

THIMPHU & GANGTEY TSHECHU

BHUTAN

MASK DANCES | MONASTIC RITUALS

Explore: Phuentsholing • Thimphu • Punakha • Paro • Phobjikha

₹34999/- PER PERSON

7N/8D – PHOBJIKHA GROUP TRIP.

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Witness Bhutan's Grandest Cultural Spectacle

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime **7N/8D Group Trip to experience the Thimphu & Gangtey Festivals** – two of Bhutan's most iconic celebrations!

02 – 09 Oct 2025

Mask Dances • Monastic Rituals • Cultural Immersion

Includes an enchanting stay in Phobjikha Valley + the serene Gangtey Nature Trail experience.

Immerse in vibrant traditions, pristine valleys, and spiritual serenity — not your usual tourist trail!

Secure Your Seat Now: +91 9749469121

Two Iconic Festivals. One Unforgettable Journey.



ALL DEPARTURE DATES:

05 SEP - 12 SEP

11 SEP - 18 SEP

Thimphu + Gangtey Festival

02 OCT - 09 OCT

18 OCT - 25 OCT

23 OCT - 30 OCT

Black Necked Crane

07 NOV - 14 NOV

15 DEC - 22 DEC

22 DEC - 29 DEC

New Year Batch

29 DEC TO 05 JAN

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 04:00 pm**. Kindly book your flight after 6:00 PM onwards or consider staying near Bagdogra Airport at your own expense and catching a flight the next day.

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 pick-up.
- **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. 34999/-	Rs. 1750/-	Rs. 1925/-	Rs. 38674/-	Rs. 10000/-

- **Advance Payment:** Secure your reservation with an **advance of Rs. 10000/-** 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.
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- **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. 17,000** and for those aged **12 to 14 years, it is Rs. 27,000**. 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
- Account Name: Tripkarado
- 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.**

★ **Punakha: Punakha Boutique or similar.**

★ **Paro: Golden Paddyfield or similar.**

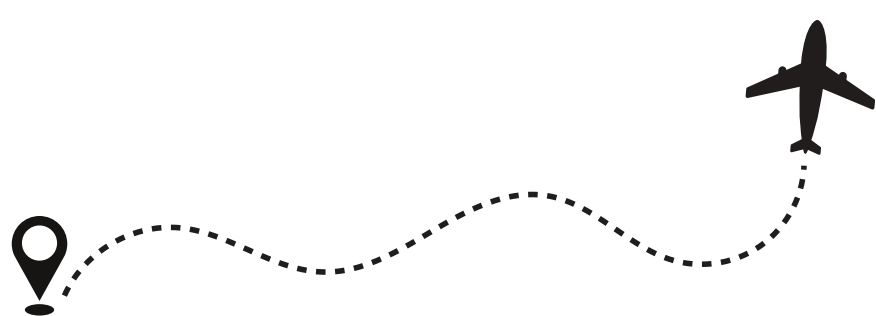
★ **Phobjikha: Dewachen Hotel & Spa or Similar.**

- **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 certified **3-star hotels**, clean and hygienic approved by the Department of Tourism.
- The **hotels offer buffets with Bhutanese**, Indian dishes with improved food quality and a wider selection. 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.



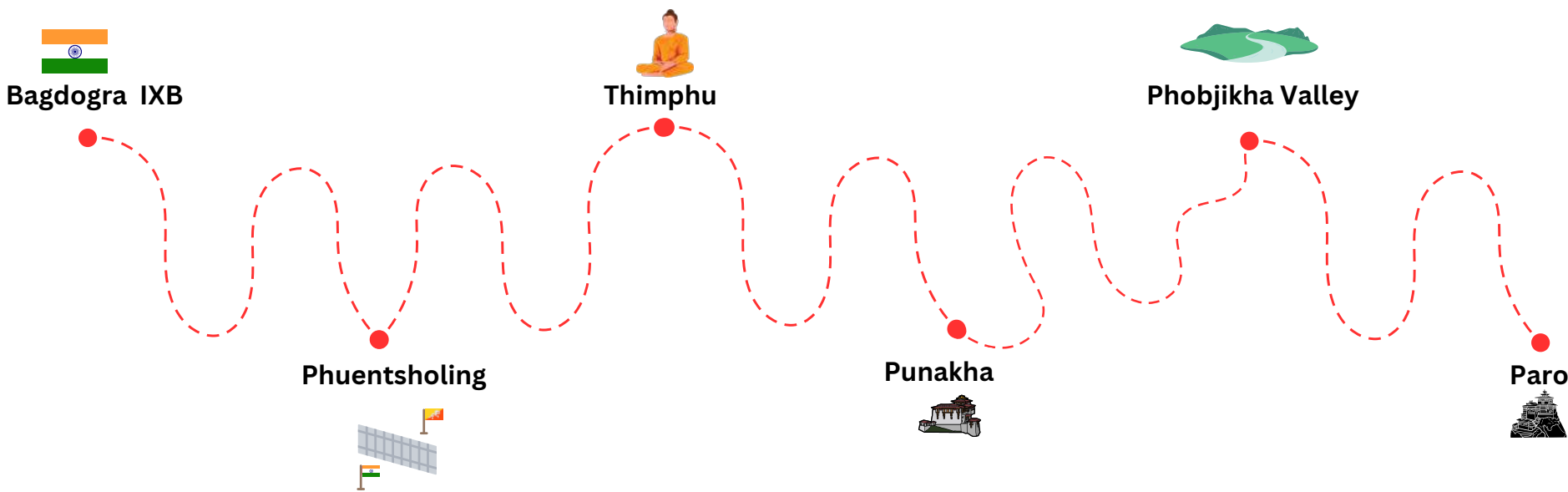
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ **Stays & Meals:** 7-night stay in certified 3-star hotels. Daily **breakfast and dinner included.**
- ★ **Witness Two Iconic Festivals:** Experience the vibrant Thimphu Tshechu & the spiritual Gangtey Festival — a rare chance to attend both in one journey!
- ★ **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.**
- ★ **Nunnery Visit:** Visit Thangthong Dewachen Nunnery & **meet female monks.**
- ★ **Tiger's Nest Hike:** Conquer the iconic trek & earn your **Certificate of Achievement.**



BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY - 1	02-Oct : Pick up from Bagdogra Airport and transfer to Phuentsholing. Relax for the night.
DAY - 2	03-Oct : Drive from Phuentsholing to Thimphu. Settle in and overnight stay.
DAY - 3	04-Oct : Explore Thimphu’s Festival and attractions. Overnight in Thimphu.
DAY - 4	05-Oct : Travel to Phobjikha Valley via Dochula Pass. Stay overnight in Phobjikha.
DAY - 5	06-Oct : Attend Phobjikha Festival, then proceed to Punakha.. Overnight stay in Punakha.
DAY - 6	07-Oct : Punakha sightseeing to Paro. Overnight Stay at Paro
DAY - 7	08-Oct : Hike to Tiger’s Nest Monastery. Enjoy the evening in Paro.
DAY - 8	09-Oct : Transfer from Paro to Bagdogra End of trip.



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.**

★ **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.
- ★ By evening, As the sun sets, step out to explore the vibrant streets of Thimphu—**the entire city takes on a festive vibe, especially during local events and celebrations**. From local markets to roadside eateries, the town is alive with color and culture. Don't miss the Clock Tower Square, a buzzing social hub perfect for an evening stroll.
- **Overnight stay: Thimphu.**
 - **Nightlife in Thimphu**: Check out **Mojo Park or Space 34** for live music, dancing, and a great vibe.



DAY 3: Thimphu Exploration & Festival Experience

Travel time: Around Thimphu City

- **Breakfast at the hotel:** Start your day with a delicious breakfast before heading out to explore Bhutan's vibrant capital.
- ★ **Thimphu Tshechu Festival:** Experience one of Bhutan's most celebrated festivals. Witness sacred mask dances, vibrant costumes, and religious rituals in a lively gathering of locals at the Tashichho Dzong courtyard.
- **Simply Bhutan Museum:** Visit this interactive living museum to get a glimpse of traditional Bhutanese life. Try archery, taste local delicacies, and explore authentic Bhutanese homes and cultural exhibits.
- **Takin Preservation Centre:** Meet Bhutan's national animal—the Takin—at this open-air sanctuary. This rare and unique species can only be found in Bhutan.
- **Buddha Dordenma (Buddha Viewpoint):** Marvel at the towering 51.5-meter bronze statue of Buddha overlooking Thimphu Valley. The panoramic view from this hilltop site is unforgettable.
- **Authentic Craft Bazaar:** Browse through handcrafted items and local souvenirs made by artisans from all over Bhutan. A great place to support local craftsmanship.

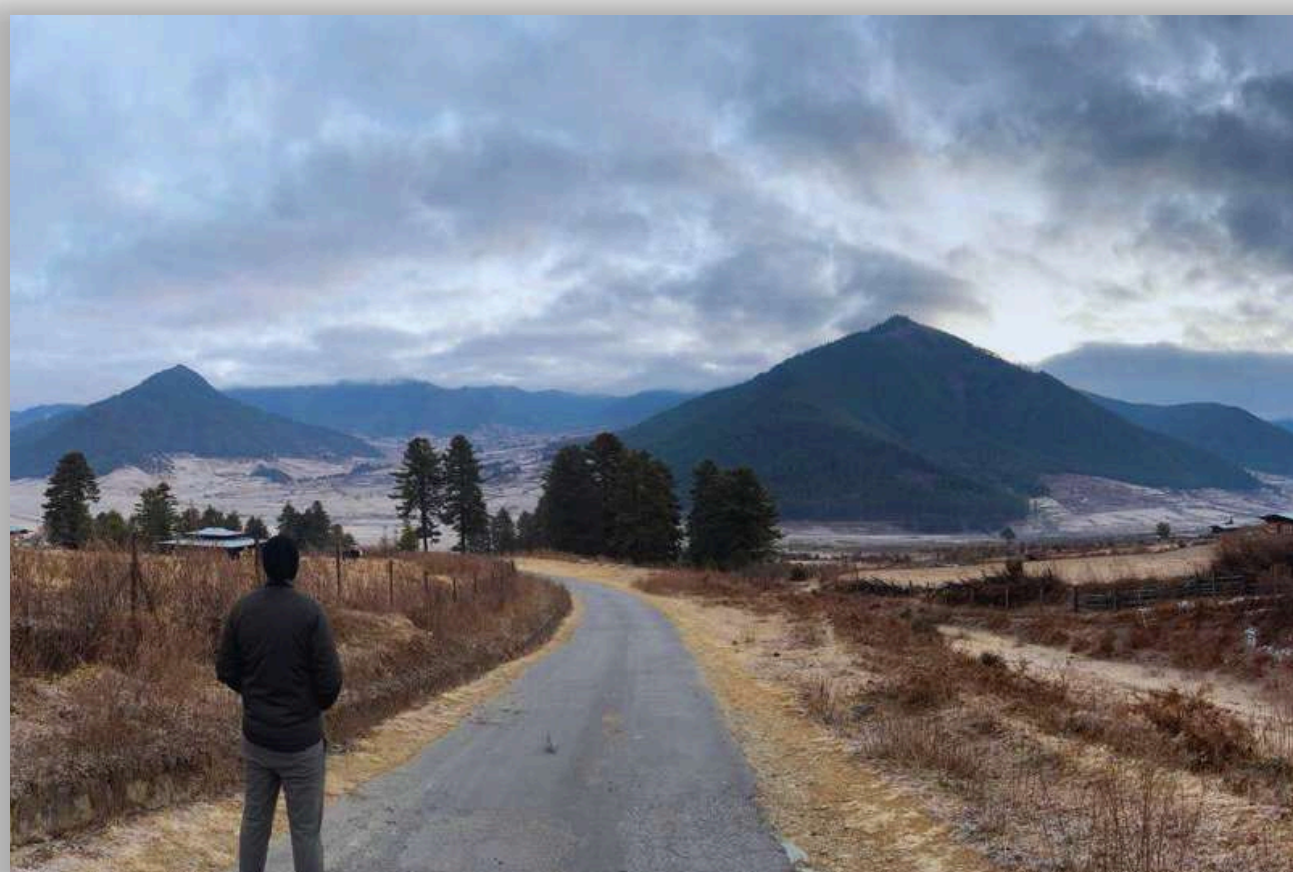
You'll stay overnight in Thimphu. (Dinner & Breakfast incl)



DAY 4: Thimphu to Phobjikha Valley

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. (Dinner & Breakfast incl)



DAY 5: Gangtey Festival & Journey to Punakha

Travel time: 2hr 30 min hours, 79 KMS

- Wake up to the serene charm of **Phobjikha Valley** and start your day by attending the vibrant **Gangtey Festival—a spiritual and cultural celebration held in the courtyard of Gangtey Monastery**. Immerse yourself in the colors, chants, and masked dances that depict tales of good triumphing over evil, performed by monks and locals dressed in traditional attire. It's a rare opportunity to witness Bhutanese heritage in its purest form.
- After soaking in the festival's energy and capturing unforgettable memories, begin your scenic drive to Punakha.
- En route, stop at the famous **Punakha Suspension Bridge**, one of the longest suspension bridges in Bhutan, offering panoramic views of the valley and river below.
- By evening, arrive in Punakha and check into your hotel. Relax and unwind after a culturally enriching day.
- **Overnight Stay: Punakha.** (Dinner & Breakfast included)



DAY 6: Punakha Exploration Transfer to Paro

Travel time: 3 hr, 114.8 km.

- After enjoying a hearty breakfast in Punakha, gear up for a day filled with cultural wonders and scenic landscapes before heading to Paro.
- **Punakha Dzong:** Start your morning with a visit to the iconic Punakha Dzong—Bhutan’s most picturesque fortress. Nestled at the confluence of the Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers, this “Palace of Great Happiness
- **Chimi Lhakhang (Fertility Temple):** Dedicated to the legendary “Divine Madman” Drukpa Kunley, it’s a spiritual haven where visitors seek blessings for fertility, happiness, and love.
- **Optional Adventure:** River Rafting: Looking for a bit of adrenaline? Glide through the gentle rapids of the Mo Chhu River on a memorable rafting experience.
- **Scenic Stop en Route to Paro:** On the drive to Paro, pause at the Rinpung Dzong Viewpoint. This picture-perfect stop offers sweeping views of the fortress above the Paro River—an ideal spot for photos, especially in traditional Bhutanese attire.
- Overnight Stay: Paro - Breakfast & Dinner Included:



Day 7: 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, treat yourself to a rejuvenating hot stone bath—an age-old Bhutanese therapy believed to relieve deep muscle fatigue and promote relaxation. The stones, cracked and steaming, release natural minerals that soothe the body and calm the mind.
- **Evening at Leisure:** Explore the Paro market for local souvenirs and handicrafts, or unwind at your hotel after a fulfilling day.
- **Overnight Stay: Paro**



Day 8: Departure – Until We Meet Again

Travel time: 8:00 hrs (306.3 km))

- **We'll begin the final leg of your Bhutan journey early**—departure at 5:30 AM. A packed breakfast will be provided for you to enjoy on the way.
- Your driver will escort you to Phuentsholing, where you'll switch to your onward vehicle for the airport transfer.
- Before you say goodbye, **visit the Paro Airport Viewpoint**—a perfect final stop to witness one of the world's most dramatic landing strips, beautifully cradled by towering mountains.
- **Prefer a direct hotel drop-off?** This can be arranged at an additional cost based on your hotel location—let us know in advance.
- As you head back, carry with you the peace, beauty, and warm hospitality of Bhutan. May the memories of snow-capped peaks, colorful festivals, and heartfelt moments stay with you always.
- **Transfer: Paro – Phuentsholing – Bagdogra Airport IXB** – Meals Included: Breakfast (Packed)

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:** 1N Phuentsholing, 2 Nts Thimphu, 2 Nts Paro, 1N Punakha, 1N Phobjikha.
- **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 same-gender 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 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.



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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