



Dates January to May and September to December

Trip Duration Trek: 3 nights / 4 days
Total stay: 9 nights / 10 days

Difficulty Rating Easy-Moderate

Highlights Samtengang Winter Trek is the one of the easier low altitude winter treks in Bhutan. This trek is for beginners and can be finished within 3-4 days. We will passing several villages and walking through forests of rhododendron and oak trees. We'll also see paddy fields and monasteries. In the month of March, we can see the rhododendron flowers in full bloom and sometimes the orchids also.

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

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. After the lunch visit National Museum and Paro Dzong. Evening stroll around Paro. Overnight in Paro.

Day 2 Paro. Hike one hour to Taktshang Monastery (Tiger's Nest). Afternoon visit Drukgyel Dzong and Kyichu Lhakhang. Evening visit at a farmhouse for dinner with local wine. Overnight at hotel.

Day 3 Paro - Thimphu. After breakfast drive to 1 hour to Thimphu and check-in at hotel. Hike to Wangdueshe, visit wildlife preserve to see the Takin. Visit Drukthop Lhakhang Nunnery and Folk Heritage Museum. Visit Painting School, National Library and evening visit to the Handicrafts Emporium for shopping. Overnight at hotel.

Day 4 Thimphu - Punakha. Drive to Punakha over Dochu-la Pass (10,000 ft). Visit Drukwangyel Chorten and take a short hike to Chimney Lhakhang - the temple of fertility. After lunch visit the magnificent Punakha Dzong then and drive to a scenic viewpoint of Khamsumyule Namgyel chorten. Overnight at hotel.

Day 5 Punakha - Limbukha (start of trek). We will start our trek opposite the Punakha Dzong. The route will pass by villages and paddy fields and through forests of pine and rhododendron. Overnight camp.

Day 6 Limbukha - Chungsakha. We will pass through a rhododendron and oak forest. We will make camp in front of Lama Drukpa Kuenley's Lhakhang in the middle of Chungsakha village. We we get a close look at Bhutanese life and we can also visit the farmhouse. Overnight at camp. Altitude 7,000 ft; Distance 8.7 miles.

Day 7 Chungsakha - Samtengang. On today's trail we can see paddy fields, Bhutanese farmhouses, and the village of Sha Wangdue. Overnight at camp. Altitude 6300 ft; Distance 5.6 miles.

Day 8 Samtengang - Wangdue. After breakfast we walk for 1 hour. Our vehicle will wait for us at the end of the trek route and drive to hotel. Evening visit of Wangdue Dzong. Overnight at hotel.

Day 9 Wangdue - Paro. Drive to Paro over Dochu-la Pass. En route stop at Thimphu for lunch and then continue the journey to Paro. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10 Paro. Early morning drive to Paro international airport after breakfast.

