

Best of Bhutan – 2023 - Ex: Bagdogra

7 Nights 8 Days

Day 1

Arrival / Joining at Bagdogra Airport - Jaigaon / Phuentsholing:

On Arrival at Bagdogra Airport, Meet and Greet our Local representative and transfer to Indo - Bhutan Border (Jaigaon - Phuentsholing). Enroute have the beautiful scenic **Tea Garden Estates**: The tea gardens offer a serene escape. Rows of vibrant tea bushes stretch across the landscape, painting a picturesque scene. The aroma of freshly brewed tea leaves fills the air, inviting visitors to indulge in a sensory journey. These gardens are not just visually appealing but also hold the rich history of tea cultivation in the region. The soothing climate and lush surroundings create an ideal environment for tea production. On arrival at Jaigaon, Check-In to the Hotel. Relax or Free time at Leisure or and evening is free for the local market.

Overnight stay at Hotel in Jaigaon.

●Flight (only with Air Package) ●Transfer ●Lunch ●Dinner ●Hotel Stay

Day 2

Jaigaon / Phuentsholing - Thimphu:

This Morning after Breakfast at the Hotel. Drive to Thimphu via Gedu. **Thimphu**: Thimphu is the capital of Bhutan, Thimphu occupies a valley in the country's western interior. In addition to being the government seat, the city is known for its Buddhist sites. The massive Tashichho Dzong is a fortified monastery and government palace with gold-leaf roofs. The Memorial Chorten, a whitewashed structure with a gold spire, is a revered Buddhist shrine dedicated to Bhutan's third king, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck. It is located about 9000 feet. **Chukka Dam (Top View)**: Chukka Dam is Located near Phuentsholing, this monumental structure stands tall, harnessing the power of the mighty rivers to generate electricity. and **Photo-Stop at Wankha Waterfalls**: Wankha Waterfalls is the confluence of two rivers of Bhutan, Thimphu Chu and Paro Chu. On arrival at Thimphu Check-In to the hotel and Relax or Free time at Leisure or evening is free for the local market around Thimphu.

Overnight stay at Hotel in Thimphu.

●Breakfast ●Sightseeing ●Lunch ●Dinner ●Hotel Stay

Day 3

Thimphu Local Sightseeing:

This Morning after Breakfast at the Hotel. Proceed for Local Sightseeing of Thimphu.

Lord Buddha Statue: The Buddha Dordenma is located amidst the ruins of Phodrang, the palace of Sherab Wangchuck, the 13th desi Druk, overlooking the southern approach to Thimphu. On completion, it will be one of the largest statues in the world, at a height of 169 feet (51.5 meters), accommodating 100,000 8-inch tall and 25,000 12-inch tall gilded Buddhas respectively in the interior. The statue is surrounded by 943 acres of forest area that comprises the kuensel phodrang nature park. **The Bhutan Postal Museum**: The Bhutan Postal Museum was established as a part of the celebrations of His Majesty the King Jigme Singye Wangchuck's 60th birth anniversary in 2016. The museum showcases the images that tell this story, along with rare artifacts and Bhutan's rare and unique stamps. In the process it highlights Bhutan's rich traditions and cultural heritage, **The National Library**: The National Library was established in 1967 to preserve ancient dzongkha and Tibetan texts. This library building was built in 2001. The world's biggest published book is also in this library. Bhutan, the book weighs 68 kilograms and is over two meters tall, **Handicraft Emporium**: The National handicraft emporium is run by the National Woman's Association of Bhutan as a Non-government organization that is run under the royal supervision of Her Royal Highness Ashu Sonam Choden Wangchuck. It shows case the finest handicraft which includes locally manufactured hand woven fabrics, wooden mask, cane and bamboo products, traditional wooden utensils, handmade paper, prayer wheels etc, **School of Art & Craft**: The National Institute for Zorig Chusum is located at Pedzoe Lam where it allows you to observe students operating four to six year courses that provide instruction in Bhutan's 13 traditional arts. **The Motithang Takin Preserve**: For animal lovers, Motithang Takin Preserve is one of the best places to visit in Thimphu. This attractive preserved area was built as a small zoo but later it was converted into an animal preserve centre. Takin -The national animal of Bhutan, lives in the Motithang Takin Preserve in Thimphu, **Thimphu Painting School**: - It is also known as Institute for Zorig Chusum where students are taught courses like traditional drawing, painting, carving and to develop skills in arts and crafts, **The Clock Tower**: Clock Tower Square is an example of a great architectural marvel. It is a tower with four clock faces, which makes it different from any other building or structure in Bhutan, **Jungshi handmade paper Factory**: This small factory produces traditional Bhutanese paper handmade from the bark of the daphne bush. You can see the whole process, from soaking and boiling the bark to sorting, crushing, pulping, layering, pressing and drying. Products for sale here include lovely decorated paper with embedded leaves and even dried chilies, plus cards, notebooks, lampshades and calendars, Later Return to the Hotel.

Overnight stay at Hotel in Thimphu.

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Thimphu – Punakha – Thimphu:

This Morning after Breakfast at Hotel. Proceed for the Day excursion to **Punakha** and Visit **Dochu-la Pass**: Dochu-la pass (3,088m/ 10,130 ft) stopping briefly here to take in the view and admire the chorten, Mani wall, and prayer flags which decorate the highest point on the road. If skies are clear, the following peaks can be seen from this pass (left to right): Masagang (7,158m), Tsendagang (6,960m), Terigang (7,060m), Jejegangphugang (7,158 m), Kangphugang (7,170 m), Zongphugang (7,060 m), a table mountain that dominates the isolated region of Lunana - finally Gangkar puensum, the highest peak in Bhutan at 7,497m. **Punakha Dzong**: It is the most beautiful Dzong located in two rivers named Pho Chu (male) and Mo Chu (female) in Punakha, Mo Chu is widely preferred for first-timers, kids and elderly people. Upon visiting the Punakha Dzong, visitors will not only be mesmerised by the Bhutanese architectural marvel but will get an opportunity to explore the sacred history of this ancient place, **Punakha Suspension Bridge**: One of the oldest suspension bridges in the world, Punakha Suspension Bridge in Bhutan was believed to be built by the Buddhist Monk, Thangtong Gyalpo. This ancient hanging bridge is draped with prayer flags all along and provides a perfect spot for bird watching and nature photography. This historical bridge is worldwide known for its picturesque appearance. Later return back at the Hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel in Thimphu.

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Thimphu – Paro - Paro Sightseeing:

This Morning after Breakfast at Hotel. Check-Out & Proceed to Paro and Visit **Paro Airport View**: This is one of the most stunning airports in the World and also the country's first and only international airport. With a breath-taking view, this airport became a must-visit place in Paro Then walk down the trail to visit Rinpung Dzong, meaning ("fortress of the heap of jewels"), which has a long and fascinating history. Along the wooden galleries lining the inner courtyard are fine wall paintings illustrating Buddhist lore such as four friends, the old man of long life, the wheel of life, scenes from the life of Milarepa, Mount. Sumeru and other cosmic Mandala, **National Museum of Bhutan (Ta-Dzong)** An ancient watchtower that now displays hundreds of ancient Bhutanese artifacts and artwork including traditional costumes, armour, weaponry, and handcrafted implements for daily life. The collections represent the rich cultural traditions of the country., **Ugyen Pema Woedling Zangthopelri, Paro Overview**: Ugyen Pema Woedling Zangthopelri is unquestionably one of the most spectacular monasteries in Paro. Often left unnoticed by tourists, this sacred site watches the daily hustle-bustle silently from a small corner of the town. The marvellous structures of Buddha and the huge statue of Guru Tshen Geyed inside the monastery is one of its highlights. It's often called the hidden gem of Paro, as it cannot be easily found on maps nor is it always open. Ta Dzong - Ta Dzong, once upon a time was a watchtower, built to protect Rinpung Dzong in war times, it was built in 1649, in the year 1968 it was inaugurated as Bhutan's National Museum. **Drukgyal Dzong**: Drukgyal Dzong was a Buddhist Monastery. It is also translated as the 'Victorious Fortress'. This is the place where several victories over marauding Tibetan invaders. It is considered the most beautiful and famous archaeological site in Bhutan. Later Enjoy your Dinner at the Hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel in Paro.

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Paro - Excursion to Chelela Pass - Paro:

This Morning after Breakfast at the Hotel & proceed for Day Excursion to Chele la Pass: Chele la (pass) at an elevation 3,988 meters is considered to be one of the highest memorable passes in Bhutan. About an hour's drive along a thickly-forested road, is this Pass-a botanical paradise. The pass provides stunning views of the sacred mountain Jomolhari and Jichu Drake. It is also marked by hundreds of prayer flags fluttering in the wind. Here, visitors can see cascades of wild roses; purple and yellow primulas; and swathes of deep blue iris covering the forest floor. The top of the pass bloom with rhododendrons in a variety of colours-pale pink, deep pink, burnt orange, mauve, white and scarlet, later return Back at the Hotel, Enjoy your Dinner at the Hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel in Paro.

●Breakfast ●Sightseeing ●Lunch ●Dinner ●Hotel Stay

Paro - Lataguri:

This Morning after Breakfast at the Hotel & Check-out. Later transfer to Lataguri. On Arrival Check-In and Relax of Free Time at Leisure for Shopping. Enjoy your Dinner at the Hotel Overnight stay at Hotel in Lataguri.

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Departure:

This Early Morning Guest can have **Jungle Safari by Car / Elephant Ride (at own Cost)**. Later return back to the Hotel. This Morning after Breakfast at the Hotel & Check-out. Later transfer to the Airport to onward destination with memorable experiences of tour conducted by Neem Holidays Private Limited. Let's stay in touch through Facebook, Instagram Websites & Emails and meet you again on another memorable tour. See You Soon!

●Breakfast ●Transfer ●Flight (for Air Package only)

INCLUSIONS:

- Return Airfare: Economy Class - Ex Mumbai (For Flight Package Only).
- 07 Nights Accommodations at the 3 Star / Deluxe Hotel on base category Rooms.
- Hotels in Jaigaon & Lataguri sector may be standard to Very Standard.
- 07 Breakfast, 07 Lunch & 07 Dinner.
- Vehicle are on Point to Point Basis, not at Disposal.
- Transfers & Sightseeing by Local Union Vehicle during the day only (Non Ac in Hilly areas).
- Sight Seeing as per Itinerary (Other than Suggested Optional Sightseeing).
- Sustainable Development Fees (SDF) ₹1200/- Per Person / Per Night for Indian Nationals.
- Travel Insurance for Travellers.
- Services of Tour Manager / Professional Hindi & English Speaking Guide.
- All Permit Fees, Hotel Taxes.
- Toll Tax, Parking charges & Driver allowance.
- Rates are valid for INDIAN NATIONALS only.

EXCLUSIONS:

- GST & TCS as per Government Norms.
- Flight Fare (For Land Package Only) / Train Fares.
- Jungle Safari / Elephant Ride.
- Transfers / Extra usage of Vehicle, which are not mentioned in the Itinerary.
- Suggested Optional Sightseeing.
- RT- PCR, Any Entry Ticket, Any Extra Charges, Water, Beverages & Drinks, Tips, Gratuity & Porterage, Any personal Expense, Telephone & Internet expense, Rafting, Rock climbing, Paragliding, Hiking, Trekking, Ropeway, River Rafting & River crossing, water & other Sports activity, Sky-Walk, Anything which is not mentioned in Inclusion List.
- Anything which is not mentioned in the "Inclusions".

Important information:

- Documents required for Bhutan Immigration: Voter ID / Passport with 6 Months validity from the tour return date of the tour.
- Children below 18 years can carry Birth Certificate (written in English only)
- For Extra adult in the room we will provide an extra bed (wherever possible), but most of the hotels only provide an extra mattress or roll out bed. Most of the hotels have no provision of an extra bed.
- The above mentioned hotels will be confirmed as per the room availability. Otherwise similar category hotels will be provided. All the rooms are base category

Please Note:

- 2 Doses of vaccination are mandatory, Please carry Final Vaccination Certificate.
- Itinerary may subject to change as per flight timings, weather Condition, Covid 19 Norms / SOP's, availability of guide & entrance Tickets (if any) etc.
- 03 Passport size recent Photograph of every Guest (Adult and Child).
- Original valid photo ID card (Passport/ Voter Id Card / Driving License) with 03 Xerox copies.
- Pan Card or Aadhar Card are not allowed.
- For the Children between 05 to 18 years must have to carry their school photo identity card & Below 05 Years birth certificate in English (If passport not present).
- Arrival / Departure details of the Guest with Mobile No. (Carried during Tour).
- Please carry limited luggage only, else additional vehicle charges to be borne by Guest.

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HOTEL:

Destination	Night	Hotels	Meals
Jaigaon	01	Hotel Sheetal Residency or Similar.	All Meals
Thimphu	03	Silverpine Boutique or Similar.	All Meals
Paro	02	Hotel Ratna Vara or Similar.	All Meals
Lataguri	01	The Firefly Resort or Similar.	All Meals

Hotel

GST & TCS Extra as applicable.

- Prevailing GST rate is at 5% / GST Rate @10% without Pan Card (If PAN CARD is not available / submitted) will be applicable Extra or as per Government Norms.
- TCS rate is at 5% will be applicable Extra as per Government Norms.
- A new directive has been released by RBI regarding remittance process. It is now mandatory to submit PAN details of all passengers for all LRS (Liberalised Remittance Scheme) remittances irrespective of the value.
- In case of any changes in the GST / TCS rate by government by travelling date, then the customers have to bear the difference of the same.

TAXES

General Advisory On Baggage & Vehicle:

- General advisories regarding your baggage & Vehicle travel
- Maximum 02 (Two) pieces of Check-In & Hand Baggage (01 Piece each) are permitted to be carried in the Bus during travel. If any guest wishes to carry additional baggage on board which is not compliant with the permissible limits. it is at discretion of baggage space in the bus subject to availability. Hence would request all guest to follow the above strictly and avoid inconvenience to other co-passengers on Board.
- The turn round for breakdown of Vehicle / Bus on tour is minimum of 3 Hours.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- Booking Amount is ₹ 25,000/- per person to confirm the booking.
- Balance Amount to be cleared 45 days prior to start date of the tour.

Payment

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Days (Prior to Departure)	Percentage of invoice
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| • 00 Days to 07 Days | 100 % |
| • 08 Days to 18 Days | 85% |
| • 19 Days to 30 Days | 75% |
| • 31 Days to 45 Days | 50% |
| • 46 Days to 60 Days | 40% |
| • 61 Days to 90 Days | 30% |
| • 91 Days or Above | 10% or booking amount (whichever is higher). |

In case of cancellation, entire refundable amount will be given in form of a Credit Note. Credit note can only be used by the person in whose name it is issued.

Credit note will be valid for 1 year from date of issue.

Please Note: In case of Visa rejection, the above-mentioned cancellation policy shall apply. Issuing of Visa or Rejection is solely in hands of Visa Consulate. Neem Holidays Pvt. Ltd. is not liable for any rejections.

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- No name change allowed after booking.
- Minimum booking amount is ₹ 25,000/- Per Person.
- Booking Amount will be non-refundable once booked.
- Hotels may collect the Refundable Security Deposits as per Hotel Policy.
- No transfers will be provided for Meals, Meals at Indian Restaurants are by walking.
- Vehicle are on Point to Point basis only, Guest has to pay the additional Charges for extra usage of vehicle.
- If the Group Tour Passengers are less than reserved Tour block, then the Booking may be re-arranged as per the Available passengers in the Group Tour. If the Guests are increased / Decreased, Tour cost may vary, all the Guest will have to bear the same & bound to pay.
- As per health conditions requesting guests to please carry Medicines, Snacks, Biscuits Etc.
- Please Read, Carry & follow the Valid Neem Voucher provide by Neem Holidays Private Limited, which will be issued 3 Days Prior to the Departure.
- Tour Manager Service will only be provided if the Group size is of 30 passengers or above. For group with size of less than 30 passengers, driver-cum-guide will accompany you.
- PAN Card is Mandatory at the time of booking for every guest (Guest travelling outside India) aged 18 years and above.
- Passport is Mandatory at the time of booking for every Guest travelling outside India.
- Validity of the Passport Should be 6 Months and above from the date of Return Journey.
- Universal standard check-in time is 15:00 Hrs & check-out time is 10:00 hrs. All Hotel stays will strictly follow these timings and passengers need to comply with the same.
- Early Check-In and/or Late Check-Out will not be possible.
- If tour get cancelled due to any Virus and Outbreaks, Covid or Similar or any Government restrictions then cancellation charges would be waived off and credit note will be given to be utilized in future.
- Neem Holidays Private Limited in no way shall be responsible for Cancellation of Flights, Change of time for Flight / Trains / Bus / Ferry, Missing of Flight / Trains / Bus / Ferry, Any kind of Medical problems or Medical emergencies, Any kind of Loss, Loss due to injury / damage to person or property in connection with the Flight, Train, Bus, Ferry, Transportation, Hotels, Airports, Water, Marine Transport, caused by acts of strikes, Riots, War, Virus Outbreak, Covid or similar, Lock-Down, pilferage, breakdown of machinery, accidents, Political disturbances, Electricity Failures, Natural Calamities, Government Policies & Permissions, Force Majeure etc.
- All the Sightseeing depends on all the Permits, weather & road condition, Land Slides, Permission from the government authorities.
- Vehicles facilities are available only Up to parking. Guest has to manage their transfer's from parking to sightseeing Locations (if required).
- 2 Doses of vaccination are mandatory, please carry Final Vaccination Certificate. RTPCR is required for Abu Dhabi Visit.
- Itinerary may subject to change as per flight timings, weather Condition, Covid 19 Norms and SOP's, availability of guide & entrance Tickets (if any) etc.
- Any Cost during any type of Natural Calamities / Medical Emergencies / Changes in the tour had to be payable by guest on the Spot.
- All disputes are subject to Mumbai Jurisdiction only.
- No refunds will be given for Unutilised / partially utilised services.