



25 November – 01 December 2026

# Bhutan

Five Night Optional extension

**Bhutan is a land of striking contrasts, where subtropical plains rise to towering peaks and ancient valleys. This enchanting kingdom seamlessly blends tradition with modernity—monks type sacred Buddhist texts on laptops while traditional archers wield high-tech bows. Under visionary leadership, Bhutan has preserved both its pristine mountain wilderness and distinctive cultural heritage, creating a truly unique destination where past and present coexist in perfect harmony.**





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### Wednesday 25 Kolkata - Paro (Bhutan) - Thimphu B L D

Morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Paro. This flight into the Himalayas reveals breath-taking views of the world's highest peaks, taking you right to the Dragon Kingdom's cloud scraping airstrip in the lush green valley of Paro (2350m) Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your local English-speaking guide and driven to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan. On route stop at Chuzom before an evening visit to Trashichhoe Dzong, the beautiful medieval fortress/monastery that houses most of the Governments office and the Kings Throne room. Afterwards enjoy a walk through Thimphu Main Street and market area.

### Thursday 26 Thimphu B L D

On today's sightseeing tour of Thimphu, visit the Memorial Chorten, the stupa built in memory of Bhutan's Third King who is popularly regarded as Father of modern Bhutan. Continue on to visit Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang) and enjoy panoramic views of the Thimphu valley. You have an option to trek/hike to Changangkha Lhakhang along a cycling trail through blue pine forest to view the Thimphu Valley. The hike will take about two hours return. Later, drive to the Painting School where students produce intricate designs on cloth; the Textile Museum; and the Simply Bhutan Museum for an insight into the history, lifestyle and architecture of the Bhutanese culture. End the day with a visit to the Takin Preserve to see the national animal of Bhutan before dinner at the hotel tonight.

### Friday 27 Thimphu - Punakha B L D

Today drive to Punakha with a stop enroute to visit Simtokha Dzong, one of the first Dzong built in the 17th Century by Zhabdrung Hawang Namgyel, before a short stop at the Dochula pass (3,050 m), which offers enchanting views of the 108 stupas against the backdrop of the majestic Himalayas. Visit the temple of Chimi Lhakhang before continuing on to Punakha Dzong, the 17th Century fortress which has played an important role in the building up of modern Bhutan. Afterwards visit the longest bridge in Bhutan spanning the Pho Chu River before dinner at the hotel.

### Saturday 28 Punakha - Paro B L D

Drive to Paro, home to many of Bhutan's oldest temples and monasteries and the country's only airport. After lunch visit Ta Dzong, Bhutan's National Museum, before continuing on to Ringpung Dzong, which was built in 1646 and houses the district's Monastic Body as well as the government administrative offices of Paro.

### Sunday 29 Paro B L D

After an early breakfast, depart for an excursion to the Taktsang Monastery, the most famous of Bhutanese monasteries. It is said the Guru Rinpoche arrived here on the back of a tigress and meditated at this monastery, hence it is called the 'Tiger's Nest'. You have an option to trek/hike to a view point (five hour round trip). Afternoon free to explore Paro at your leisure.

### Monday 30 Paro - Kolkata - Singapore B

Return to the airport for your flight to Kolkata. Upon arrival in Kolkata transfer airport hotel to rest before your evening flight to Singapore.

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### Tuesday 01 Singapore - Auckland

Change planes in Singapore and continue on to Auckland.

### Cost\* per person

Twin Share	\$7,453
Single	\$10,413

### A further deposit of \$1,000 per person required

- \* Based on a minimum of two people travelling
- \* This is a cash / cheque price. Credit cards incur a 1.5% fee
- \* Itinerary subject to change and currency fluctuations

### Inclusions

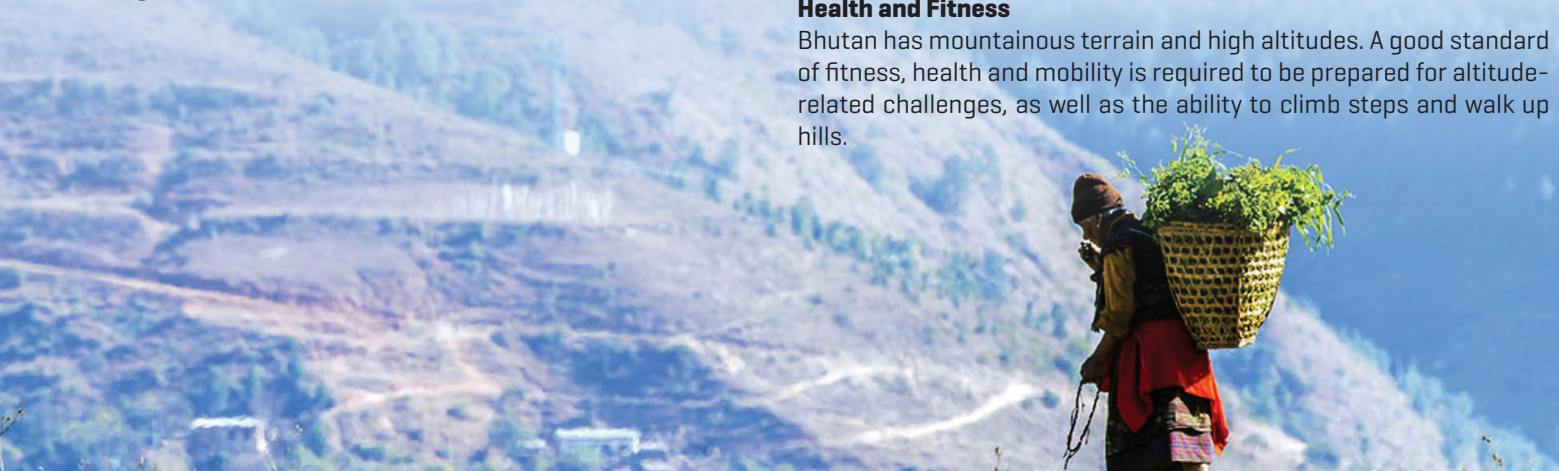
- Economy air flights Kolkata - Bhutan - Kolkata
- Five nights' accommodation in Bhutan
- Travel on air conditioned SUV or similar
- All meals
- Entrance fees
- All transport and as outlined in the itinerary
- Services of an English-speaking guide
- Government Royalty Taxes and Bhutan Visa fee

### Exclusions

- Camera / video fees at monuments
- Items of a personal nature
- No Pukekohe Travel escort
- Travel insurance - please ask us for a quote
- Porterage at hotels
- Gratuities

### Health and Fitness

Bhutan has mountainous terrain and high altitudes. A good standard of fitness, health and mobility is required to be prepared for altitude-related challenges, as well as the ability to climb steps and walk up hills.



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