

Tiger Nest Tour Bhutan



Introduction

Bhutan tour won't complete without visiting Taktang monastery. We have included Taktang (Tiger Nest Monastery) the most sacred and most visited monastery in our Tiger Nest Tour Bhutan tour package. The Buddhism was spread from Bhutan from Tiger Nest Monastery (3048m). Master Padmasambhava was meditated here for 3 years. The monastery was built around the end of 16th century. It takes an hour steep hiking to arrive at the monastery which is the most visited site by tourist. The hike to the monastery is challenging but once you arrive here has a beautiful view of Paro valley. You will have an option to use a horse if you like to avoid scary hiking. We will take you to other cities and interesting sport to explore Bhutanese culture, tradition, people and interesting places to make your holiday memorable. **Tourist Visa in Bhutan:** All foreigner tourist (other than Indian, Bangladesh and Maldives) requires obtaining a tourist visa before entering into Bhutan. The tourist will obtain a clearance letter to fly to Paro or other port and your visa will be stamped at the port of entry. You will require a licensed tour operator to arrange your visa. In order to minimize the impact on the country's unique society and environment, the government issue limited tourist visa. **Hotel Accommodations:** Bhutan offers a wide variety of accommodations from 5star Hotels to homestay (traditional house). We will manage a minimum of 3star hotel to a night rest to our Bhutan visitor client. The hotel will have TV, AC, Private bathroom, WIFI, Restaurant etc. **Meal in Bhutan:** Bhutan offers a wide variety of food choices including its own authentic meal. You will be serving different cuisine from restaurant and Hotel. Chilli is an essential part of Bhutanese meal but they will customize as per guests request. Rice forms the main body of most Bhutanese meals and will serve some other items as a side dishes. You can find veg and non-veg restaurant around the city. **Best time to Travel to Bhutan:** Mar-May, Sept-Dec is the best month to travel in Bhutan. Other month are considered

low season with the monsoon in June-Aug will have a heavy rain every day. Winter will be below zero as it is a mountain country. **Getting there:** Bhutan has the only international airport and 2 airlines operating flights to Bhutan. There are daily flights from Kathmandu to Paro and return but there may have changed to the schedule. Please check with us while booking your tour. October and April are the busiest time. You need to buy a round-trip ticket to travel Bhutan. You can enter to Bhutan from the land port as well as but you must travel through India. **Tour Guide:** To be a tourist guide in Bhutan, they need to obtain a license from the government. We will provide you with a local English speaking tour guide to make a pleasant holiday in Bhutan. He keeps good knowledge of history, culture, religion and all in general. The guide is very kind and helpful. **Articles of clothing:** You need to dress gently while travelling to Bhutan. You are not advised to wear short items of clothing. While entering to the monastery or religious places, you must cover your shoulder and cant wear shoes. Winter is pretty cold so be prepared with warm clothes. We will advise you about dress as per season when you confirm the tour. **How to Book:** Once you decided your travel date and agreed on the itinerary, we require your passport details and photograph to process the bookings. We will send you the confirmations with flight details, hotel etc. **Payment Method:** We need advance payment before applying the permit to travel to Bhutan. You can transfer the advance payment to our company bank. The rest you can transfer before you depart to Bhutan or pay in cash in Kathmandu. We accept major credit cards. **The currency of Bhutan:** Bhutan has their own currency called Ngultrum. You can exchange it upon your arrival at the airport or there are banks in the city. **Travel arrangement in Kathmandu:** Alpine Asian Treks and Expedition P Ltd is a Kathmandu based travel/ trekking agency. We can arrange a tour/ trekking in Nepal before or after your tour to Bhutan. We have our own hotel in Kathmandu Green Eco Resort in a peace location which offer a beautiful view of the Kathmandu valley and Himalaya in the far horizon.

Trip Facts

Trip Duration	5 Days
Best Season	March-may, Oct - November
Elevation	30000m
Accommodation	3 Star Hotel in Bhutan
Transportation	Private car/ van/ bus

Itinerary Details

Day 01: Kathmandu- Paro fly with Druk Air - Transfer to Thimphu.

Take a flight to Paro from Kathmandu. 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 Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan. We then depart for Thimphu, the modern capital of Bhutan. The drive will take around 1.5hours. Thimphu has a population of about 100,000. 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 at Hotel. LD

Day 02: Thimphu valley sightseeing

After breakfast drive at Sangaygang, a field of Bhutanese prayer flags perched high above the city. Colored flags send prayers to the heavens and white flags honor the dead. Visit the Motithang Mini Zoo where you can see the National animal Takin research centre where these odd animals graze peacefully in a small protected park. Walk to the Zilukha Nunnery. Thimphu sightseeing continues with the Folk Heritage Museum (a beautifully restored Bhutanese farmhouse from the last century) and the National Painting School. Visit the Weekend market where vendors from throughout the region arrive on Friday afternoon and remain till Sunday. Here you will find indigenous goods, handicrafts, locally produced goods, etc. In the evening visit the National Memorial Chorten built in honor of our 3rd king Jigme Dorji Wangchuck (a wonderful opportunity to mix with the local population). All the buildings in Bhutan conform to national building principals and are beautifully carved and decorated. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 03: Thimphu – Haa – Paro

After breakfast drive over the confluence to the forbidden valley of Haa (it was closed to tourism until 2002). It is the last valley of Bhutan bordering with autonomous Tibet. Visit the Dzong of Haa and also the temples of Haap Chhundu (guardian deity of the valley) and drive back to Paro via Chelela pass, one of the highest points (3,780m) of motorable road in Bhutan. From here you will be able to view some of the highest mountains of Bhutan from here and the scenery is magnificent. Dinner and stay overnight at hotel.

Day 04: Paro sightseeing and hike to Taktsang.

After breakfast, we drive to the winding road to the Drukgyal Dzong, the ruined fort, which was once defended this valley from Tibetan invasions, and also visit a Bhutanese farm house of a local family at Drukgyal for a close up view of everyday Bhutanese life. We then drive beyond Satsam Chorten to hike up (or horse ride) to the Taktsang monastery (Tiger's nest). The horse ride up to the cafeteria will take around 1.5hrs. At the view point, you will enjoy the stunning view of the monastery, where Guru Padmasambhava landed on the back of a tigress in the 8th century. We then walk back to the road point and visit Kyichu Lhakang, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan, overnight at hotel.

Day 05: Paro - Departure (by Druk Air).

After an early breakfast at your hotel and then drive a short distance to the Paro airport where, your Bhutanese escort will bid you farewell with Good-bye and happy journey back home

Cost Includes :

- English speaking guide, driver & private Vehicle.
- All touring & transfers throughout your journey.
- Bhutanese style 3 star hotels with private bathrooms.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner from Hotel/ restaurant
- All entrance fees and sightseeing.
- Drukair/ Bhutan Airlines flights to/from Paro.
- Bhutan visa fees, Bhutan Govt royalties & local taxes.

Cost Excludes :

- Nepal entry visa and flight
- Personal items – phone calls, laundry, drinks etc.
- Travel Insurance – which is mandatory to enter Bhutan.