Day 1: Arrive in Paro and drive to the capital city, Thimphu.
Distance 65Kms, Estimated Time -2 hours

The flight to Paro international airport is one of the best flights in the world with the views of Himalayan mountain ranges on a clear day. The landing of plane over the paddy fields and valleys gives you and extra ordinary feelings about Bhutan. On arrival at the Paro International Airport, you will be received by your local Bhutanese tour guide from SM Bhutan / Bhutan Sangay Tours. Drive towards the capital city, Thimphu which will take around 1 ½ hours.

On the way stop at Tachong iron bridge and take five minutes walk towards the Paro river. The fresh air from the glacier river will give you additional vibes of Bhutan and the feeling that you are no more an outsider.

We continue our drive towards capital and check in hotel. Take rest at the hotel with refreshment of herbal tea being served.

Visit the following places depending on the time and your interest.

Location - Kabesa, Thimphu Bhutan, Post Box No. 01597. Phone: +975-77122223/77228499
Email: sammi.ge@smbhutan.com
• National Memorial Stupa- The stupa is centrally located and built by grand Queen mother in 1974 in memory of her son the third King. It is said that it was the kings wish to built the mind, body and speech of a Buddha.

• Tashi Choedzong- In the evening visit Tashichhoe Dzong, a fortress of the glorious religion. It was built in 1641 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyel and was reconstructed into present structure by the late King, His majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuck in the year 1962-1969. It houses the secretariat building, the throne room and the office of the king, and the central monk body.

Evening leisure time around town. Explore the modern city of Bhutan without traffic lights. Check out few night lifes depending on your interest.

Dinner and overnight hotel in Thimphu.

Day 2: Thimphu
After breakfast, visit the following places.

• Buddha point- it is the tallest sitting Buddha statue with the height of 169ft tall. The construction of the Buddha was started in 2006 with an estimated budget of 6 million USD.
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- Short hike towards Changangkha temple- after visiting the tallest buddha, take a short hike around 2 hours which will give you a panaromic view of the modern capital city.
- Visit Changangkha temple- at the end of the hike visit the oldest temple in the capital.

After lunch again do the following sight visits.

- Simply Bhutan- the simple museum showcase the cultural and tradition of Bhutan. You will be able to know how Bhutan was in around 18th and 19th centuries. You will learn how traditional houses are being built without the use nails and also you will experience playing the national game archery. Taste bhutanese tea and wine also you can choose to have traditional bhutanese food there.

- Visit textile museum- the museum is built to preserve the arts of weaving in the country and also womens are being trained to pass on the weaving traditions for the future generations. You will learn different types of weavings that we have in country and how our forefaters survived on these traditions.

Royal textile Museum.

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• Weekend market- This weekend market opens from Thursday till Sunday. It is a place where locals bring their farm products to sell. It is a good opportunity to interact with locals.
• Archery game- in the evening side go to witness the national game archery at changlimithang stadium. You will be amazed to see how mens shoot archery at a distance of 145m.

Evening leisure time in town. Dinner and overnight hotel in Thimphu.

Day 3: Thimphu - Punakha
Distance - 77 Km, Estimated Time - 3 hours

After breakfast drive towards Punakha valley the old capital city of Bhutan. On the way do the following visits

Dochula pass - The pass is one of the most beautiful and breathtaking pass in the country with an altitude of roughly around 3050m from sea level. On the clear day you will be able to see the himalayan mountain ranges and also the 108 stupas gives you additional memories take back home. There is park dedicated to the 4th king of Bhutan celebrating his 60th birth anniversary.

After a tea and snacks at the cafe take hike towards lungchutse temple. The hike is around 3 hours and gives you the feeling that as if you are doing trekking on the mountains because of its altitude and the vegetations. Once we reach on the top if the weather is clear you will be able to see the valley of Punakha as well as Thimphu valley. You can spend time in the temple to do meditation and yoga as well. It is a very scared and old temple.

Either we will have picnic lunch or will have lunch at the cafe in Dochula depending on our time. After lunch continue towards Punakha valley and visit the fertility temple.

The temple is of early 15th century where it is famously known for blessing the couples without a child. You will be interested to learn about the buddhist master known as Devine mad man whos teachings are called crazy wisdom. He is one of the most revered buddhist master in the country.
Evning leasure time in the village and you will experience cooking bhutanese foods at the farm house. Dinner and overnight stay at a farm house in Punakha.

Day 4: Punakha sightseeings
After breakfast, visit the following:

- Visit Punakha Dzong- Punakha dzong is the most beautiful fortress in the country between two rivers built in 1637 by the unifier of the country. The coronation of the kings and also marriage ceremnoy of the 5th king and queen is done in this fortress.

- Drive towards the northern Punakha till a suspension bridge and hike towards the beautifully located khamsum yuling temple built by the Queen mother for the well being of
the royal family and also for the nation. The hike will take you through the paddy fields and vegetable gardens of the farmers. From the top of the temple you will have panaromic view of the Punakha valley.

- On return from the temple you will have an adventures activity waiting near the Punakha female river. You will do river rafting around 2 hours and will be picked from the end point.

We will have a picnic lunch today since driving back to town will consume time. Evening leisure time in Punakha town and late night depending on your interest we can go to night dance clubs.

Dinner and overnight at farm house or hotel in Punakha.

Day 5 Punakha- Phobjikha Valley
Distance-70Km, Time-3hours
Phobjikha Valley.

After an early breakfast visit the only nunnery in Punakha and drive towards Phobjikha valley. It is the only nunnery where the nuns get to do degree in Buddhism studies. Initiated by the royal families in 2010 mainly to give opportunities to the nuns to pursue their studies in Buddhism.

We will have lunch on the way to Phobjikha valley. The valley is famously known for the endangered black necked cranes in the world. Phobjikha valley will give you the authentic feelings about the rural life of Bhutan. It is one of the most beautiful U shaped valley in the country. You will be able to see the traditional houses being built without the use modern infrastructures and also the most decorated monastery in the country.

Dinner and over night at a hotel or farm house in the valley.

Day 6: Phobjikha valley- Paro via Thimphu
Distance- 200Km, Estimated Time- 6 Hours
After breakfast, take a short drive till base of the valley where we will do hike for around 2 hours. The hike around the valley where the endangered bird black necked crane nest will give you an idea why this birds have choosen the valley as their winter habitat. We will be walking through dwarf bamboo plants and thinck pine forest. Sometimes it is also called the valley of star gazing.

At the end of the hike we will have refreshments and visit the 17th century temple. The architecture of the temple is the most beautiful master piece of arts and crafts in the country. It is the only surviving temple of vajrayana teachings of buddhism in the country.

Cointinue our drive twords Paro. On reaching Paro visit the following places depending on time.
- Paro National museum- the museum is built in 19th century as a watch tower in Paro valley but after peace has been restored in country it was turned to museum on command of the third king. The museum will display the arts and crafts, paintings, festivals, and also about the environments of the country. It will also showcase the culture and traditions of the country.

- Paro Dzong- built in 16th century to defend against the Tibetan and Mongol invasions. The paintings and view of the royal palace from the fortress is amazing. Evening leisure time in town for shoppings and buying gifts to your loved ones. Dinner and overnight stay in farm house or hotel in Paro.

Day 7: A Day Hike to Taktsang Ghoempa (Tiger's Nest Monastery)
Tigers Nest at 3000M
After breakfast, drive to Paro which takes about an hour and hike up to Taktse Monastery, also known as ‘Tiger’s Nest’. The climb up to the viewpoint will take around 1 ½ hours and from there you will enjoy a spectacular view of the monastery clinging to the side of the cliff. Stop for refreshment at the View Point Cafeteria. Then walk further up to the monastery which will take about 1 hour. It is said that in the 8th century Guru Rinpoche flew on the back of a tigress from eastern Bhutan to this place and meditated in a cave here for 3 months. The principal Lhakhang (monastery) of the present monastic complex dates from 1692.

Taktsang was damaged severely by fire in 1998 but has now been fully restored to its former glory. After visiting the monastery, walk back down to the road on the way stop for lunch at the viewpoint cafeteria and then walk further down to the road point. Then drive back to hotel. On the way, visit Kyichu temple, one of the 108 temples built in the 7th century by the Tibetan King Songsten Gampo. The story goes that a giant demon lay across the whole area of Tibet and the Himalayas and was preventing the spread of Buddhism. To overcome her, King Songtsen Gampo decided to build 108 temples, which would be placed on all the points of her body. Of these 108 temples, 12 were built in accordance with precise plans. Thus, it happened that in about the year AD 638 the temple of Jokhang in Lhasa was built over the very heart of the demon. In the evening leisure time in town to do shopping and later do hot stone bath at farm house.

Overnight stay and dinner at a farm house in Paro.
Herbal Hotstone bath at the farm house.(Compliment)

Day 08: Paro – Departure
In the morning, your Bhutan tour guide from Bhutan Dreamtrip- Bhutan travel agent will escort you to the airport for your onward destinations.

Tour Program Ends

ENTITLEMENTS

These minimum daily package rates are inclusive of the following services:

1. Accommodation on twin sharing basis in the tourist standard hotels (Minimum 3 star Hotels)

2. All transfers and sightseeing within Bhutan

3. Services of accompanied guide

4. All meals and evening tea

5. Royal Government Royalty of USD 65 per person per night halt.

6. Riding ponies and pack animals on treks

7. All entry fees/permits to museum, monuments and parks

Note: The tariff excludes international airfares, gratuity/tips, alcohol, beverages, laundry and any communication. Luxury hotels like Aman Kora, Uma, Zhiwaling, Hotel Taj Tashi and Termalinca Resort are not included in the above price. An individual will have to bear the extra room expenses should they wish to stay in the above hotels.
Visa processing

Bhutan visa is pre-processed by the agent company on the receiver of the payment, so you need to send your passport copy scan to us through our e-mail ID provided. Once the visa is processed we will send you back the electronic visa on your mail. After receiving the electronic visa through email you need to print and carry while you fly to Bhutan. At the airport immigration authorities will stamp on your passport. Your passport must be valid for more than 6 months at the time of travel in Bhutan.

Note: There are regular flights from Kathmandu Nepal, Singapore, Bangkok Thailand, and Delhi India to Bhutan. So you can contact us for your bookings at least three months before your trip to Bhutan.