

# Brightsun Travel

## Thunder Dragon 'Bhutan'

6 Nights/7 Days

- Visit the National Memorial Chorten
- Drive over the scenic Dochula Pass
- Discover the charming Chimi Lhakhang monastery
- Enjoy river rafting on the Punakha River
- Hike to the Tiger's Nest Monastery

**From INR49200 Price per person**

### Overview:

Join the epic Thunder Dragon Bhutan tour and look forward to plenty of one-of-a-kind travel experiences in this incredible Asian country. Drive across a number of mystical valleys to admire impressive natural wonders, explore stunning temples and monasteries and step inside some captivating museums to learn all about Bhutanese cultures. You'll also get to enjoy thrilling activities such as river rafting and hiking. This immense tour gives you a chance to get up close and personal with Bhutan's rare native wildlife, learn about the region's migratory birds and discover many other gems of Bhutan.

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1: Paro Airport – Thimphu (1½ - 2 Hrs)

Upon arrival at Paro Airport, one of our Bhutan representatives will transfer you to Thimphu. Thimphu is the enchanting capital of Bhutan which boasts everything from majestic mountains and ancient Buddhist temples to traditional Bhutanese cultures and a happening nightlife. You'll be spending the evening at leisure, so you could perhaps do some shopping or take some photos of the region's immense natural surroundings. Overnight stay in Thimphu.

#### Day 2: Thimphu Sightseeing

You'll check-out from your hotel after breakfast and visit the National Memorial Chorten, then Tashichho Dzong, a Buddhist monastery set on the banks of the Wang Chhu River. Later you'll explore the Buddha Point and the Changangkha Lhakhang monastery, and then proceed to the Motithang Takin Preserve, Drubthob Goemba Monastery, the National Institute for Zorig Chusum, the National Textile Museum and the Zangto Pelri Lhakhang temple. Overnight stay in Thimphu.

#### Day 3: Thimphu – Punakha / Wangdi

After some breakfast, you'll drive to Punakha / Wangdi town. Enroute you'll drive over the scenic Dochula Pass which features jaw-dropping views of the mountains. After reaching the town, you'll visit the historic Punakha Dzong, a Buddhist monastery where all Bhutanese kings were crowned. If time will allow, there may be a stop at the Suspension Bridge, one of Bhutan's longest suspension bridges. Finally you'll proceed to the Thai-style Chimi Lhakhang monastery. Overnight stay in Wangdi.

#### Day 4: Punakha / Wangdi

After breakfast, you have the opportunity to visit the lush Punakha Valley to admire many vibrant green meadows and stupa-studded mountains, or you could even opt for an adrenaline-pumping river rafting adventure on the Punakha River. After this tour, you'll return to your hotel. Overnight stay in Wangdi.

**OR**

**Punakha / Wangdi - Gangtey Excursion – Punakha / Wangdi**

Enjoy a full day excursion of the Gangtey Valley and Phobjikha Valley (3-3½ hrs one way) which boasts plenty of spectacular natural wonders. You'll visit the Black Necked Crane Information Centre to learn about black-necked cranes which migrate from Tibet to Bhutan every year, and later step inside the Gangtey Goemba Monastery. Overnight stay in Wangdi.

**Day 5: Punakha / Wangdi – Paro (5 hrs)**

You'll be visiting the valley town of Paro on day 5 which is home to a plethora of ancient temples, monasteries and alluring museums. En route you'll stop off at Lamperi to visit the Royal Botanical Park, which is home to a number of exotic plants, trees and bird species. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring this immense town. Overnight stay in Paro.

**Day 6: Paro Sightseeing**

Enjoy some breakfast at the hotel and then start your sightseeing tour at the Drukgyel Dzong, a fortress and Buddhist monastery. Afterwards you'll explore the National Museum of Bhutan which displays a rare collection of Bhutanese artefacts and paintings (please note that this museum is closed on weekends). Later you'll visit the Rinpung Dzong monastery and the Kyichu Lhakhang monastery. Overnight stay in Paro.

**OR**

**Paro - Full day hike to the Taktsang Lhakhang aka Tiger's Nest Monastery**

Prepare to wake early and get ready to hike through gorgeous pine forests (2/3 hrs) to the Taktsang Lhakhang aka the Tiger's Nest Monastery, Bhutan's most iconic heritage site, built in 1692 on a 900m high cliff. After returning to your hotel, the afternoon will be at leisure. Why not explore some local markets? You can browse some unique items including Bhutanese handicrafts and handmade shoes. Overnight stay in Paro.

**Day 7: Fly from Paro Airport**

After breakfast, you'll check out from your hotel and our representative will drop you at Paro Airport for your return flight back home.

**Inclusions:**

- 6 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- 01 Complimentary Lunch at Paro at Local Farmhouse Lodge.
- Assistance at the airport
- Services of a Trip Leader will be as per the itinerary for Bhutan Portion only
- Visa Fees
- FIT surcharge for foreigners
- Bhutan government royalty for Foreigners
- Transfer & Sightseeing as per the itinerary by Non Ac Car / Jumbo Hiace for minimum 4 pax (Not at Disposal)
- 01 Bottle water per person per day
- All inland travel permits
- Inland transfers by Dlx. Non A/c vehicle
- Local sightseeing.
- Drivers allowances, toll taxes and Govt. Service Tax

## Exclusions:

- Cost for supplementary service, optional Tours, Up-gradation Charges, Sightseeing entrance fees.
- Cost for Airfare, Train fare, Insurance Premiums, Rafting Charges.
- Cost for service provided on a personal request.
- Cost for personal expenses such as laundry, bottled water, soft drinks, incidentals, porter charges, tips etc.
- Cost for any other service not mentioned under the “Cost Includes” head.
- Difference in cost arising due to extra usage of vehicle, other than scheduled & mentioned in the itinerary.
- Difference in cost arising due to mishaps, political unrest, natural calamities like - landslides, road blockage, etc. In such case extra will have to be paid on the spot by the guest directly.

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