

Bhutan Villages Tour



Dates	At travelers discretion
Trip Duration	10 nights/11 days
Difficulty Rating	Easy/Moderate
Highlights	A great mixture of remote excursions, popular sightseeing, hiking, homestays and hotel stays.
Cost	Cost depends on the group size. Contact us for details. Costs will include ground transportation to and from Paro airport, transportation and entrance fees to all listed activities, entry fees, all meals, accommodations.

Itinerary	<p>Day 1 Arrive at Paro Airport. You will be received by our guide at the Paro International Airport and escorted to your hotel for refreshment. Overnight in Paro.</p> <p>Day 2 Paro -Thimphu. After breakfast drive for sightseeing of Paro Valley. Visit Drukyl Valley. From there you can see the view of Jhomolhari. Visit typical Bhutanese farmhouse. On the way you can see views of Taksang (Tiger's Nest) Monastery. Visit Ta-Dzong (National Museum in Bhutan). Evening drive to Thimphu. Overnight at hotel.</p> <p>Day 3 Thimphu - Wangdue. Early morning drive for sunrise at Dochu-la Pass. The road climbs for about one hour until you reach the pass, altitude 10,000 ft. Breakfast will served at Dochu-la Restaurant. Then you can walk for birdwatching. After lunch you can walk to Tobesa Village. Overnight at farmhouse or hotel.</p> <p>Day 4 Wangdue - Trongsa. After breakfast drive to Trongsa, (Central Bhutan) over Pele-la pass and Yutong-la pass. Overnight at lodge.</p> <p>Day 5 Trongsa - Bumthang. After breakfast visit Trongsa Dzong and drive to Bumthang. Before Bumthang, stop at Gyetsa village and Chumey Valley. Overnight at farmhouse or hotel.</p> <p>Day 6 Bumthang. After breakfast drive for sightseeing of the beautiful Bumthang Valley with a visit to the courtyard of Kurje Lhakhang, Jamapa Lhakhang, Tamshing Lhakhang and Kencho Sum Lhakhang and visit Jakar Dzong. Evening walk around the town of Bumthang. Overnight at farmhouse or hotel.</p> <p>Day 7 Ura. Early breakfast then drive 35 miles to Ura valley. If the time permits visit the Ura Lhakhang. Packed lunch will be served. If there is festival at Jakar, you can enjoy the festival. The program will be sent to you if you travel during the fall festival. Overnight at hotel.</p> <p>Day 8 Bumthang - Wangdue. After breakfast drive back to Wangdue. During this journey we will arrange a campfire at Nobding. Overnight at camp or farmhouse.</p> <p>Day 9 Wangdue - Punakha. After breakfast hike to Chime Lhakhang for 15 minutes. This site has been blessed by the famous "Divine Madman". The temple is a pilgrimage site for women who are unable to bear children. Visit Punakha Dzong. Overnight at hotel or homestay.</p> <p>Day 10 Punakha - Thimphu. Today we are going back to Thimphu over Dochu-la Pass. Stop at Hongsto to see the houses of Tibetan people who have become Bhutanese citizens. Visit Hongsto Lhakhang, founded in 1525 by the 14th Drukpa hierarch of Tibet. Overnight at hotel.</p> <p>Day 11 Thimphu - Paro. Early morning drive to Paro then one house hike to Taksang (Tiger's Nest). The magical monastery clings to a vertical granite cliff 3000 ft above the valley floor. In the evening a farmhouse will arrange hot stone baths. Dinner will be served with local wine. Overnight at hotel.</p> <p>Day 12 Paro. Early morning drive to Paro international airport after breakfast.</p>
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