



SWITZERLAND OF BHUTAN



BHUTAN

PHOBJIKHA VALLEY | BLACK NECKED CRANE FESTIVAL

COVERING: PHUENTSHOLING, THIMPHU, PUNAKHA,
PARO, PHOBJIKHA VALLEY.

₹34999/- PER PERSON

GROUP TRIP | INCL. PHOBJIKHA VALLEY 7N/8D - EX: BAGDOGRA AIRPORT

Experience the Magic of Bhutan: Black Necked Crane Festival!

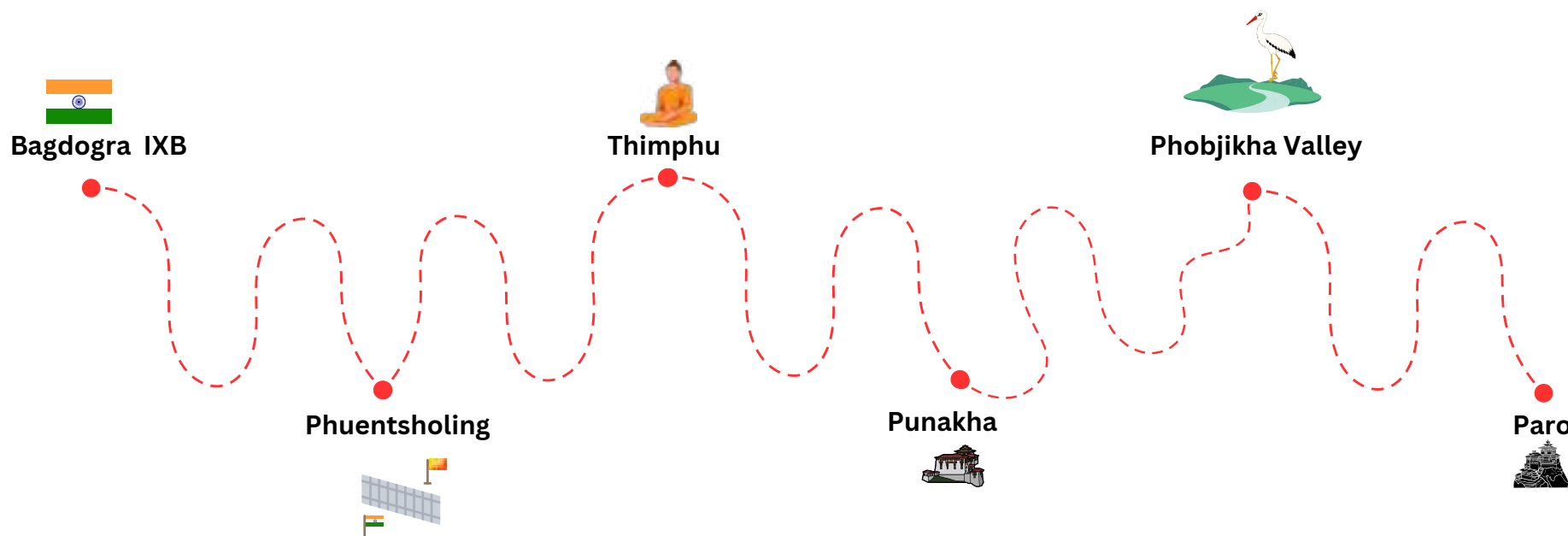
Batch Dates: **7th to 14th Nov - 2025**

Join Tripkarado for an unforgettable journey to the heart of Bhutan! Celebrate the enchanting Black Necked Crane Festival in stunning Phobjikha Valley, where vibrant cultural performances, local artisan showcases, and rich traditions await.

Why you should take this trip:

- Witness a Unique Festival: Immerse yourself in lively dances and rituals honoring the majestic black-necked cranes.
- Engage with Artisans: Discover Bhutan's rich craftsmanship and meet talented local creators.

Book your spot now and create memories that will last a lifetime!



7N/8D: FIXED DEPARTURE DATES

05 SEP - 12 SEP

07 NOV - 14 NOV

11 SEP - 18 SEP

15 DEC - 22 DEC

02 OCT - 09 OCT

22 DEC - 29 DEC

18 OCT - 25 OCT

29 DEC TO 05 JAN

23 OCT - 30 OCT

02nd to 09th Oct - Thimphu + Phobjikha Festival Special

07th to 14th Nov - Black Necked Crane Festival Special

29th Dec to 05th Jan New Year Special Batch

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 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 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.

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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 by train at (**NJP**) New Jalpaiguri Station, please proceed to Tinbatti More, approximately 11 minutes (3.7 km) from the NJP station.
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- 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.

DOCUMENT REQUIREMENT

- 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.





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:
- 1. **Advance Payment:** Secure your reservation with an advance of Rs. 10000.00/- per person.
 - 2. 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.
 - 3. **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.
 - 4. We will require your PAN card details for TCS (Tax Collected at Source).
 - 5. **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.
 - 6. **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



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	Visit Black Necked Crane Festival and proceed 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)

- **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, you can head to **karaoke session at Samsara Club**
- **Overnight stay: Phuentsholing.**
- **Must try Café:** Kizom Café and Mountain Café.





DAY 2: Phuentsholing to Thimphu

Travel time: 4 hr (145.6 km)

- **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, you'll arrive in Thimphu. Take some time to explore the vibrant **Clock Tower** and stroll through the lively streets at your own pace.
- **Overnight stay: Thimphu.**
- **Nightlife in Thimphu**: Check out **Mojo Park** or **Space 34** for live music, dancing, and a great vibe.





Day 3: Thimphu Sightseeing

Travel time: Around Thimphu city

- Have Breakfast, You'll spend the day exploring Thimphu's attractions today.
- **Drive by 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.
- **Simply Bhutan:** Step into a living museum where you can experience Bhutanese culture firsthand—try archery, join a traditional dance, and sample the local spirit, Aara.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- For the adventurous souls, consider trekking along the **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

- Start your day with a hearty breakfast before heading to the **Black Necked Crane Festival**: The Festival is a vibrant and culturally rich event held annually in the scenic Phobjikha Valley, Bhutan. This festival celebrates the arrival of the black-necked cranes, which migrate to Bhutan from Tibet during the winter months. The cranes hold deep cultural significance in Bhutanese folklore, symbolizing peace, love, and the spirits of departed loved ones.
- **After lunch, travel to Punakha.** If time allows, We will complete any one from the following sightseeing options:
- **Punakha Dzong**: Explore this stunning fortress, known for its impressive architecture and historical significance.
- **Suspension Bridge**: Take a walk across Bhutan's longest suspension bridge, offering breathtaking views of the valley.
- **Optional Activity**: River Rafting: Experience the thrill of a 10KM rafting adventure on the Mo Chhu river, featuring 10 exciting rapids! Each raft accommodates 6 people, and the rafting time is approximately 1.5 hours.
- **In the evening you can stroll around Kaja Throm**: 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.
- Enjoy an overnight stay in Punakha, with breakfast and dinner provided at the hotel.





DAY 6: Punakha to Paro.

Travel time: 3 hr, 114.8 km.

- As the morning sun rises, complete your remaining sightseeing in Punakha before heading to Paro.
- **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.
- **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. and Start for Paro.
- **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.
- **Rinpung Dzong night view:** Highlight of the day, Just before entering Paro town Enjoy the enchanting night view of Rinpung Dzong! As the sun sets, the fortress-monastery lights up, creating a magical ambiance that's sure to leave you spellbound. It's a sight you won't want to miss! Don't forget to capture this mesmerizing sight with Bhutanese attire in some beautiful photos.

Overnight stay in Paro, Breakfast & Dinner in Hotel





Day 7: Hike to Tiger's Nest

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

- **Pack a small backpack and start your day early** with a hearty breakfast—today is the highlight of your Bhutan journey.
- **Taksang 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**





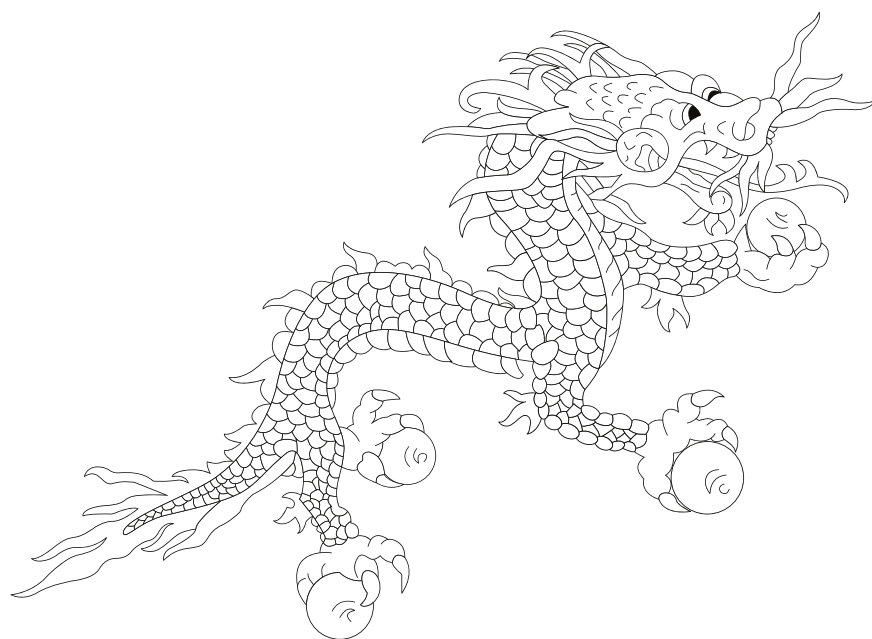
Day 8: Paro to Bagdogra Airport drop

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!

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 / Tempo Traveller 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** are included. For further details, please refer to Page 3.

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 ★★☆☆ Star certified by Tourism Council of Bhutan.

★ **Phuentsholing:** Hotel Tara Phendeyling or similar.

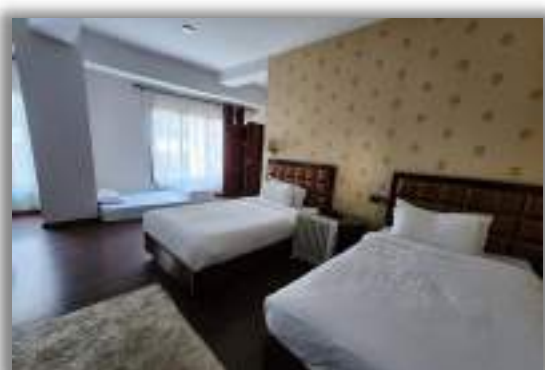
★ **Thimphu:** Bhutan Boutique residency or similar.

★ **Punakha** Punakha Stream Resort or similar.

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

★ **Phobjikha:** Dewachen Hotel & Spa or Similar. (**Premium**)

- 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.



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.

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 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 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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- **Observe the Dress Code:** Wear appropriate attire when visiting religious sites. Men should wear long pants, women long skirts or dresses.
- **Take Care of the Environment:** Do not litter anywhere. Pack any trash in a small plastic bag and dispose of it at your hotel. The Bhutanese treat their natural environment as a divine gift.
- **Respect Wildlife:** Don't disturb or feed wild animals.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water to avoid altitude sickness.
- **Enjoy Local Cuisine:** Try Bhutanese dishes but let the cook know your spice tolerance.
- **Always Use Zebra Crossings:** Use zebra crossings when crossing roads; failure to do so may result in fines, Use pedestrian walkways when walking.

Don'ts:

- **Don't Disrespect Religious Symbols:** Avoid touching or pointing feet at religious objects and Royal family photos.
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