

**BHUTAN**  
**7 nights 8 days**  
**Thimphu - Punakha – Paro**



**DEC 2017 – JAN 2018 SPECIAL !**

**Sample Itinerary**

Day	Itinerary	Deluxe Hotels	Deluxe - Luxury Hotels Mix
1	Arrival on Druk Air from Bangkok to Paro. Transfer to Thimphu. Thimphu sightseeing in the afternoon: take a drive up to <b>Kuenselphodrang</b> to visit one of the largest sitting Buddha statues in the world measuring 51.5 metres. Late afternoon visit <b>Tashicho Dzong</b> – this fortress has been the seat of the government since 1952 and presently half the Dzong belongs to the monk body and the other half houses the throne room and offices of the king, the secretariat and the ministries of home affairs and finance. End your day by visiting the Weekend Farmer's Market where farmers from all over the country come to sell their produce.	Druk Hotel Deluxe Room	Zhiwaling Ascent Superior Room
2	Whole day Thimphu sightseeing: Visit the School of Arts & Crafts where students are taught the 13 Arts of Bhutan such as painting, wood carving and statue making to name a few. Next visit the Bhutanese Silversmiths where you will see the silversmiths busy at work. Follow by a visit to the Bhutanese Paper Factory- Here you will see the entire process of how Bhutanese Paper which are made using the Daphne and Dhekap tree. Next visit the Royal Textile Academy to see the unique exhibition of Bhutanese textile. Late afternoon visit Changangkha Lhakang. This 15th century monastery is one of the oldest monasteries in Thimphu. End your day by visiting the National Memorial Chorten- a stupa built in memory of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> King of Bhutan.	Druk Hotel Deluxe Room	Zhiwaling Ascent Superior Room



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3	Morning visit <b>Simtokha Dzong</b> – the oldest Dzong (fortress) in the country built in 1629. You will then drive up to <b>Dochula Pass</b> (3100 metres) where you will visit the 108 <b>Druk Wangyel Chorten</b> . These beautiful 108 chortens (stupas) were built by the Queen Mother Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck in honor of His Majesty the fourth king of Bhutan. Continue your drive down to <b>Phobjikha valley</b> . This beautiful valley is the winter home of the black necked cranes, an endangered bird who migrate from Tibet to Bhutan for six months in winter. Afternoon explore the valley on foot.	Dewachen Hotel	Dewachen Hotel
4	Morning visit the Gangtey Goenpa Monastery and then drive to Punakha. Lunch stop in Lobesa. After lunch visit <b>Chimmi Lhakang</b> – also known as the Monastery of the Divine Madman or the Fertility Monastery.	Kunzangzhing Hotel Luxury Room	Dhensa Hotel
5	Sightseeing of Punakha, the old capital of Bhutan. Morning visit the magnificent <b>Punakha Dzong</b> considered to be the most beautiful Dzong in the country. The Dzong is built at the confluence of the Pho Chu (Male River) and the Mo Chu (Female River). Next visit the <b>Sangchen Dorji Lhendup Nunnery</b> & spend the rest of the day at a <b>village in Punakha</b> where you will get to experience the village life.	Kunzangzhing Hotel Luxury Room	Dhensa Hotel
6	Re-trace drive to Paro with lunch stop in Thimphu. Before your drive to Paro visit the <b>Bhutan Postal Museum</b> , where guests will get a chance to make stamps using their own pictures. In Paro visit the <b>Paro Ringpung Dzong</b> , where the district Monastic Body and government administrative offices of Paro Dzongkhag are housed. End your day by visiting the <b>Ta Dzong Museum</b> . The museum is housed in the watchtower of the Paro Ringpung Dzong artwork including traditional costumes, armor, weaponry and handcrafted implements for daily life. The collection at the National Museum preserves a snap-shot of the rich cultural traditions of the country	Naksel Hotel Deluxe Room	Zhiwaling Hotel Junior Suite



7	Hike to <b>Tiger's Nest Monastery or Taktsang</b> as it is known to the locals. This is the most iconic landmark of Bhutan. It was first built in 1692 at a cave where Guru Rimpoche meditated in the 7th century A.D. Legend states that Guru Rimpoche flew to the site atop the back of a tigress and meditated in the cave for 3 years, 3 months, 3 days and 3 hours in order to subdue evil demons residing within it. The cave has been considered a sacred site ever since and many famous saints have travelled to meditate in it. Today's hike will take 3-4 hours. Relaxing afternoon or explore Paro town.	Naksel Hotel Deluxe Room	Zhiwaling Hotel Junior Suite
8	Departure on Druk Air in the afternoon or Bhutan Airlines in the morning.		
	2 Pax	USD 4,425 /Couple	USD 5,058 /Couple
	3 Pax	Double Room: USD 3972/ Couple  Single Room: USD 2,504 / per person	Double Room: USD 4,605 /Couple  Single Room USD 2,843 / Per person
	4 Pax	USD 3,972/ Per Couple	USD 4,573/Couple
<b><u>Rates are valid during December 2017 and January 2018 Only</u></b> <b>Above costing inclusive of:</b> <b>All hotels mentioned in the itinerary (based on single/double occupancy as mentioned),</b> <b>all meals, an English speaking guide, all tours/sightseeing, Bhutan Visa fee and Government royalty.</b>			
<b>Druk Air Fare Supplement :</b>  Bangkok – Paro – Bangkok: USD 805/Person in Economy & USD 860/person in Business class			

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