelers this trip brings together all age groups for a truly memorable Bhutan experience. **Stay in certified 3-star hotels**, handpicked for their comfort, quality, and warm hospitality. From scenic drives to shared moments, this journey goes beyond sightseeing it's where stories unfold and lasting memories are made. **Don't miss out! Reserve your spot today and get ready for the adventure of a lifetime.** 

What sets us apart? You're not booking through a travel agent you're partnering directly with Bhutan Travel Expert. That means no middlemen, no inflated prices just genuine experiences curated by experts who live and breathe Bhutan.





### **FIXED DEPARTURE DATES:**

05 OCT - 11 OCT

12 OCT - 18 OCT

19 OCT - 25 OCT

26 OCT - 01 NOV

04 JAN - 10 JAN

11 JAN - 17 JAN

18 JAN - 24 JAN

25 JAN - 31 JAN

02 NOV - 08 NOV

09 NOV - 15 NOV

16 NOV - 22 NOV

23 NOV - 29 NOV

30 NOV - 06 DEC

01 FEB - 07 FEB

08 FEB - 14 FEB

15 FEB - 21 FEB

22 FEB - 28 FEB

07 DEC - 13 DEC

14 DEC - 20 DEC

21 DEC - 27 DEC

28 DEC - 03 JAN

01 MAR - 07 MAR

08 MAR - 14 MAR

15 MAR - 21 MAR

22 MAR - 28 MAR

28 MAR - 04 APR

### **AIRPORT PICK-UP & DROP**

- Batch Date: Each trip starts on the first date and ends on the last date listed.
- Pickup and Drop location: Bagdogra Airport IXB
- Distance: Bagdogra Airport to Phuentsholing: 4:00 hrs (150.8 km) via road.
- Airport Pickup: Scheduled at 02:00 pm at Bagdogra Airport IXB.
- Airport Drop: Scheduled at 01:00 pm. Kindly book your flight after 3:00 PM.
   If you have booked a late evening flight you have the option to wait at the airport.

### **Important Notice:**

- 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 3.7 kms 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 and location, you can arrange a separate vehicle at your own expense.



# **BOOK YOUR TRIP**

TRIP AMOUNT	5% GST	5% TCS	Total (Inclusive of Taxes)	BOOKING AMOUNT
Rs. 25999/-	Rs. 1300/-	Rs. 1365/-	Rs. 28664/-	Rs. 6000/-

- Advance Payment: Secure your reservation with an advance of Rs. 6000/per person.
- Enjoy peace of mind with our "Pay on Arrival" option, which allows you to settle the balance payment upon arrival at your hotel in Phuentsholing.
- Booking Confirmation: After completing the booking, you will receive a confirmation mail and will be added to a WhatsApp group.
- We will require your PAN card detail 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.
- We also **accept credit card** payments for your convenience. Kindly note: A transaction fee of 2.3% will be applicable on all credit card payments.
- Let the countdown begin! **Book now** and get ready for a seamless, worry-free adventure with TripKarado.
- Single Occupancy Room is available at additional cost of Rs. 7,000 + Tax
- Kids Charges: For children aged 5 to 11 years, the cost is Rs. 13,000 and for those aged 12 to 14 years, it is Rs. 20,000. These rates apply when traveling with both parents. For children aged 5 and older traveling with a single parent, the full amount will be applicable.

# **BANK DETAILS**

• GSTIN: 19BQTPB4212R1Z9

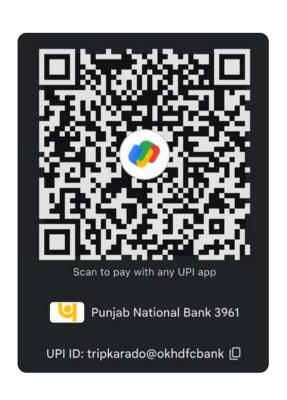
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Account Number: 7573002100003961

• IFSC: PUNB0757300

Bank: Punjab National Bank

Account Type: Current Account





### **HOTELS & OTHER DETAILS:**

Hotels 3-Star certified by Tourism Council of Bhutan.

★ Phuentsholing: Hotel Tara Phendeyling or similar

★ Thimphu: Bhutan Boutique Residency or Similar

★ Paro: Golden Paddyfield or similar

- The hotels listed are subject to availability at the time of booking. In case any of the mentioned hotels are unavailable, we will provide accommodations of a similar category and standard.
- All selected hotels are **handpicked and certified 3-star** properties, approved by the Department of Tourism. They are well-rated for cleanliness, comfort, and hygien.
- Daily buffet meals (Breakfast & Dinner) featuring Indian cuisine are included. Should you wish to explore more local dining experiences, your guide can recommend nearby restaurants (meals outside the itinerary will be at personal expense).
- Room images shown are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect the exact room assigned during your stay.















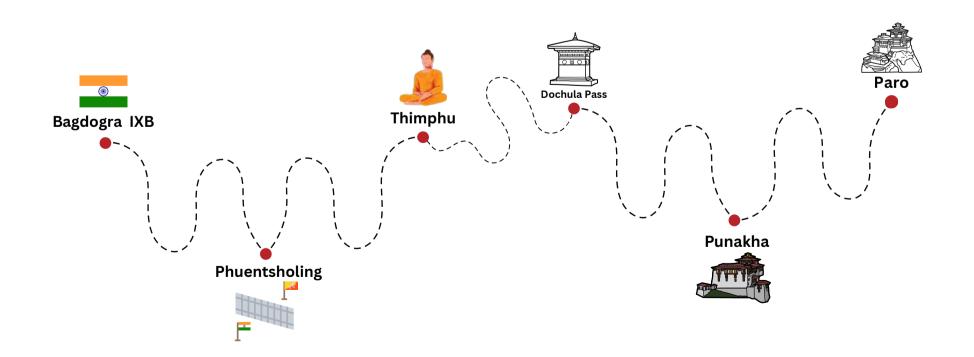


- ★ Stays & Meals: 6-night stay in certified 3-star hotels. Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- ★ Day 1: Karaoke Night: Fun group bonding at Samsara Club after dinner.
- **SDF Included:** ₹1,200 per person/night Sustainable Development Fee fully covered
- **Complimentary Perks:** Get a free local SIM card and daily travel water—because we've got your comfort covered.
- ★ Welcome Dinner Party: Celebrate arrival with a welcome dinner, local wine & cake.
- ★ Punakha Bike Ride: One-day scenic bike ride (self-ride with safety gear) See Day 3 itinerary for full details.
- ★ Nunnery Visit: Visit Thangthong Dewachen Nunnery & meet female monks.
- ★ Tiger's Nest Hike: Conquer the iconic trek & earn your
  Certificate of Achievement
- Optional: Paro Helicopter Ride If there are 6 members interested, you can opt for a scenic helicopter ride over Paro Valley one of the most breathtaking experiences in Bhutan. Cost: ₹12,000 per ride (shared among participants)



# **BRIEF ITINERARY**

DAY 1	Arrive at Bagdogra and drive to Phuentsholing. Check-in and relax.		
DAY 2	Drive to Thimphu, enjoy scenic views. Overnight stay in Thimphu.		
DAY 3	Day trip to Punakha. Explore the stunning Dzong and return to Thimphu.		
DAY 4	Sightseeing in Thimphu, then drive to Paro by evening.		
DAY 5	Hike to the legendary Tiger's Nest. One for the books!		
DAY 6	Drive back to Phuentsholing with a stop at Airport View Point.		
DAY 7	Head to Bagdogra for your journey home—trip ends, memories stay.		





# DAY 1: Bagdogra to Phuentsholing

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

- Your Bhutan adventure begins as you land at Bagdogra Airport. From here, we'll drive towards Jaigaon, the Indian town bordering Bhutan. At the Pedestrian Terminal, our team will assist you in smoothly crossing into Bhutan and entering Phuentsholing your gateway to the Land of the Thunder Dragon.
- Upon arrival at your hotel in Phuentsholing If you're up for a short walk we recommend visiting Zangtopelri
   Lhakhang, a serene temple located in the heart of town.
- In the evening, during dinner, we'll officially welcome you with a special celebratory cake and offer you a local
  Bhutanese wine to mark the beginning of this beautiful journey on a joyful note. After dinner, join the group for an entertaining karaoke session at Samsara Club (drinks at the club are not included).
- Overnight stay: Phuentsholing. Dinner Incl.
- Must try Café: Kizom Café and Mountain Café.





# DAY 2: Phuentsholing to Thimphu

Travel time: 5:00 to 6:00 hrs (145 kms)

- After breakfast, get your bags packed and ready.
- Once immigration is complete, begin your scenic drive to Thimphu, Bhutan's charming capital. The journey is full of breathtaking views and unforgettable stops:
- Gedu Stupa: Take a peaceful break at Eight Dharma Kaya
   Stupas beautiful hilltop stupa.
- **Lunch Stop:** Enjoy a delicious meal en route, surrounded by the serene countryside.
- Wangkha Waterfalls: Marvel at the cascading waters—a
  perfect spot for a quick photo and a moment to soak in nature.
- Chuzom: Witness the stunning confluence of the Paro and Thimphu rivers, flanked by traditional Bhutanese chortens.
- Reach Thimphu: Take some time to explore the vibrant Clock
   Tower and stroll through the lively streets at your own pace.
- Overnight stay: Thimphu. B/Fast & Dinner Incl.
- Nightlife in Thimphu: Check out Mojo Park or Space 34 for live music, dancing, and a great vibe.





# DAY 3: Punakha Day Trip

Travel time: 2.5 hrs - 73.3 km - One way

- **Get ready for a full day of exploration!** Carry a light backpack with your essentials, and after breakfast, begin your journey from Thimphu to Punakha a day packed with iconic sights and optional adventure.
- Dochula Pass (3,988m): Begin with a scenic drive to the famous
   Dochula Pass, home to 108 chortens and panoramic Himalayan views.

   A perfect start to the day!
- Chimi Lhakhang The Fertility Temple: Next, hike a short trail to this
  hilltop temple dedicated to Lama Drukpa Kuenley, the "Divine
  Madman." Known for its unique spiritual significance.
- Punakha Dzong The Jewel of Bhutan: Visit Bhutan's most stunning fortress, set at the confluence of two rivers. A masterpiece of traditional architecture and a must-see!
- Punakha Suspension Bridge: A hidden gem and one of the longest suspension bridges in Bhutan. Great spot for photography and soaking in river valley views.
- By evening, return to Thimphu. B/Fast & Dinner Incl.

## **Optional Activity (Pay on the Spot)**

- River Rafting: Experience a thrilling 10km course with 10 rapids. Takes about 1 hour. Ideal for first-time rafters and nature lovers.
- ★ Day excursion to Punakha Bike Ride: This is a self-ride option strictly for experienced riders Himalayan bikes only, no scooters. The rest of the group will travel in the main sightseeing vehicle.
  - Please confirm your bike booking at the time of trip confirmation. On-arrival arrangements will NOT be possible.





# Day 4: Thimphu Highlights

Travel time: 1.5 hours, 50 km (Thimphu to Paro)

- Pack your bags and enjoy breakfast today is all about exploring the cultural heart of Thimphu before heading to Paro.
- Buddha Dordenma (Buddha Point): Begin your day with a visit to one of the tallest seated Buddha statues in the world.
- **Simply Bhutan Museum:** Step into a living museum where you can experience Bhutanese culture firsthand try archery, join a traditional dance, and sample the local spirit, Aara.
- Takin Preservation Centre: Get a close look at Bhutan's unique national animal.
- Thangthong Dewachen Dupthop Nunnery: This peaceful hilltop monastery run by Buddhist nuns offering a rare chance to interact with Bhutan's female monks.
- **Bhutan Postal Museum:** Discover Bhutan's fascinating postal history and explore the story behind the country's unique and world-famous postage stamps.

### **Evening Drive to Paro:**

As you arrive in Paro, we'll make a stop at **Rinpung Dzong**. This majestic fortress, offers a magical backdrop perfect for memorable photos. You can even try on **traditional Bhutanese attire** for a truly authentic shot.

Overnight Stay: Paro. B/Fast & Dinner Incl.





# Day 5: Hike to Tiger's Nest

Hike time: Around 6 to 7 hrs, 6.4 km

- Pack a small backpack and start your day early with a hearty breakfast today is the highlight of your Bhutan journey.
- Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest Hike): Begin the iconic hike to Bhutan's most sacred site, perched dramatically on a cliff 3,000 feet above the Paro Valley.
- This spiritual and scenic trail takes you through lush pine forests and rhododendron groves, with panoramic views at every turn.
- Reaching the monastery is both a physical accomplishment and a soulful experience.
- ★ Bonus: You'll be awarded a Tiger's Nest Hike Completion Certificate to celebrate your achievement!

### **Optional Activity (Pay on the Spot)**

- Traditional Bhutanese Hot Stone Bath: (Must Try) After the hike, go for a hot stone bath an age-old Bhutanese therapy believed to relieve deep muscle fatigue and promote relaxation.
- **Evening at Leisure:** Explore the Paro market for local souvenirs and handicrafts, or unwind at your hotel after a fulfilling day.
- Overnight Stay: Paro. B/Fast & Dinner Incl.





# Day 6: Scenic Drive to Phuentsholing

Travel Time: 5 hrs, 142 km

- After breakfast, pack your luggage and get ready for the journey back to Phuentsholing.
- Paro Airport Viewpoint: Our first stop offers a spectacular panoramic view of one of the world's most unique airport.
- Tamchog Iron Bridge (Tamchog Zam): Visit this historic iron chain bridge built by a revered Tibetan saint. It's not just architecturally fascinating, but also a fantastic photo stop.
- Issuna Riverside Pause (Paro River): We'll take a serene break by the riverside at Issuna surrounded by mountains and the sound of flowing water.
- Reach Phuentsholing, where you'll have some free time to explore local markets and shop for handicrafts and souvenirs.
- Later in the evening, we'll gather one last time for a farewell meet-up a warm chance to share stories and celebrate the incredible memories made on this Bhutan journey.
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- Optional Activity: Paro Helicopter Ride If there are 6 members interested, you can opt for a scenic helicopter ride over Paro Valley one of the most breathtaking experiences in Bhutan. Cost: ₹12,000 per ride (shared among participants)





# Day 7: Departure – Until We Meet Again

Travel time: 5:00 hrs (150.8 km)

- Begin your final morning in Bhutan with a relaxed breakfast at your hotel in Phuentsholing. It's time to bid farewell to the warm smiles, heartfelt hospitality, and unforgettable experiences that have made this trip so meaningful.
- Your driver will be ready to escort you to Bagdogra Airport for your onward journey. As you travel back across familiar roads, reflect on the week gone by—the places explored, the people met, the laughter shared, and the moments that touched your heart.
- Though the trip comes to an end, the memories you've created will linger long after you return home—a reminder of Bhutan's quiet magic.

### **Mandatory Travel Documents:**

- Adults (18+): Carry your original Voter ID (issued by a government office)
  or a valid Indian Passport with at least 6 months validity from your return
  date.
- Children (Under 18): Carry a Passport or Birth Certificate. Ensure that all details written in English (not in any regional language).

#### Important Notes:

- Aadhaar Card is not accepted for travel—neither for adults nor children.
- e-Voter ID cards downloaded/printed versions are not valid for immigration. Only the original physical Voter ID received from the Election Commission is accepted.
- **Do not carry photocopies** or printouts of your documents. Only the original Voter ID or Passport will be accepted at the border.

# Travel 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:**

Pricing: Rates are per person and valid for Indian nationals only

- SDF (Sustainable Development Fee): Included ₹1,200 per person, per night.
- Tour Guide: Certified Bhutanese tour guide throughout the journey.
- Accommodation: 1+1 N Phuentsholing, 2 Nts Thimphu, 2 Nts Paro.
- Meals: Daily breakfast and dinner at all stay locations.
- Complimentary SIM Card: With ₹100 talktime + 1GB data (per person).
- Bagdogra Airport (IXB) pickup and drop: Innova / Tempo Traveller.
- In-Bhutan Transport: **Toyota Hiace or Coaster.**
- Driver Charges: Toll, taxes, parking, driver allowance all covered.
- Travel Water: 2 bottles (500 ml each) per person per day.
- Taxes: Inclusive of 5% GST & 5% TCS. (See Page 3 for TCS redemption details).

### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- Airfare or Train Fare to and from Bagdogra (IXB).
- Lunch & Beverages any meals or drinks not mentioned in the inclusions.
- Extra Vehicle Usage any travel beyond the fixed itinerary.
- **Vehicle Timing: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM**. Point-to-point sightseeing only (not on disposal basis).
- Optional Activities like hot stone baths, rafting, or bike rides (direct payment basis).
- Entry Fees to monasteries, museums, monuments, or parks.
- Unscheduled Transfers any transportation not listed in the itinerary.
- Force Majeure Expenses costs due to circumstances beyond control such as: Flight delays or cancellations, Weather disruptions, Accidents or medical emergencies Riots, strikes, or natural calamities (To be borne directly by the traveler)
- Anything Not Mentioned in the "What's Included" section.

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- The booking amount of ₹6,000 per person is non-refundable.
- If cancellation is made at least 7 days before the departure date, the ₹6,000 advance can be adjusted against a future batch.
- No refund or adjustment will be provided for cancellations made within 7 days of the travel date.
- No-show on the day of departure (as per the given reporting time) will result in 100% forfeiture of the booking amount.
- In the case of trip cancellation due to force majeure such as natural disasters (rain, snow, landslides, earthquakes), strikes, COVID-19 restrictions, or any local government restrictions – the amount remains non-refundable.



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q: We're a couple will we have to share a room?

A: No, couples will get a private double-sharing room. You won't be sharing it with anyone else.

### Q: I'm traveling solo how will accommodation work?

A: Solo travelers will be placed in a twin-sharing room with another samegender traveler. A great way to make new friends!

#### Q: What currency is used in Bhutan?

A: Bhutanese Ngultrum (BTN) is the official currency. Indian Rupees (INR) are also widely accepted no exchange needed for Indian travelers.

### Q: Are ATMs and credit cards accepted?

A: ATMs are available in main towns, but carry cash for smaller places. Few hotels accept Visa cards note a 5% transaction fee.

### Q: Is Bhutan safe for solo travelers?

A: Yes! Bhutan is one of the world's safest and most peaceful countries.

Traveling with a group adds to the fun and saves cost.

### Q: Any dress code or clothing restrictions?

A: No strict rules, but modest clothing is appreciated. Cover shoulders and knees at monasteries and temples out of respect.

#### Q: How much cash can I bring into Bhutan?

A: You can carry up to USD 10,000 (or equivalent) in cash.

#### Q: Estimated Additional Expenses (Per Person)

- Lunch (per meal): ₹300 ₹500 | Monument Entry Total: ₹5,000
- Punakha River Rafting: ₹2,000 | Hot Stone Bath: ₹1,500 ₹2,000
- Bike Rental (per day): ₹2,500 (Fuel extra)
- These are estimated costs to help you budget better. Feel free to reach out if you need help planning!



#### 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 Guidlines: 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 discourage.
- 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 goverment 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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We believe in travel with purpose. Every TripKarado journey is community-driven your travels support local businesses, preserve cultural heritage, and promote responsible tourism. When you explore Bhutan with us, you're not just a traveler you become part of something bigger.

### A Journey That Feels Like Home

As the founder of TripKarado, I, Vishal, am deeply passionate about Bhutan. I built this company with one goal in mind: to help travelers discover the magic of Bhutan in its most authentic form. Promoting Brand Bhutan is at the core of everything we do. We ensure that each trip reflects the country's breathtaking beauty, rich cultural heritage, and deep spiritual essence.

We invite you to travel with us to create lasting memories in a place where happiness is more than a goal; it's a way of life.

See you in Bhutan - The Last Shangri-La.

### - Vishal, Founder, TripKarado

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