# The Odyssey Bhutan Tour

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| DURATION | **9 Days** |
| DIFFICULTY | **Moderate** |
| MAX ALTITUDE | **3300m** |
| GROUP SIZE | **10 People** |
| BEST SEASON | **September–November and March–May** |
| START / END | **Kathmandu / Kathmandu** |
| PRICE FROM | **USD 3,350 per person** |

## Day-by-day itinerary

### Day 1 : Arrival day and drive from Paro to Thimphu

Touching down at Paro International Airport, our Guide will be waiting for you just outside the arrival hall. We will take it easy so that you will have some time to acclimatize to the altitude. We make an hour drive to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan, and check-in to the hotel. After which, you will visit the National Memorial Chorten which is built in honor of the late king Jigme Dorji Wanchuk. Thimphu Dzong, the largest Dzong in Bhutan, is also the seat of the office of the king of Bhutan. Every Saturday and Sunday most of the Thimphu population congregate on the bank of river where the weekend centenary Farmer's market is held, here villagers from the valley and other nearby places come to sell their agricultural products. Thereafter, we will drive up to Buddha Point, in Kuenselphodrang Nature Park, where the 169 feet bronze statue of Buddha Dordenma, Vajra Throne Buddha, is located. It is one of the largest statue of sitting Buddha in the world. You can enjoy the night walking around Thimphu Town after dinner.

### Day 2 : Thimphu- Full Day Sightseeing

After breakfast, drive to Bhutan's capital, Thimphu, passing through idyllic countryside, with villages and paddy fields on either side of the road. A route visits Semtokha Dzong, one of the oldest fortresses of the country, which now houses the Institute for Language and Cultural Studies. Afternoon sightseeing in Thimphu valley, visiting: Tashichho Dzong, the seat of the government; the National Memorial Chorten, within which there are finely executed wall paintings and delicately fashioned statues which provide deep insight into Buddhist philosophy; and the Handicrafts Emporium, which displays a wide range of the traditional handicrafts for which Bhutan is renowned. You may also be able to catch a game of archery in progress at the Changlimethang sports ground, just below the town. Take an early evening stroll around the market area before dinner. Overnight at the hotel in Thimphu.

### Day 3 : Drive from Thimphu to Trongsa.

Driving through the majestic Dochula pass viewing 208 Chorten and Himalayan snow caped mountain peaks. Drive to Trongsa across Pele-la pass (3,300m/10,830ft). This pass is traditionally considered the boundary between western and central Bhutan. Further down the road, stop to visit Chendebji Chorten erected in the 18th century by a Tibetan lama to cover the remains of an evil spirit that was subdued at this spot. It is built in the Nepalese style, with painted eyes at the four cardinal points. The landscape

around Trongsa is spectacular and its impressive Dzong, stretched along a ridge above a ravine, first comes into view about an hour before the winding road suddenly leads you into the town. On arrival, check in at the lodge. Dinner and overnight at the lodge in Trongsa.

### Day 4 : Drive from Trongsa to Bumthang

Morning visit a Trongsa Dzong. Built in 1647 by the Shabdrung, it is the most impressive Dzong in Bhutan. Then visit Ta Dzong on the hillside above the town, built as a watchtower to guard Trongsa. After lunch proceed to Bumthang, one of the most spectacular valleys in Bhutan and also the holy heartland of Buddhism. The 68 km. journey takes about 3 hours. The road winds steeply up to Yutong-la pass (3,400m/11,155ft), then runs down through dense coniferous forest to enter a wide, open, cultivated valley, known as Chumey valley. From here it is about an hour to Bumthang, a most pleasant run in the soft, late afternoon light. Overnight at the hotel in Bumthang.

### Day 5 : Bumthang -Full Day Sightseeing

Bumthang is the general name given to a group of four valleys – Chumey, Choekhor, Tang and Ura, with altitudes varying from 2,600 to 4,000m/8,530 to 13,125ft. In the morning we will visit Kurje Lhakhang, one of the most sacred places in the kingdom as Bhutan's "patron saint", Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava) meditated here. From Kurje monastery, a tarmac road heads south along the right bank of the river to Jambey Lhakhang. This temple, erected by the Tibetan king Songtsen Gampo in the 7th century, is one of the two oldest in Bhutan (the other being KyichuLhakhang in Paro). After lunch, we will visit Tamshing Lhakhang, founded in 1501 by Pema Lingpa. It contains interesting and ancient Buddhist wall paintings. Later on we will visit Jakar Dzong, "the castle of the white bird", then take a stroll through Bumthang's market area before returning to the lodge. Dinner and overnight at the lodge in Bumthang.

### Day 6 : Drive from Bumthang to Punakha

Morning with early breakfast, we will drive to Punakha and overnight in hotel at Punakha.

### Day 7 : Drive from Punakha to Paro

Punakha served as the capital of Bhutan until 1955, when the seat of government moved to Thimphu. Originally situated on the riverbank and dominated by the towering walls of Punakha Dzong, the township was relocated to a safer site a few kilometers down the valley, consequent upon extensive flooding in the early 1990s. At the same time, extensive renovation work was undertaken on Punakha Dzong itself, which is now a breathtaking and glorious sight as you first glimpse it from the road. Although four catastrophic fires and an earthquake in past times destroyed many historic documents, Punakha Dzong still houses many sacred and historic artifacts and also the embalmed body of Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. Afternoon drive to Paro and halt at hotel in Paro.

### Day 8 : Paro- Full Day Sightseeing

After breakfast we will visit historic places in Paro. Drukgyal Dzong – A morning drive, north of Paro Valley Brings us to the ruins of Drukgyal Dzong. Built in 1647 by the Great Zhabdrung Nagwang Namgyal, father and unifier of medieval Bhutan, the Dzong was destroyed by an accidental fire and lift in ruins as an evocative reminder of the great victories it was built to commemorate. Explore the ramparts and relive the memories of a glorious past. Kyichu Lhakang – After a sumptuous local lunch, we will retrace out steps to visit kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest temple in Bhutan.

### Day 9 : Depart Paro

After early breakfast at the hotel, drive to the Paro airport for flight to your onward destination. Your Bhutan Jigme Pelden Tours and Travels' escort will help you with exit formalities and then bid you farewell.

## What's included

## 1. Transportation

- Airport Pickup & Drop-off: All airport pick-up and drop-off services by private A/C car or van for convenience and comfort.

### 2. Permits & Staff

- National Park Entry Permit: Required entry permit for any national park you will be visiting during the trip.
- Tour Guide: Experienced guide to ensure a safe, informative, and enjoyable experience throughout the trip.

### 3. Accommodation & Meals

- Meals: All three meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner – BLD) included during the trip.
- Accommodation: Comfortable stays provided during the trip, ensuring rest and relaxation.

### 4. Health & Safety

- First Aid Kit: A complete first aid kit available throughout the trip for emergency situations.

### 5. Cultural Experience

- Farewell Dinner: A memorable farewell dinner featuring live Nepalese cultural performance, offering a glimpse into local traditions and entertainment.

## Not included

## 1. Personal Expenses

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

### 2. Services & Meals outside Itinerary

- Drinks & Beverages: Any beverages not included in the meals, such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, etc.
- Hot Showers & Extra Services: Additional costs for hot showers, WiFi, and other optional services at accommodations.

### 3. Travel Insurance

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

### 4. Tips & Gratuities

- Tips: Optional but customary for guides, drivers, and other service providers.

### 5. Sightseeing Costs

- Entrance Fees: Fees for sightseeing activities, monuments, or attractions not included in the package.

### 6. Accommodation in Kathmandu

- Meals & Hotel in Kathmandu: Accommodation and meals in Kathmandu are not included unless specified in the itinerary

## Ready to book or have a question?

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