



8D BEST OF BHUTAN AND NEPAL

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- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites in Kathmandu
- Visit Thimphu, modern capital of Bhutan, Punakha, ancient capital of Bhutan
- Visit the different Dzongs of Bhutan
- Hike to the famous Taktshong Monastery (Tiger's Nest)

Tour Code : PBH-005PK

DAY 01 SINGAPORE / KATHMANDU

(MEAL ON BOARD/L/D)

Flight Details: MI 412 0910 / 1205

Assemble at Singapore Changi International Airport for your flight to Kathmandu.

Depart from Singapore to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Upon arrival meet our guide and transfer to the hotel. After lunch we visit **Swayambhunath Stupa** known as monkey temple which is said to be about 2500 years old and listed in UNESCO world heritage site in 1979, situated on a hill and it offers you breathtaking view of Kathmandu city. Evening walk and shop around **Thamel Street**. Overnight in Kathmandu.

DAY 02 KATHMANDU

(B/L/D)

Today after breakfast we proceed to one of the Asian largest Buddhist Stupa **Baudhanath**, we also visit the sacred Hindu temple **Pasupatinath** temple. These Stupa, Monastery and temple are listed in UNESCO world heritage monument list in 1979,

After lunch we visit another large and old city in valley beside Kathmandu called **PATAN**, we also visit Tibetan refugee village, in the evening walk and shop around Kathmandu Thamel street. Overnight in Kathmandu.

DAY 03 KATHMANDU / PARO / THIMPU

(B/L/D)

The flight into Paro on our national carrier, Druk Air, is a befitting introduction to the spectacular beauty of our country. In clear weather, magnificent views of the world's highest peaks give way to the lush green Paro valley as you land. First gift from Bhutan will be the cool, clean fresh air as you step out of the plane. After clearing customs and visa control you will be brief by our guide and transferred to **Paro town** for lunch. After lunch, we will visit **Ta Dzong**, an ancient watchtower that is now known as the National Museum (converted in 1968). The museum boasts antique Thangka, textiles, weapons and armour, household objects and rich assortment of natural and historic artefacts.

We will also visit the **Rinpung Dzong**, built in the 17th century to defend the valley against Tibetan invaders. The Dzong is now used as administration centre and school for monks.

We then depart for Thimpu, the modern capital of Bhutan. The drive will take around 1.5hours. Thimpu has a population of about 65,000. The town is made up of just three lines of shops and is the only capital in the world without traffic lights. In the evening, we will visit the Handicrafts Emporium, where all types of Bhutanese handicrafts are made and sold, overnight in Thimpu.

DAY 04 THIMPU / PUNAKHA

(B/L/D)

In the morning, we will visit the **Weekly Outdoor Market**, where everyone goes to buy fruits and vegetables, rice, grains, chillies, and other fresh foods. The crowded stalls offer many colourful local items such as yak tail dusters, butter teacups, turquoise from Nepal and Tibet as well as musical instruments. We will also visit the **folk Heritage Museum**, which is dedicated to connecting people to the Bhutanese rural past through exhibition of items and artefacts used in rural households, **Textile Museum**, where the art of traditional weaving is still kept alive and preserved through exhibition and has a good collection of old textiles which are rich in its colours and designs. Other highlight include visit to **Bhutanese Handmade Paper Factory**. After lunch, depart for Punakha, where the road climbs steeply through a forest of pine and cedar, festooned with hanging lichen high up near **Dochula pass (3050m)**. This pass often offers panoramic views of the Himalayan mountain ranges. After stopping for a tea and view, we descend along a series of hairpin bends to the fertile valley of Punakha. Afternoon, visit **Punakha Dzong**, winter seat of the Je Khenpo and ancient capital of Bhutan, remarkably located between the rivers of the Mo (female) Chu and Pho (male) Chu. The Dzong is open to visitors only in summer when the Je Khenpo and the Monk Body are in Thimpu, overnight stay in Punakha.

DAY 05 PUNAKHA / THIMPU / PARO

(B/L/D)

Wake up to the sound of nature in the morning. Enjoy the fresh air of a valley that has been transfixed in a time Bygone. Today, after breakfast we relive the sights and sounds of the road to Punakha and return to Paro. We stop at Thimpu for lunch and continue drive (45M) to Paro. In the evening walk and shop around small town of Paro where you have chance to talk with local People and know more about their life. Overnight in Paro.

DAY 06 PARO**(B/L/D)**

In the morning drive towards the north of Paro valley to visit the ruins of the **Drukgyal Dzong** 16 km up the valley. Built in 1647 by the great Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, father and unifier of medieval Bhutan, the Dzong was destroyed by accidental fire and left in ruins as an evocative reminder of the great victories it was built to commemorate. Explore the ramparts and on a clear day experience an unforgettable view of **Mt. Jhomolhari (7,314 m)** and then drive beyond Satsam Chorten to hike up to the **Taksang monastery (Tiger's nest)**. The hike up to the cafeteria will take around one and half hour. At the view point enjoy the stunning view of the monastery, where Guru Padmasambhava landed on the back of a tigress in the 8th century and lunch will be served at the view point cafeteria and then walk back to the road point and visit Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan. Evening ends with a walk through **Paro's main shopping district**. Overnight stay in Paro.

DAY 07 PARO / KATHMANDU / NAGARKOT**(B/L/D)**

After breakfast transfer to airport, We bid a fond farewell to Bhutan for the flight back to Kathmandu, upon arrival we drive to the famous hill station **Nagarkot**, 35 KM from Kathmandu, Nagarkot famous for sunset and sunrise with eastern part of Himalaya range, Enjoy the sunset with Langtang Himalayan range, Overnight in Nagarkot.

DAY 08 KATHMANDU / SINGAPORE**(B)****Flight Details: MI 411 1305 / 2015**

Early morning, we proceed to the viewpoint and witness the beautiful sunrise view of Langtang Himalayan range which includes Mt. Kanchenjunga and Mt. Everest, where the first rays of the sun firing the peaks, a hellish red slowly lightning in the Himalayas. After breakfast we drive back to Kathmandu (1.5Hrs).

Today morning after breakfast free and easy leisure, you can do some shopping, till transfer to airport.
OPTIONAL: MOUNTAIN FLIGHT (before departure)

Note : Sequence of the itinerary is subject to change(s)

**Accommodations Used (Local 4 Stars/Grade B): -**

- 2N Kathmandu - Hotel Royal Singhi or similar
- 1N Nagarot - The Fort Resort / Country Villa or similar
- 1N Thimpu - Hotel Migmar or similar
- 1N Punakha - Hotel Dragon Nest or similar
- 2N Paro - Resort Dhey Kyed or similar

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