

Registration

Enrollments are limited, and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration may be done by phone, mail, or on this website.

To register by telephone, call us at 00975-020336384. Please have your passport number, if possible, and your credit card information in front of you when you call.

When booking any vacation in Bhutan, you deposit the payment directly to the Bhutan's Department of Tourism in the name of your tour operator. The Department of Tourism distributes your funds only after your trip in Bhutan is completed, ensuring the financial safety of the money you deposited.

Once you have selected your itinerary, we will send you detailed routing instructions for a wire transfer to Bhutan's account in New Jersey.

At the time of registration, we require a \$400 US per person deposit. Balance of payment will be due on the dates specified in your final payment notice. Early registration is encouraged since many programs fill rapidly. Program costs are firm until the specified date. Registrations are open until a program is full.

What to Expect

Our staff takes great care to ensure that your safety is our first priority. Although emergencies are extremely rare, you can be assured that we are prepared to deal with any eventuality.

We have carefully selected government approved accommodations with the best location, service, ambience and cuisine. Our standard range of hotels are clean, comfortable, simply furnished and generally rated tourist class or about 3-star. Most of these hotels and lodges are built in Bhutan's traditional architectural style. Some hotels offer internet access and all have hot water and private baths. See individual program descriptions for details.

Meals will be served in the hotel, dining facilities, or in local restaurants. Tourist hotels generally present meals in a buffet selection, and provide a choice of Bhutanese, Indian, Chinese, Japanese and Continental food. Most meals are served with rice, either white or the wholesome local red variety and dal. Although traditional Bhutanese food is heavily seasoned with red chilies and can be quite hot, dishes at hotels are tempered to tourists tastes.

On tours that include camping we make sure you enjoy plenty of comforts. Roomy waterproof tents are provided, although we ask that you bring your own sleeping bag. Food preparation is of the utmost importance to us. Each morning and night, you will be brought a hot beverage of your choice and a bowl of hot water for washing up. Drinking water will also be provided at these times. Breakfast offers a variety of options from cereal to pancakes. Lunch on the trail brings a hearty meal of rice, vegetables, juice, hot beverages and other options depending on the menu for the day. Evening meals offer a 3-course meal with soup, main dish and dessert. You are guaranteed to never go hungry with some of the tastiest foods the region has to offer. And you'll be amazed what your cook can create in a modest, portable kitchen.

What the Cost Includes

Cost includes all listed activities, ground transportation for programmed events, lodging and meals. All itineraries are subject to change in the event of unforeseen occurrences such as weather related issues. Please note prices are subject to change due to increases in taxes, security fees, and fuel surcharges.

Other Expenses

Cost does not include personal excursions, airfare, alcoholic beverages, foods not listed in the prepared menu, optional or free time activities, passport fees, airport arrival and departure taxes, excess baggage charges, laundry, telephone, medical expenses, gratuities, or insurance. Although gratuities are not imposed on any of our programs, there are circumstances where a modest tip is both appropriate and appreciated. It is left up to you to decide whether or not to offer gratuities for special services rendered.

Passports/Visas

A valid passport with at least 6 months validity is required for travel to Bhutan. Participants are responsible for obtaining and paying the fees for their passports. Bhutan does require visitors to obtain a visa. We will take care of this for you and the cost is included in your selected tour.

General Flight and Airfare Information

Most tourists choose to fly into Bhutan's only airport in Paro. Druk Air, the national airline, is the only airline offering service to Bhutan through Bangkok, Thailand; Delhi and Kolkata in India, Kathmandu in Nepal, and Dhaka in Bangladesh. We will arrange and purchase your Druk Airline ticket for you. We recommend flying through Bangkok as Thailand does not require an advance Visa from many countries including the US, and has very comfortable hotels located very close to the airport. The Druk Air flight and your connecting flights are not included in the daily tour cost. You will be greeted by our local guide when you land in Paro.

Ground Transportation

Village Tours and Treks provides ground transportation to and from Paro airport and to all locations listed in your itinerary. If you miss the your flight to Paro for any reason, or if you choose to fly on another flight and your flight does not arrive in time to make the group departure, Village Tours and Treks is NOT responsible for transporting you to the program site. Should this occur, information and instructions will be left for you, but you are responsible for transfer arrangements and any expenses incurred.

