

YTB 08B - 8 N / 9 D - Phuentsholing 2N, Thimphu - 2N, Punakha/Wangdue 2N, Paro - 2N

Day 01: NJP Rly Station / IXB Airport - Phuentsholing

(Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of Phuentsholing: 293 mts.)

On arrival at NJP Railway Station / IXB Airport, you will be transferred to Phuentsholing, a border town in southern Bhutan and a thriving commercial centre. On arrival in Phuentsholing, you will be greeted by your Bhutanese guide. You can spend time taking photographs of the huge ornate gate that welcomes you to Bhutan. Later, check in at the hotel. Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel in Phuentsholing.

Day 02: Phuentsholing - Thimphu

(Distance: 176 kms. / Driving Time: 6 hrs. / Altitude of Thimphu: 2,350 mts.)

After breakfast, complete the immigration formalities and get transferred to Thimphu (7,710 ft.), the capital city of Bhutan. On the way stop at Kharbandi Goemba, a monastery was founded by the Royal Grand Mother, Ashi Phuntsho Choden, in the year 1967. The Monastery lies at an altitude of 400 m. It contains paintings on the life of Buddha, statues of Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal and Guru Rinpoche. A fascinating view of Phuentsholing town and surrounding plains can be seen from the Monastery garden. Later, continue your drive to Thimphu. On the way, you shall see and experience how the plains become small foothills and then the big Himalayan Slopes. On arrival, check in at the hotel. Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel in Thimphu.

Day 03: Thimphu Sightseeing

After breakfast, you will be taken on a tour of Thimphu City. You would be visiting Kuensel Phodrang, the gigantic Buddha Dordenma Statue located atop a hill offering a magnificent view of Thimphu Town; the National Memorial Chorten, a stupa built in 1974 to honour the third King, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, circumambulated by people offering prayers; the Folk Heritage Museum, a traditional house giving an insight into the Bhutanese lifestyle and artefacts from rural households; Changangkha Lhakhang, one of the oldest temples in Thimphu; and Motithang Takin Reserve, a wildlife reserve centre for Takin, the national animal of Bhutan. In the evening, visit Tashichho Dzong, the Fortress of the Glorious Religion. This impressive fortress houses some ministries, His Majesty's secretariat, and the central monk body. Overnight at the hotel in Thimphu.

Day 04: Thimphu - Punakha / Wangdue Sightseeing

(Distance: 77 kms. / Driving Time: 2 hrs. / Altitude of Punakha: 1,310 mts.)

After breakfast, you will be driven to Punakha. Later, halt at Dochula Pass, situated at an altitude of 3,100 m.. The landmarks around the pass include 108 Druk Wangyal Stupas. Continue your drive to Punakha / Wangdue. On arrival, visit Chimi Lhakhang, the Temple of Fertility. It is a short hike of around 30 to 45 minutes. Later, visit Punakha Dzong, located at the confluence of the Mo Chhu and Po Chhu Rivers. Later, check in at the hotel. Evenings are free for leisure. Overnight at the hotel in Punakha / Wangdue.

Day 05: Excursion to Gangtey (Phobjikha) OR Punakha / Wangdue Sightseeing

(Distance: 78 kms. / Driving Time: 3 hrs. / Altitude of Gangtey (Phobjikha): 2,900 mts.)

After breakfast, you would be taken to Gangtey, a beautiful glacial valley that is home to the Black Necked Crane, which arrived in the winter. Here you can also visit Gangtey Goemba, the monastery of the Nyingmapa school of Buddhism, and the Black Necked Crane Information Centre, a place for recreation with crane-watching equipment and reference books. Later in the evening, return to the hotel. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

OR

Alternatively, hike Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten, a hike of about 45 minutes. It offers a breathtaking view of the Punakha Valley. Later, visit Punakha Suspension Bridge and Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Nunnery. The rest of the day is free for leisure. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

Day 06: Punakha / Wangdue - Paro Sightseeing

(Distance: 140 kms. / Driving Time: 4 hrs. / Altitude of Paro: 2,280 mts.)

After breakfast, you will be driven to Paro. En route, stop at the Royal Botanical Garden at Lamperi, Bhutan's first botanical park. Later, continue your drive to Paro. On the way again, stop at the Immigration Check Point in Hongtsho Village to return the permit that was stamped earlier. Enroute stop at Tamchog Lhakhang, situated between Thimphu and Paro, built in the 13th century by Thangthong Gyalpo, also known as the Iron Bridge Builder. Continue your drive to Paro. On arrival, visit Ta Dzong, an ancient watch tower overlooking Paro Valley, built in 1951 and now converted into national museum. Rimpung Dzong, also known as Fortress of the heap of jewels, built during the time of Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal in 1646. Walk down to Nemi Zam Bridge, also known as Nya Mey Zam Bridge, a traditional covered cantilever bridge connecting Paro town to the Dzong. Later, check in at the hotel. Evening free for leisure. Overnight at the hotel in Paro.

Day 07: Paro Sightseeing

After breakfast, visit Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), the home of gods and monks located at an altitude of 3100m in the Upper Paro Valley, Bhutan. As per legend, Guru Rinpoche arrived here on the back of a tigress and meditated at this monastery. The hike to the monastery takes about 5–6 hours to complete. As the hike to Taktsang Monastery is steep



with stiff stairs, it is not recommended to take the hike with small children or elderly people. On the way back, visit Kyichu Lakang, one of the oldest and most sacred temples in Bhutan. Overnight at the hotel in Paro.

Day 08: Paro - Phuentsholing

(Distance: 200 kms. / Driving Time: 7 hrs. / Altitude of Phuentsholing: 293 mts.)

After breakfast check out from hotel. Later you would be driven to Phuentsholing. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel in Phuentsholing.

Day 09: Phuentsholing - NJP Railway Station/IXB Airport

(Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of NJP/IXB: 89 mts.)

After breakfast check out from the hotel. Later you would be transferred to NJP Railway Station / IXB Airport for your onward journey. Tashi Delek!

No of Pax (Cost per Person)	5 Star	4 Star Deluxe	4 Star	3 Star Deluxe	3 Star
2 Pax	Rs.1,48,695	Rs.1,05,340	Rs.86,365	Rs.80,500	Rs.74,750
4 Pax	Rs.1,31,330	Rs.88,090	Rs.69,115	Rs.63,250	Rs.57,500
6 Pax	Rs.1,23,970	Rs.80,615	Rs.61,640	Rs.55,775	Rs.50,025
8 Pax	Rs. 1,21,900	Rs.78,545	Rs. 59,570	Rs.53,705	Rs.47,955
EPSR	Rs.77,740	Rs.54,050	Rs.39,675	Rs.34,270	Rs.30,360
CNB	Rs.38,640	Rs.22,195	Rs.19,090	Rs.14,490	Rs.11,615

Note:

- ❖ GST @ 5 % & TCS @ 5%/20% extra (or any other rate as notified by the Government) on total bill amount.
- ❖ The rates are valid for Indian nationals only holding valid Indian Passport or Voter I Card.
- ❖ In case any sightseeing is closed on any particular day, we shall make arrangements to provide alternate sightseeing on the day same.
- ❖ The above rates are valid from 1st March 2024 to 30th June 2024. High season surcharge will be applicable during festival period i.e. from 20th March 2024 to 26th march 2024 (Paro Tshechu). The dates may change as official changes are announced.

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Accommodation Details

Destination	5 Star	4 Star Deluxe	4 Star	3 Star Deluxe	3 Star
Thimphu	Le Meridien / Pemako / Similar	Termalinca Resort & Spa / Hotel Druk Thimphu / Similar	Hotel Ariya / Hotel Thimphu Deluxe / Hotel Osel / Similar	Tara Phendeyling Hotel / Tashi Yid Wong Grand / Similar	Hotel Migmar / Hotel Samye (Veg) / Hotel Thimphu Central / Similar
Paro	Le Meridien Riverfront / Naksel (Super Deluxe) / Similar	Tenzinling Luxury Tents / Tiger Nest Camp / Kaachi Grand / Himalayan Keys Forest Resort / Similar	Tashi Namgay Resort / Tenzinling Resort / Hotel Olathang Paro (Deluxe Cottages) / Similar	Tiger's Nest Resort / Hotel Golden Paddy Field / Similar	Hotel Drukchen / Paro Eco Lodge / Gawaling Hotel / Tshongdu Boutique / Similar
Punakha / Wangdue	Dhensa Boutique / Similar	RKPO Green Resort / Similar	Khuru Resort / Hotel Rivervalley / Zhingkhram Resort / Similar	Khuru Resort / Hotel Rivervalley / Zhingkhram Resort / Similar	Punakha Residency / Hotel Sonamgang / Pema Karpo / Hotel Zhusa / Similar
Phuentsholing	Hotel Druk / Tashi Namgay Grand Resort / Similar	Hotel Druk / Tashi Namgay Grand Resort / Similar	Hotel Bhutan Ga Me Ga / Hotel Lotus Villa / Similar	Hotel Bhutan Ga Me Ga / Hotel Lotus Villa / Similar	Hotel Alem / Hotel Bhutan Home / Hotel Meto Pema (Veg) / Similar

Vehicle Details, Capacity and supplemental charges for upgradation

Capacity	Bhutan Part	India Part	Supplement Amount	Particulars (Remarks)
1 – 2 Pax	SUV	1 Innova / Xylo / Scorpio	N/A	
3 – 5 Pax	Toyota Hiace / Hyundai H1	1 Innova / Xylo / Scorpio	Rs.11,730	Instead of SUV
6 Pax	Toyota High Roof Hiace	1 Innova / Xylo / Scorpio	Rs.8,970	Instead of Toyota Hiace / Hyundai H1
7 – 8 Pax	Toyota High Roof Hiace	2 Innova / Xylo / Scorpio	N/A	
8 – 12 Pax	Toyota Coaster	2 Innova / Xylo / Scorpio	Rs.38,410	Instead of Toyota High Roof Hiace

Note:

- ❖ The above vehicle capacity includes Child also.
- ❖ In our standard packages we have considered vehicles based on maximum capacity. For instance for 2 Pax travelling together we have taken SUV; for 4 Pax, we have considered Toyota Hiace and for 6 Pax and above till 8 pax, Toyota High Roof Hiace.
- ❖ In case of increase in number of heads including child above the maximum capacity of vehicles considered, the guests will have to take bigger vehicle for which supplement costs shall apply as mentioned above. For example, capacity of SUV is 2 Pax. So if a group size consists of 3 pax where 3rd pax is either an adult or child, than the guests would have to pay supplement for using Toyota Hiace instead of SUV as mentioned above.

Inclusions & Exclusions

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accommodation on twin sharing basis. ▪ All the rooms are base category, unless indicated separately ▪ Meal Plan (MAPAI) ▪ Hotel taxes applicable (as per itinerary). ▪ Guide / Escort charges for Bhutan portion only. ▪ SDF ▪ Exclusive Non a/c vehicle for all transfers & sightseeing as per itinerary. The concept of disposal vehicles is not practiced in Bhutan. The guide and the vehicle shall be available with the guests from 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Air Fare/Train fare, insurance premium, any other activities like rafting, archery etc for which supplemental chares will be applicable to be paid by the guests directly. ▪ Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone bills, bar bills, tips & gratuity, bottled water etc. ▪ Entrance Fees for museums and monuments, Upgradation Charges and Optional Tours to be paid by the guests directly on the spot. ▪ Any additional costs because of additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle other than mentioned in the itinerary will be recovered directly from the guests. Such additional costs are also applicable for usage of vehicle and guide beyond the specified time or normal working hours as mentioned above. ▪ Any cost arising due to unforeseen events like landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc. Such expenses will be recovered directly from the guests on the spot. ▪ Any increase in costs due to increase in government taxes or fuel price or implementation of VISA fees, which increases cost of surface transportation & land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure. ▪ GST & TCS. ▪ Anything which is not included in the inclusion.

Documentation – Permit Requirement

For Indian Nationals – Passport (minimum validity of 6 months from the date of departure from Bhutan)/ Voter I Card or Birth Certificate in English and student ID for child below 18 years is acceptable. In order to process the permit, we need the following documents at least 10 working days before the start of the tour

- Scanned copy of passport size photograph of the tourists.
- Scanned copy of Passport/ Voter I Card or Birth Certificate for child below 18 years
- Travel Insurance is mandatory for all tourists

Permit can also be issued to the guests at the time on arrival in Bhutan at the entry point for which also above documents are required. Guests are advised to always carry photocopy of the travel documents.