

## Splendeurs of Bhutan(4 days)

The Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan offers Western and Asian tourist a unique and well preserved culture and heritage of this beautiful country. A majority of the Bhutanese people are of Tibetan origin and follow a sect of Tibetan Buddhism. One of the least densely populated countries in Asia, Bhutan offers a charming culture and hospitable people amongst a grand landscape of forested mountains and deep valleys gushing with clear rivers. Visit quaint villages with wooden singled rooms, great fortified dzongs and Buddhist monasteries as you literally travel back in time.

Duration: 4 days

Price: \$900

Rating: 3 Star

Group Size: Minimum Pax - 2

Grade: Moderate

Destination: Bhutan

Activity: Tour

### Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Kathmandu - Paro (by Druk Air) Transfer to Thimphu.

Transfer to airport and fly to Paro. A spectacular descent through mountainous valleys brings you into the Kingdom of Bhutan. The beautiful airport is your first glimpse of what's ahead. After clearing customs and visa control you are met by your driver and guide. A short drive along the valley brings you to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan. This very picturesque drive past rural homes, hillside monasteries and chortens only takes 1.5 hours. Settle into your hotel and after lunch at a local restaurant start your sightseeing, visiting the Textile Museum, a traditional paper making factory and the Post office to see Bhutan's beautiful stamps which also depicts about our country's myths, traditions etc. Alternatively you can do less formal sightseeing and walk around the town with your guide. Dinner at restaurant. Overnight at Hotel.

**Day 2:** Thimphu valley sightseeing -Paro

After breakfast drive to 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, visit memorial Chorten, National library and Folk heritage museum. Lunch and afternoon drive to Paro. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 3:** Paro Sightseeing

Morning drive the winding road to Drukgyal Dzong, the ruined fort, which was once defended this valley from Tibetan invasions. Mount Jhomolhari, the sacred summit, reaches skyward beyond the dzong. This can be viewed on a clear day. Drive to Satsam Chorten to hike up to the Taktsang monastery (Tiger's nest). 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 Lhakhang, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan built in 7th century. Drive to visit Ta Dzong, built in the 17th century as a

watch tower for the Paro Dzong. This dzong was converted into the National Museum in 1967. The museum boasts antique thangka, textiles, weapons and armour, household objects and rich assortment of natural and historic artifacts. Below the museum is the Rinpung Dzong, built in 17th century to defend the valley against Tibetan invaders. The dzong is now used as an administration centre and school for monks. A short walk below the dzong takes you across a traditional cantilevered to one of the innumerable archery grounds. (Archery is the national sport of Bhutan). The evening ends with a walk through Paro's main shopping district. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 4:** Day 04 : Paro Departure (by Druk Air)

In the morning, Our Bhutanese agent will escort and bid you farewell at Paro Airport, Goodbye and happy journey back home.