

## 7D6N Grand Western Bhutan Private Tour SUMMER [1 JUN – 31 AUG 2017]



### Day 01: Singapore - Paro – Thimphu

The flight into Paro is a befitting introduction to the spectacular beauty of our country. In clear weather, magnificent views of the world's highest peaks, give way to the lush green Paro valley's colorful spring as you land. Upon arrival at Paro, our representative from Bhutan Travel Adventures will receive you at the Airport. Drive to Thimphu for 1 hour. After checking in at the hotel you can rest for a while. And then visit the

folk Heritage museum, to see the replica of a traditional farm house in some of the rural areas or the farm house in olden days. Visit the Memorial stupa which was built in the memory of our beloved 3<sup>rd</sup> King in 1974. Overnight at the, Hotel Bhutan (new hotel) or Hotel Galingakha in Thimphu.



### Day 02: Thimphu sightseeing

After breakfast drive for half an hour (12 km) towards north of Thimphu valley and then you will have to hike for almost 2 hours to and fro.

Tango Goemba (monastery): Lama Gyalwa Lhanampa founded the monastery in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The present building was built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century by the Divine Mad Man "Drukpa Kuenly".

In 1616 Shabdrung Nawang Namgyel visited Tango Goemba and meditated in a cave nearby. Today Tango is the residence of an important young Trulku (reincarnate lama) who is recognized as the 17<sup>th</sup> reincarnation of highly respected forth Desi, Gyalse Tenzin Rabgye, whose previous reincarnation passed away in 1830. Also at present the monastery serves as the prestigious Buddhist University for the monks of our state religion. You may also see some birds around this vicinity.

After your hike return back to the city for lunch and drive 10 minutes to the Buddha point to see one of the largest Buddha statues in the world. Also the Thimphu city is best viewed from the Buddha point as well. And visit the mini zoo to see the Takins which is our national animals. Overnight halt stay at the same hotel in Thimphu.



### **Day 03: Thimphu – Punakha**

After breakfast drive to Punakha for 2 ½ hours with short stop at Dochula pass. If the weather is clear, you could have a superb view of the Bhutan's Himalayas. Upon your arrival in Punakha, you will be taken to your hotel for checking in. Have lunch in Punakha town and visit beautiful Punakha Dzong built in 1637 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. Based on the prophecy of Guru Padmasambava the dzong is

situated between two famous rivers, Pho Chu (Male River) and Mo Chu (Female River).

Later you will visit a farm house in one of the typical villages. You can taste their distilled local wine (Bhutanese Ara), traditional butter tea with snacks. Overall you can enjoy conversation with them and know more on their life and their subsistence farming. And then return back to your hotel, Village Hotel or Punatshangchu Cottages in Punakha.



### **Day 04: Punakha – Phobjikha**

After your breakfast hike for an hour to Chime Lhakhang, this temple was built by Lama Drukpa Kuenley, who is known as Divine Mad Man. He subdued the demons with his "Magical Thunder bolt". The Temple is also known as "the Temple of Fertility". It's believed that the childless women can be conceived after they are blessed from the temple.

And then drive to beautiful Phobjikha valley for 2 hours. Phobjikha valley is a roosting place for the world's rarest Blacked Necked Cranes in winter. Upon arrival at Phobjikha, visit the Crane Information Centre and take a leisure walk around the valley which will also give you a warm feeling of rural Bhutan. Overnight halt stay at the hotel, Dewachen Resort or Gakiling Guest House in Phobjikha.



#### **Day 05: Phobjikha – Paro**

Drive back to Paro will take around 5 ½ hours. And then Visit the National Museum (Ta Dzong) which houses the ancient art and artifacts. And it's been rated as one of the best museum in Asia. After the museum, you will visit the Paro Ringpung Dzong, which is just below the museum and the Dzong is the head of administration for Paro district. Night halt at the hotel, Tashi Namgay Resort or Madala Resort in Paro.



#### **Day 06: Paro Tiger's Nest hike**

After your breakfast drive till the road end and begin your hike up hill. Walking time will be around 5 hours for a round trip. Taktsang monastery is perched on the face of a cliff 800 Mts, above the Paro valley. It is a memorable spiritual journey. It was here that the great Tantric master, Guru Padmasambhava flew in from Tibet on the back of a flying tigress to propagate his teachings in Bhutan. You will eat lunch at the cafeteria where you will be served good vegetarian lunch. Overnight halt stay at the same hotel in Paro.



#### **Day 07: Paro – Singapore**

After your breakfast, our guide and driver will drop you at the airport and bid you good bye for your flight departure.

**Tashi Delek and have a pleasant flight!**

FLIGHT SCHEDULE – DRUK AIR	
KB 501 SIN – CCU ETD: 0700 // ETA: 0900 CCU – PHB ETD: 0940 // ETA: 1120 • Via Kolkata	TUE / THU / SUN
KB 500 PHB – CCU ETD: 0900 // ETA: 0940 CCU – SIN ETD: 1020 // ETA: 1720 • Via Kolkata	MON / SAT / WED

**Tour Cost for Regular Season** (Summer & Winter):

- ✚ 1 person group : SGD 3728 per person
- ✚ 2 person group : SGD 3528 per person
- ✚ 3 person plus group : SGD 3228 per person
- ✚ Bhutan Visa Fee per visit : SGD 68 per person
- ✚ Upgrade from 3 star to 4 star : Twin / Triple room - SGD40 per person  
Single - SGD80 per person

**Cost inclusions:**

- 1 DBL room sharing in 3 Stars hotel
- 3 meals a day with tea/coffee with snacks
- Good English speaking guide
- Comfortable private AC/Car with good driver
- Museums/entry fees
- Airfares by Druk Air
- Bottled drinking water
- Farm house Stay if interested only
- Compliment Hot Stone Bath if interested only
- Compliment cultural show if interested only

**Cost exclusions:**

- Bar Bills
- Laundry bills
- Tipping for guide and driver
- Airport taxes & YQ Taxes estimated SGD 110 (subject to change)