# Bhutan The Last Shangri La Tour

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| DURATION | **10 Days** |
| DIFFICULTY | **Moderate** |
| MAX ALTITUDE | **3100m** |
| GROUP SIZE | **10 People** |
| BEST SEASON | **September–November and March–May** |
| START / END | **Kathmandu / Kathmandu** |
| PRICE FROM | **USD 3,999 per person** |

## Day-by-day itinerary

### Day 1 : Arrive Paro – Thimphu

The flight to Paro is one of the most spectacular mountain flights in the world, with a constantly changing panorama of some of the highest mountains on earth. This beautiful valley is home to many of Bhutan's oldest monasteries and temples, and the country's only International airport. After being welcomed with "Khadar" (traditional scarf), a BJPTT representative will provide you with the necessary assistance for completion of all immigration and customs formalities. After lunch enjoy afternoon sightseeing around Paro transported by luxury 4WD, including a visit to the Ta Dzong Museum housing many religious relics, works of art and handicrafts offering a great orientation into Bhutan's historical, cultural, and religious past. Next, visit the RimpongDzong to see the painting of the great saint Milarepa, considered as the master of meditation by the Bhutanese and believed to have attained enlightenment in a lifetime. Dzong's are large monasteries and district administrative centres, which were once strategic forts. Afterwards, drive to the capital, Thimphu (1.5 hours). Overnight in Thimphu.

### Day 2 : Thimphu Full Day Sightseeing

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing, including a visit to the National Memorial Chorten, completed by the Royal Queen Mother as a memorial stupa for the Third King who passed away in 1972. Continue on to 12th century Changangkha Temple and Zilukha Nunnery. If there is time, you may visit Tashichhodzong, 'the fortress of the glorious religion' housing ministries, His Majesty's secretariat, and the central monk body. Overnight in Thimphu.

### Day 3 : Drive from Thimphu to Phobjikha Valley

Transfer to Phobjikha Valley (5.5-6 hrs). Drive by luxury 4WD over the Dochu-La pass (3,100 meters) which on a clear day offers an incredible view of Himalayan peaks before descending into balmy Punakha valley (about 3 hrs total driving time). The drive through the countryside affords a glimpse of everyday life in this most remote of Himalayan kingdoms.Continue on through the bustling market town of Wangduephodrang, and up winding mountain roads through mixed forests and over high passes before descending down into the wide and picturesque Phobjikha Valley. Phobjikha is one of Bhutan's few glacial valleys, and chosen winter home of black necked cranes (November – March) migrating from the Tibetan plateau. Overnight in Phobjikha Valley

### Day 4 : Drive from Phobjikha Valley to Bumthang

Following breakfast visit the Phobjikha Sanctuary to view the majestic black necked cranes (Nov-Mar only) and GangteyGompa (Monastery), dating back to the 16th century. Afterwards drive by luxury 4WD over the Pele La pass (3,420m) on the Black Mountain range towards Trongsa (4.5 hrs). Enroute visit the beautiful 18th century ChendebjiChorten. Trongsa is the ancestral home of Bhutan's ruling dynasty. Visit TrongsaDzong, the largest Dzong in Bhutan and the Ta Dzong museum housing a collection of historical artifacts of the Royal Family. Continue driving towards Bumthang (2.5 hrs), the spiritual of the kingdom. Bumthang is home to some of Bhutan's oldest Palaces, Buddhist temples and monasteries. Overnight in Bumthang.

### Day 5 : Bumthang- Full Day Sightseeing

In the morning visit KurjeyLhakhang, one of the most sacred places in the kingdom where Bhutan's patron saint Guru Rimpoche meditated and 7th century JambayLhakhang. It dates back to the origins of Buddhism in Bhutan and is one of the Kingdoms oldest temples.After lunch continue sightseeing including JakarDzong and TamshingLhakhang, founded in 1501 by Pemalingpa and containing interesting and ancient Buddhist wall paintings. Overnight in Bumthang.

### Day 6 : Drive from Bumthang to Punakha

Depart for Punakha stopping along the way at Trongsa for lunch. Overnight in Punakha.

### Day 7 : Punakha -Full Day Sightseeing

Punakha was the ancient capital of Bhutan. Visit PunakhaDzong, the "Palace of Great Happiness" built in 1637 by the Shabdrung, the 'Unifier of Bhutan' as predicted by the great Guru Rimpoche (Padmasambhava). It is the winter headquarters of the Je Khenpo and hundreds of monks who move en masse from Thimphu to this warmer location. The three story main temple of the PunakhaDzong is a breathtaking example of traditional architecture with four intricately embossed entrance pillars crafted from cypress and decorated in gold and silver. It was here in 1907 that Bhutan's first king was crowned. After lunch enjoy an excursion by 4WD or on foot to Yabesa village and hike to through ricefields and up to KhamsumYuelleyNamgyalChorten, built by her majesty the queen AshiTsheringYangdonWangchuk. Perched high on a hill on the bank of the river, the Chorten houses paintings belonging to Nyingmapa Traditions. In the afternoon you have an option of returning to Uma Punakha for time at leisure, or a short excursion to ChimiLhakhang, temple of DrukpaKuenly. He inherited the Divine Madman title since he revolted against the orthodox Buddhism in his time. Overnight in Punakha.

### Day 8 : Drive from Punakha to Thimphu to Paro

Drive back to Thimphu by luxury 4WD where you will have an opportunity to visit handicraft and souvenir stores, and enjoy lunch. Afterwards proceed to Paro and check into your luxury hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore the Parotownship, or enjoy the spa treatments available at your accommodations. Overnight in Paro.

### Day 9 : Paro- Full Day Sightseeing

After breakfast hike to Taktsang Monastery. The walk of approximately 2 hours uphill takes you almost a kilometre above the Paro valley floor (for those who cannot hike we will arrange a horse for transfer up to the viewing point). The view of Taktsang Monastery built on a sheer cliff face 900 metres above the valley floor is a spectacular sight. The Monastery is also an important pilgrim site for the Buddhists.

The great Guru Rimpoche is said to have flown here on the back of a tigress when he brought the teachings of the Buddhist Dharma to Bhutan in the 8th Century. Refreshments and lunch will be arranged in the tent specifically pitched on the path to Taktsang Monastery. On the return drive to Paro, visit 7th Century KyichuLhakhang, one of the 108 temples constructed by the Tibetan king SongtsenGampo. Afternoon is at leisure. Overnight in Paro.

### Day 10 : Departure Paro

Enjoy breakfast before driving to the airport for flight to your onward destination.

## What's included

## 1. Visa & Fees

- Visa & SDF: Bhutan visa processing and the Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) for tourism in Bhutan.

### 2. Accommodation & Meals

- Premium Hotel Accommodation: Luxurious stays in premium hotels throughout the tour with all meals included.
- Meals: All meals included during the tour (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner – BLD).

### 3. Staff

- Guide: Knowledgeable English-speaking guide to provide detailed insights and ensure an enriching experience throughout the tour.

### 4. Transportation

- Transport: Comfortable private vehicle for all transfers and sightseeing during the tour.

## Not included

## 1. Flights

- International Airfare: Flights to and from Bhutan.

### 2. Travel Insurance

- Travel Insurance: Comprehensive travel insurance covering unforeseen circumstances, medical emergencies, and trip cancellation.

### 3. Personal Expenses

- Personal Nature Expenses: Costs for shopping, additional personal items, and other individual expenditures.

### 4. Tips & Gratuities

- Tips & Gratuities: Optional but customary for guides, drivers, and support staff.

## Ready to book or have a question?

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