



INTO THE UNTAMED EAST

# BHUTAN

## THE BROKPA HIGHLANDS & BEYOND

Explore: Samdrup Jongkhar – Trashigang – Merak – Trashi Yangtse

₹29999/- PER PERSON

### 6N/7D – EX GUWAHATI AIRPORT

EASTERN BHUTAN — TRIBAL - TIMELESS - RAW

**What if we told you there's a hidden land in Bhutan yet to be discovered?**

Get ready for an adventure that takes you 100 years back in time—into the mystical, raw, and unfiltered East of Bhutan.

This is the first-ever group journey to **Eastern Bhutan**—designed for explorers who crave meaning, connection, and trails far from the tourist map. **This isn't just travel. It's time travel.**

**Bookings now open for the first batch: 05-11 Oct 2025**



## WHY EASTERN BHUTAN WITH TRIPKARADO ?

**Off the Map:** Unlike the popular western route (Thimphu, Paro, Punakha) which we also offer as group trips this journey takes you deep into unexplored Eastern Bhutan, where tradition thrives and time slows down.

**Real Tribal Encounters:** Visit Merak Valley and meet the Brokpa tribe, known for their yak-hair garments, ancient folk music, and authentic way of life. This isn't staged — it's deeply human and real.

**Raw, Scenic Landscapes:** Trek to Om Bayney, the "Tiger's Nest of the East," and discover hidden valleys, pine forests, waterfalls, and serene villages untouched by mass tourism.

**Greater Value, No Entry Fees:** Eastern Bhutan has no entry fees for sightseeing, unlike the west so you get more experience without the extra cost.

**No Crowds, No Rush:** This is a slow, meaningful journey with no touristy rush — just genuine moments and lasting memories.

**Crafted for Real Adventurers:** Designed for travelers aged 18–50, ready to explore offbeat terrains, embrace raw culture, and disconnect from the usual.

Join our Eastern Bhutan Explorer group trip — because some journeys are meant to be rare and trust us, this one's legendary.



## HOTELS & OTHER DETAILS:

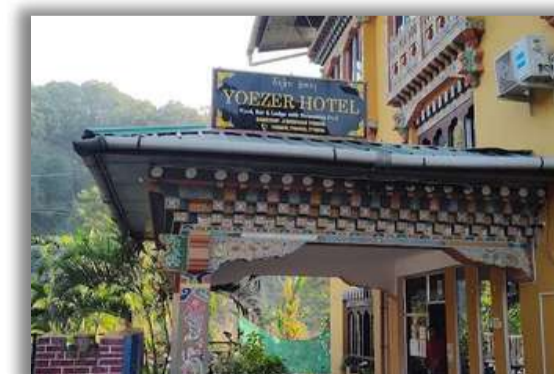
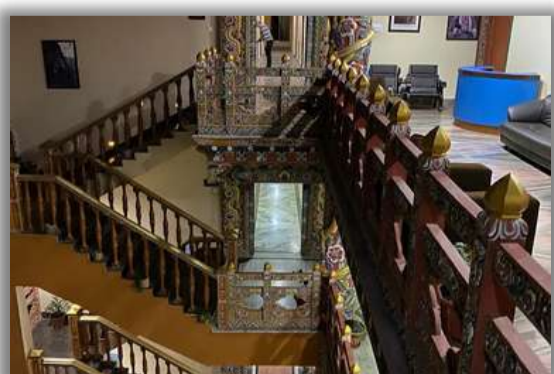
Tourist-standard stays throughout your trip.

★ **Samdrupjongkhar: Yoezer Hotel 1+1 Night**

★ **Trashigang: Druk Deothjung 1+2 Nights**

★ **Trashi Yangtse: Hotel Karmaling 1 Night**

- **All three hotels for this Eastern Bhutan trip have been carefully handpicked to ensure a comfortable and authentic experience.** Due to limited availability of accommodations in the eastern region, we've selected the best available properties that meet tourist-standard certification by the Tourism Council of Bhutan.
- **These hotels are clean, hygienic, and among the most trusted options in the East,** offering a peaceful stay after long travel days.
- Meals are served buffet-style, with a mix of Bhutanese and Indian dishes, maintaining good quality and taste.
- Please note: Room photos are shared for reference only and may not exactly match the room you are assigned, but the standard and facilities remain consistent.
- We've made sure your Eastern Bhutan journey is as comfortable as it is unforgettable.



## FIXED DEPARTURE DATES:

05 OCT - 11 OCT

23 NOV - 29 NOV

28 DEC - 03 JAN

**Please note:** This trip is not suitable for children below 18 or adults above 50 yrs due to the challenging terrain and remote experiences involved.

## AIRPORT PICK-UP & DROP

- Batch Date: Each trip starts on the first date and ends on the last date listed.
- **Pickup and Drop location: Guwahati Airport (GAU)**
- Distance: Guwahati Airport (GAU) to Samdrupjongkhar: 3 hr (103.9 km) via road.
- Airport Pickup: **Scheduled at 01:00 pm at Guwahati Airport (GAU)**
- 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 Guwahati Railway Station the vehicle will pick you up and drop you off at Jalukbari Flyover Guwahati City, located 20 min **(9.7 km) away from Guwahati Railway Station.**
- 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. 29999/-	Rs. 1500/-		Rs. 31455/-	Rs. 8000/-

- **Advance Payment:** Reserve your spot with an advance of **₹8,000 per person**. This confirms your participation in the group trip.
- 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.
- ~~**PAN Card Requirement** (For TCS Claim) As per Government regulations for international travel, we require your PAN card details to process TCS (Tax Collected at Source).~~
- ~~TCS is not an extra charge—it's fully refundable when you file your Income Tax Return (ITR).~~
- **Single Occupancy Option:** Prefer your own space? Single room upgrade is available at an additional cost of ₹9,000 + tax.
- **Payment Methods:** We accept credit card payments for your convenience. Please note: a 2.3% transaction fee applies on all card payments.
- **Let the countdown begin! Book now** and get ready for a seamless, worry-free adventure with TripKarado.

## BANK DETAILS

- GSTIN: 19BQTPB4212R1Z9
- Account Name: Tripkarado
- Account Number: 7573002100003961
- IFSC: PUNB0757300
- Bank: Punjab National Bank
- Account Type: Current Account



# TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ **6-Night Stay across Eastern Bhutan's** Hidden Gems with daily breakfast & dinner as you explore the untamed side of Bhutan.
- ★ **Merak Valley Experience,** Meet the Brokpa tribe, wear traditional yak-hair robes & enjoy lunch in a highland home.
- ★ **Om Bayney Hike,** Trek to the sacred meditation cave Tiger's Nest of the East and earn your Trail Completion Badge.
- ★ **Community Connect,** Distribute school stationery to Brokpa children and be part of meaningful travel.
- ★ **Bonfire Evenings,** Bond with your travel tribe around crackling fires in Trashigang & Trashi Yangtse.
- ★ **Into the Unknown,** Where very few have traveled, Eastern Bhutan is a hidden gem for explorers who crave the thrill of venturing into less-traveled lands. **If you're looking for something rare, real, and raw—this is it.**



# BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY 1	<b>Guwahati Airport (GAU) to Samdrup Jongkhar</b> – Cross the border and complete immigration formalities – Overnight stay in Samdrup Jongkhar
DAY 2	<b>Samdrup Jongkhar to Trashigang</b> – Scenic road journey with en route sightseeing – Overnight stay in Trashigang
DAY 3	<b>Day Excursion to Merak Valley</b> – Explore the tribal highlands of Merak (Brokpa region) – Return and overnight stay in Trashigang
DAY 4	<b>Trashigang to Trashi Yangtse</b> – Sightseeing en route (e.g., Gom Kora, Chorten Kora) – Overnight stay in Trashi Yangtse
DAY 5	<b>Trashi Yangtse to Om Bayney Hike</b> – Half-day hike to the mystical Om Bayney cave – Return and overnight stay in Trashigang
DAY 6	<b>Trashigang to Samdrup Jongkhar</b> – Return journey with scenic stops – Overnight stay in Samdrup Jongkhar
DAY 7	<b>Samdrup Jongkhar to Guwahati Airport (GAU)</b> – Cross border and drive back to Guwahati – Trip Ends

## DAY 1: Guwahati Airport to Samdrup Jongkhar

Travel time: Drive: 100 km | 3.5 hrs

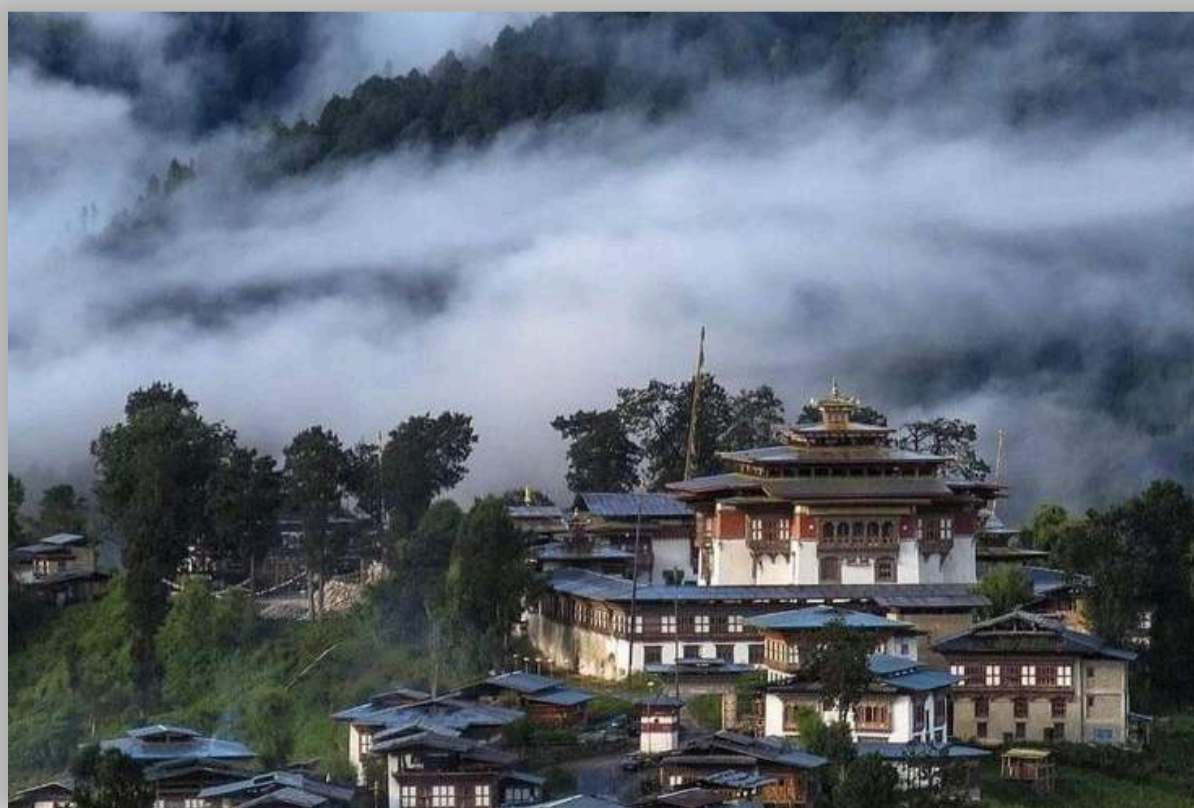
- **Your journey into Bhutan begins with a scenic drive from Guwahati Airport (GAU),** stepping back in time. As you cross the Indo-Bhutan border at Samdrup Jongkhar, a noticeable shift sets in—the air feels crisper, prayer flags ripple across green hillsides.
- **Zangdopelri Lhakhang** – Start with a spiritual pause at this peaceful hilltop monastery, dedicated to Guru Rinpoche. It's a serene welcome to Bhutan's soul.
- **Evening Market Walk** – Explore the lively fusion of cultures in the local bazaar. From colorful Bhutanese handicrafts to flavorful Assamese street snacks, it's a feast for the senses.
- **Ice-Breaker Welcome Party** – Wind down the day with a special welcome celebration. Raise a toast with a glass of Ara enjoy a festive cake-cutting, and break the ice with your fellow travelers.
- ★ **Karaoke with Locals** – Step into a slice of Bhutanese nightlife. Sing along, sip locally brewed drinks, and share smiles with newfound friends in a cozy, laidback setting.
- From your very first evening, Bhutan gently nudges you to slow down, breathe deeper, and open up—to the land, its people, and yourself.
- **Overnight: Samdrup Jongkhar**



## DAY 2: Highlands – Samdrup Jongkhar to Trashigang

Travel time: 180 km | 7 hrs

- **Wake up to the crisp morning air of Samdrup Jongkhar**—today, the real ascent begins. As your vehicle winds up into the Eastern Himalayas, the scenery transforms dramatically.
- **Guru Rinpoche Rock Carving** – A spiritual pause by a shrine. Locals believe blessings here protect travelers on their journey ahead.
- **Wamrong Lunch Stop** – Break for lunch steaming tea with soul-stirring views. The valleys stretch endlessly beneath a shifting sea of clouds.
- **Khaling Handloom Centre** – Witness the art of Bhutanese weaving. Women skillfully intertwine tradition, story, and color into every fabric they craft.
- **Sherubtse College Viewpoint** – Capture sweeping panoramas of Rangjung Valley—lush, remote, and endlessly photogenic.
- **Kanglung Zangdopelri** – This tranquil hilltop temple offers space for reflection and quiet moments with sweeping views of the eastern hills.
- By late afternoon, you arrive in Trashigang, the lively **cultural heart of Eastern Bhutan**.
- **Explore the old-town streets** and bite into fresh, steaming momo as the chill sets in.
- ★ **Bonfire:** Gather under the starlit sky for a bonfire —a night of laughter, stories, local wine, singing, and carefree dancing. Here, strangers start becoming travel family.
- **Overnight: Trashigang**



## DAY 3: Merak – The Highland Life of the Brokpas

Travel time: 36 km one way | 3.5 hrs each way

- **Today, the road takes you to one of Bhutan’s most remote —Merak Valley, home to the mystical Brokpa tribe.** Merak feels like a land forgotten by time. It’s a journey into Bhutan’s living tribal heart.
- **View of Trashigang Dzong** – Drive by the majestic fortress-monastery, rising over cliffs and river bends—a sentinel of Eastern Bhutan.
- **Damnongchu Black Stupa** – Stop at this mysterious stupa, said to radiate spiritual energy, nestled where rivers and peaks converge.
- **Brokpa Tshogchhang ceremony.** – On arrival, you'll be greeted with vibrant traditional dance, warm cups of ara (local wine), and folk songs performed females in their iconic fur-lined attire. There’s a heartwarming surprise waiting—you’re going to love it.
- **Try the Brokpa Dress** – Wrap yourself in tradition—just like the Brokpas do. The iconic yak-hair ceremonial hat (known as Tshoglham) and the distinct thick woolen Brokpa cloak.
- **Merak Viewpoint** – Just when you think the valley has shown its full beauty, we’ll take you to a secret ridge where the panorama opens into something magical. You’ll wonder how such a place remained hidden for so long.
- **Highland Lunch Experience** – Settle into a traditional Brokpa home and savor a meal cooked over firewood: red rice, ema datshi and hot butter tea.
- ★ **Community Kindness Activity** – Be part of something meaningful. We’ll distribute school supplies to Brokpa childrens supporting a community where resources are scarce but hearts are full.
- We return back to Trashigang by evening. **Overnight: Trashigang**



## DAY 4: Mystic East – Trashigang to TrashiYangtse

Travel time: 55 km | 3.5 hrs

- **This morning, leave Trashigang behind** as you journey deeper into Bhutan's untouched east—toward the serene, sacred town of Trashi Yangtse. Tucked along a gentle riverbend and framed by ancient hills, this artistic haven pulses with spiritual stillness and timeless tradition.
- **Kulong Chu & Dangme Chu Confluence** – Pause where two mighty rivers become one.
- **Jamkhardrang Waterfall** – Let the spray of cascading waters awaken your senses as you stand before this thunderous marvel nestled in the forest.
- **Zorig Chusum Art School** – Step into Bhutan's cultural soul. Watch young artisans revive the 13 sacred crafts—a beautiful preservation of identity through art.
- **Bumdeling Valley Excursion** – Bumdleing Ramsar site explore this scenic valley known as the winter home of the endangered **Black-necked Cranes**.
- ★ **Chorten Kora Night View** – This iconic white stupa, inspired by Nepal's Boudhanath, radiates peace. Circumambulate alongside pilgrims and listen to the whisper of spinning prayer wheels.
- **Evening Magic:** As dusk settles, gather around a crackling bonfire. Share travel stories, gaze at constellations scattered across an ink-black sky, and let the serenity of Yangtse seep into your bones.

**Overnight: Trashi Yangtse**



## DAY 5: The Hidden Hike: Om Bayney Trail

Travel time: 3 hrs to trailhead | Hike: 6 hrs round trip

- Today is a journey both outward and inward. Set out early for the remote trailhead of the Om Bayney Trail, often whispered about as the **“Tiger’s Nest of the East.”** It may not grace postcards, but those who make the trek return changed.
- **Pine Forest Ascent** – Begin your hike through serene alpine forests, colorful prayer flags guide your path like blessings in motion.
- **Suspension Bridge Crossing** – You'll cross a suspension bridge into the mountains—where stunning views make you feel like you've entered a whole different world.
- **Om Bayney Cave** – Hidden in the cliffs lies this mystical cave, believed to have sheltered Guru Rinpoche during deep meditation. Enter barefoot, light a butter lamp, and sit in silence—here, the mountain listens.
- Spread before you is a hidden valley untouched by time. You may not realize it at first, but with every step, you’re leaving something behind—and gaining something far deeper.
- **By evening, return to Trashigang**—tired legs, full heart, and a quiet knowing that you’ve walked a path few ever have.
- **Overnight: Trashigang**



## DAY 6: Trashigang to Samdrup Jongkhar

Travel time: 180 km | 7 hrs

- **As the eastern skies blush with morning light**, it's time to begin your descent—back through winding roads, misty ridges, and the memories you've collected. We'll make a few thoughtful stops en route—for photo breaks, to stretch your legs, and to soak in the views one last time.
- **Wamrong Revisited:** Stop once again at Wamrong for lunch—but this time, everything feels different.
- **Scenic Village Stops:** Drive through sleepy hamlets draped in prayer flags. Pause for sweet tea at roadside shacks.
- **Local Market Walk:** Samdrup Jongkhar's market where you'll find a mix of Bhutanese and Assamese goods—from textiles and fresh produce to local snacks and bamboo crafts. Great for last-minute souvenirs..
- **Overnight: Samdrup Jongkhar**



## DAY 6: Until We Meet Again – Exit to Guwahati

Travel time: 100 km | 3.5 hrs

- **After an early breakfast**, it's time to say goodbye to Bhutan. Complete your exit immigration at the Samdrup Jongkhar border.
- **As you drive back to Guwahati**, the mountains slowly disappear—but the memories of Bhutan stay with you. You may find yourself appreciating quiet moments, moving at a slower pace, and seeing travel in a deeper way.
- **Optional: Visit Maa Kamakhya Temple:** If you wish to end your journey with a spiritual touch, you can stay one more night in Guwahati and visit the famous Maa Kamakhya Temple. **(cost not included)**
- Located on Nilachal Hill, it's one of the most important Shakti temples in India—known for its peaceful vibe and strong energy.

### 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.

## 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+1N S/Jongkhar, 2+1 Nts Trashigang, 1 Nts Trashiyangtse.
- **Meals:** Daily breakfast and dinner at all stay locations.
- **Complimentary SIM Card:** With ₹100 talktime + 1GB data (per person).
- Guwahati International Airport (GAU) 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 **Guwahati International Airport (GAU).**
- **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 7:00 PM.** Point-to-point sightseeing only (not on disposal basis).
- **Unscheduled Transfers** – any transportation not listed in the itinerary.
- **Force 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 ₹8,000 per person is non-refundable.
- If cancellation is made at least 7 days before the departure date, the ₹8,000 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

### 1. We're a couple — will we have to share a room?

No, couples will be accommodated on a private double-sharing basis. You will not be required to share your room with any other traveler.

### 2. I'm traveling solo — how will accommodation work?

Solo travelers will be provided twin-sharing rooms with another same-gender traveler from the group. This is a great way to connect with fellow adventurers!

### 3. What currency is used in Bhutan?

The official currency is the Bhutanese Ngultrum (BTN), but don't worry — Indian Rupees (INR) are widely accepted across Bhutan. No currency exchange is needed for Indian travelers.

### 4. Are ATMs and credit cards accepted in Bhutan?

While ATMs are available in main cities, we recommend carrying sufficient cash for convenience. Credit card usage is limited, and only a few hotels/stores accept Visa cards with 5% transaction fees.

### 5. Is Bhutan safe for solo travelers?

Absolutely! Bhutan is known for being one of the safest and most peaceful countries. That said, traveling with a group can enhance the experience and help minimize costs.

### 6. Are there any clothing restrictions?

There are no strict dress codes, but modest clothing is appreciated — especially at religious sites like monasteries and temples. Covering shoulders and knees is recommended as a sign of respect.

### 7. How much cash can I carry into Bhutan?

You're allowed to bring up to USD 10,000 (or equivalent) in cash when entering Bhutan.

### 8. Estimated Additional Expenses (Per Person) - Approximate.

Cost Lunch (per meal) ₹300 – ₹500

### 9. How much will the entrance fees cost?

Good news! Eastern Bhutan doesn't have entrance charges for any of the sightseeing places all entry is free.



## ABOUT TRIPKARADO

As Bhutan travel expert's, we're committed to making your journey authentic, seamless, and truly unforgettable.

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

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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