



Trip Facts

Price: USD 2140

Duration: 9 days

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Location: Bhutan/Nepal

Max Altitude: 2,800m

Accommodation: Hotel/Lodge

Meals: All meals included during the trekking

Religious: Buddhism

Ethnic People: Bhutanese

Transportation: Flight/Tourist bus/Private vehicle

Group Size: 02-15 Pax

Highlights

- A stunning journey to the land of the thunder dragon- Bhutan
- Enjoy the unique Bhutanese culture deep-seated with the Buddhist way of life
- Journey through stunning fortresses and exquisite natural beauty in Bhutan
- Witness surreal Himalayan panorama on the flight to/from Bhutan

Overview

Surrounded by China and India, Bhutan often goes unnoticed in the map due to its small size. The nation covers a total of 38,394 km² of area, which in hindsight isn't too big. However, Bhutan, despite its small size, is filled with mesmerizing natural landscapes, unique culture and a way of life that you cannot find anywhere else. The Bhutan Short Trek by Himalaya Land Treks is a trip that explores the whole of Bhutan including its natural and cultural aspects.

Bhutan has always flaunted its Buddhist heritage through its majestic Dzongs, Gompas, and traditional buildings. A premium destination to learn about the ancient teachings of Buddhism, the nation embodies the sacred scriptures, following it to perfection. Often referred to as "the Land of the Thunder Dragon", owing to its occurrence of large thunderstorms, the people of Bhutan believe that the Thunder Dragon or the Druk brings prosperity and peace. And while many mythological facts are supporting how the name came to be, the Druk has been a prominent icon around Bhutan for a long time, appearing on its national flag as well.

Kicking off our Bhutan Short Trip after a lovely tour around the stunning UNESCO world heritage sites in Kathmandu, we fly over to Paro which hosts the sole international airport in all of Bhutan. Through the banks of the Paro Chu River, we head towards Paro for our first night on the go. Heading to Thimpu next, we take a day off at the Bhutanese capital, enjoying a lovely hike to the Wandi Tse Gompa while also making sure we do not miss anything around the stunning city.

Likewise, following a few rivers which mark so much of the Bhutanese landscapes and make our way over to Punakha. Next, we head back to Paro which brings our adventure to a close. The final day of the trip sees us travel back to the capital city of Kathmandu preparing for our final departure.

We, here at Himalaya Land Treks, have been accompanying trekkers and adventurers alike for over a decade. With well-constructed itineraries and well-trained guides, at Himalaya Land Treks, we make sure you don't miss a thing especially when it involves learning the local lore,



culture, and history, accompanied by the best services throughout the journey.

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Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu (1300m/4265ft)

Accommodation: Overnight at 3 star Hotel

Touching down at Kathmandu, you will be welcomed by a company member who will guide you directly to your hotel. Freshening up from the day's journey, you will be further introduced to other members of the staff alongside your guides for the trek who will brief you on the day to day itinerary. Wrapping up the activities for the day, you are free to head down to the local area and enjoy the pleasant evening.

Day 2: Kathmandu valley sightseeing and tour preparation

Accommodation: Overnight at 3 star Hotel | **Meal:** Breakfast

Kicking off the journey officially, we take another day off in the valley to enjoy the UNESCO world heritage sites while also making sure we are well prepared for the Bhutan tour. As the journey covers international territories, it is necessary to gather all the necessary permits for entry into Bhutan. In the due course of gathering our permits, we also tour around premium heritages of the city, including Pashupatinath, Kathmandu Durbar Square, and Boudhanath.

Day 3: Fly to Paro (2200m/7218ft)

Accommodation: Lodge/tea house | **Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

The first day of our trip and we begin our journey to the stunning city of Paro which also hosts the only international airstrip throughout the country of Bhutan. Flying over the stunning Himalayas over the Indian city of Sikkim, we head over to Bhutan, which takes about an hour. On the banks of the Paro Chuu River, touching down at the Paro international airport is quite a scenic experience. From the airport, we make our way over to the hotel, bringing the day to a close.

Day 4: Paro to Thimpu (2334m/7657ft)

Accommodation: Lodge/tea house | **Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

You will explore the Paro today, touring its premium heritages like the Rinpung Dzong and the National Museum of Bhutan. After that, we make our way over to the capital city of Thimpu.

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The journey takes a total of 2 hours and follows the Paro Chu River back to the airport continuing through the Paro-Thimpu Highway. The next stretch of the journey takes us through the banks of the Thimpu Chu River which races past the town of Babesa and over to the capital city of Thimpu.

Day 5: Hike to Wangdi Tse Gompa and sightseeing around Thimpu

Accommodation: Lodge/tea house | **Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

One of the more relaxing days of the trek, today, we make our way to the stunning Wangdi Tse Gompa which boasts mesmerizing views of the Trashi Chhoe Dzong and the upper Thimpu valley. The journey begins from Sangaygang or the BBS tower, with the trail ascending through the hilly landscapes over to the monastery. We begin our descending journey heading towards the Dechen Phodrang Monastic School. After a brief rest back at the hotel, we make our way over to the local city areas where we can enjoy the cultural vibrancy of Thimpu. Overnight at Thimpu.

Day 6: Thimpu to Punakha (1242m/4075ft)

Accommodation: Lodge/tea house | **Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Exiting the capital city of Thimpu, we begin our journey following the Thimpu Chu River back to Babesa before heading further east towards Yusipang. Past the Royal Botanical Garden, we arrive at Mendrelgang which marks our entry into Punakha. The final stretch of the journey follows the Puna Tsang Chu; we will head past vibrant hamlets to reach the town of Punakha.

Day 7: Punakha to Paro (2200m/7218ft)

Accommodation: Lodge/tea house | **Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Our final day in the country of Bhutan- we make our way back to the city of Paro. Retracing our steps with the familiar routes heading alongside the Puna Tsang Chu River, we make our way out of Punakha. Following the Thimpu Chu River midway through the journey, we once again reach the confluence of the Thimpu Chu and the Paro Chu Rivers. The final step of the journey takes us back to Paro.



Day 8: Fly back to Kathmandu | Farewell Dinner (1300m/4265ft)

Accommodation: Overnight at 3 star Hotel | **Meal:** Breakfast/Farewell Dinner

An early start to the day, we will make our way back to Kathmandu, once again enjoying the stunning beauty of Bhutan before flying over the mesmerizing Himalayas at Sikkim. Reaching the capital city, we make our way directly to the hotel, which brings our travel to a close. Feel free to make your way into the local region before a farewell dinner hosted by the Himalaya Land Treks.

Day 9: Final Departure Day

Meal: Breakfast

Our representatives will once again drop you back to Tribhuvan International Airport just in time for your flight back home. We hope you had a lovely time with us and we look forward to seeing you again.

Trip Cost Includes

- Airport pick up and drop facility.
- Bhutan Royalties, tourists fees, Visa fees.
- Full-day guided city tour in Kathmandu by a private vehicle.
- farewell dinner at one of the finest Nepalese Restaurant with traditional ethnic music and dance.
- 3-star hotel in Kathmandu for 3 nights
- Accommodation during the tour
- Breakfast, Lunch, and dinner during the tour
- All permits for Bhutan
- Licensed, experienced and English speaking tour guides
- All ground transportation in Bhutan and Nepal

Trip Cost Excludes

- Nepal arrival visa.

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- Cost for additional trips.
 - Meals in the city except for breakfast and other mentioned special dinner.
 - Kathmandu-Paro-Kathmandu flight tickets.
 - The cost incurred during the tour around the city.
 - Medical/Travel Insurance.
 - All personal expenses such as bars, beverages, laundry, telephone, tips etc.
 - Tipping to staffs