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Exquisite Bhutan

*25-31 December 2022
Druk Air*

Brief Itinerary

D1 SINGAPORE - PARO - THIMPHU

D2 THIMPHU

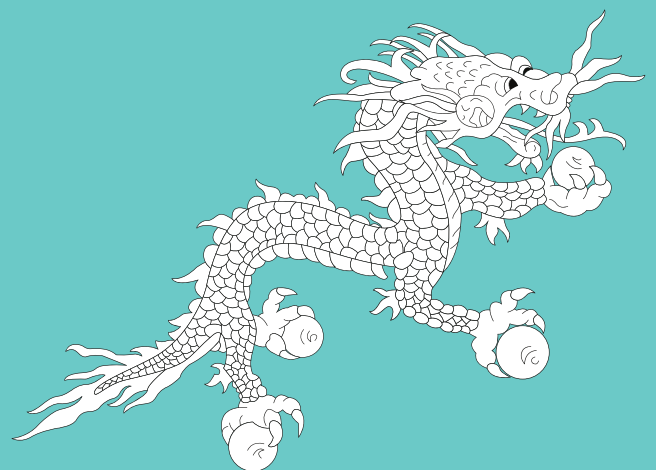
D3 THIMOHU - PUNAKHA

D4 PUNAKHA

D5 PUNAKHA - PARO

D6 PARO

D7 PARO - SINGAPORE



7 DAYS 6 NIGHTS EXQUISITE BHUTAN



FLIGHT INFORMATION

25DEC Singapore / Paro
KB541 1230/1645

31DEC Paro / Singapore
KB540 0805/1610

DAY 1

SINGAPORE ✈️ PARO

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Assemble at Changi Airport for your flight to Paro. Upon arrival, head to Thimpu. Along the way, make a stop at Jungshi Handmade Paper Factory, a pilot conservative program to preserve their traditional handmade paper making. You can observe the entire process of producing handmade paper using ancient traditional methods that have been practiced for generations. Next, proceed to Bhutan Post Office, where you can get your personalized stamps done up in minutes as a unique souvenir. This noon, dress-up in Bhutan traditional costumes- Gho and Kira, capturing that cultural perfect-picture you. Proceed on to visit Tashichhoe Dzong, an impressive monastery that houses secretariat building, the throne room of His Majesty, the King and various government offices. It is also the summer residence of Chief Abbot and central monk body. End your day after ambling through an authentic Bhutanese crafts bazaar and the bustling Norzin Lam, where you can purchase handicrafts, garments and accessories at your own expense.

DAY 2

THIMPHU

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast, enjoy a morning drive up north to Kuenselphodrang Nature Park, where you can catch a panoramic view of Thimphu Valley and marvel at the 169-foot tall bronze Buddha Dordenma Statue, the largest statue in the country. Next, explore National Memorial Chorten, a stupa built to honour the late 3rd king, before heading over to Motithang Takin Preserve, where you can observe strangle, gentle beasts resembling goat-cow hybrids – Takin – roam within this patch of forest. See art and craft students at work on thangkas painting, woodcarving, exquisite embroidery or clay statue-making at National Institute for Zorig Chusum. Thereafter, visit Simply Bhutan, a living museum whose primary aim is to conserve the culture and customs of traditional Bhutanese life. Here, you can taste a local rice wine known as Ara and try out archery, the Bhutanese National Sport.



DAY 3

THIMPHU - PUNAKHA

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning, head to Punakha. Along the way, cross Dochula Pass and proceed to Druk Wangyal Chortens, where the construction of 108 chortens was commissioned by the eldest Queen Mother. Next, take a light hike through fields of assorted vegetables that will take you to Chimi Lhakhang, a pilgrimage site for childless couples.

DAY 4

PUNAKHA

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Begin your day early as you embark on a hike through a beautiful terrace of paddy field to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyel. The stupa was built with a specific function in mind: to ward off evil spirits in Bhutan and across the world, and to bring peace and harmony to all living things. Furthermore, the stupa is located atop a hill and overlooks the beautiful countryside. No wonder it is one of the popular photography spots in Bhutan. Get your camera ready again as you proceed to Punakha Dzong situated at the confluence of the Mo Chhu and Pho Chhu rivers. Unarguably one of the most beautiful dzongs in Bhutan, and the second largest and oldest dzongs in Bhutan, it is truly an iconic and instagrammable site! In the afternoon, visit the tranquil Sanggchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang Nunnery. The two-storey building that overlooks the Punakha Valley showcases the finest craftsmanship of Bhutanese architecture. Here, you can observe nuns being taught embroidery, statue making, statue making, and thangka painting in addition to avoiding the hassle of worldly desires and leading a spiritual life.



Note

Please wear comfortable walking shoes for your hike to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyel. The hike takes about 30 – 45 minutes.

DAY 5

PUNAKHA - PARO

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today, enjoy a scenic drive through beautiful trails and misty mountains and catch a glimpse of the peaks of the eastern Himalayas as you head back to Paro. Visit Kyichu Lhakhang Temple. It is considered as the sacred Jewel of Bhutan, and one of the most beautiful and oldest temples in Bhutan. Legend has it the temple was established by the Buddhist King Songtsen Gampo of Tibet to pin down a demoness preventing the spread of Buddhism in Tibet. The temple, along with eleven other temples, were believed to have been built at the twelve vital points of the demoness to subjugate her and to ensure the propagation of Buddhism.



DAY 6

PARO - TIGERNEST

(Breakfast/ Lunch / Dinner)

Take an early breakfast and embark on a hike to Bhutan's most iconic landmark, Taktsang Lhakhang, also known as Tiger's Nest Monastery. It clings precariously to a granite cliff 900 metres above Paro Valley. The monastery was first built in 1692 at a cave where legend has it the great Guru Rinpoche flew to the site atop the back of a tigress and meditated in the cave in order to subdue evil demons residing within. Thereafter, visit a Bhutanese local farm house to see how Bhutanese farmers live. You can even get a chance to taste Ara, a traditional alcoholic beverage made from native high-altitude tolerant barley, rice, or wheat. Rejuvenate and relieve your tired body muscles after the morning hike with a traditional Bhutanese hot stone bath. The bath uses Menchu (medicinal) water – fresh river water mixed with Artemisia leaves – that is heated using river stones that are roasted on fire till they are glowing red. When heated, the stones are said to release key minerals that are medically beneficial for you into the water. Wrap up your day with a dinner that you can enjoy alongside a Bhutanese cultural dance performance.

Note

Please wear comfortable walking shoes for your hike to Taktsang Lhakhang. The hike is not recommended for pregnant women and travellers with health conditions.



DAY 7

PARO - SINGAPORE

(Breakfast / Meals on Board)

After breakfast, free at leisure until time to transfer to the airport for your flight home. Happy landing and welcome home. Thank you for choosing to travel with Taitaigram to tour Bhutan.



Tour Information

Tour Inclusions:

- 6 nights hotel
- All meals included
- All program and sightseeing as stated in the program
- 5-stars hotel throughout
- City Tax of USD200 per day per person

Hotels:

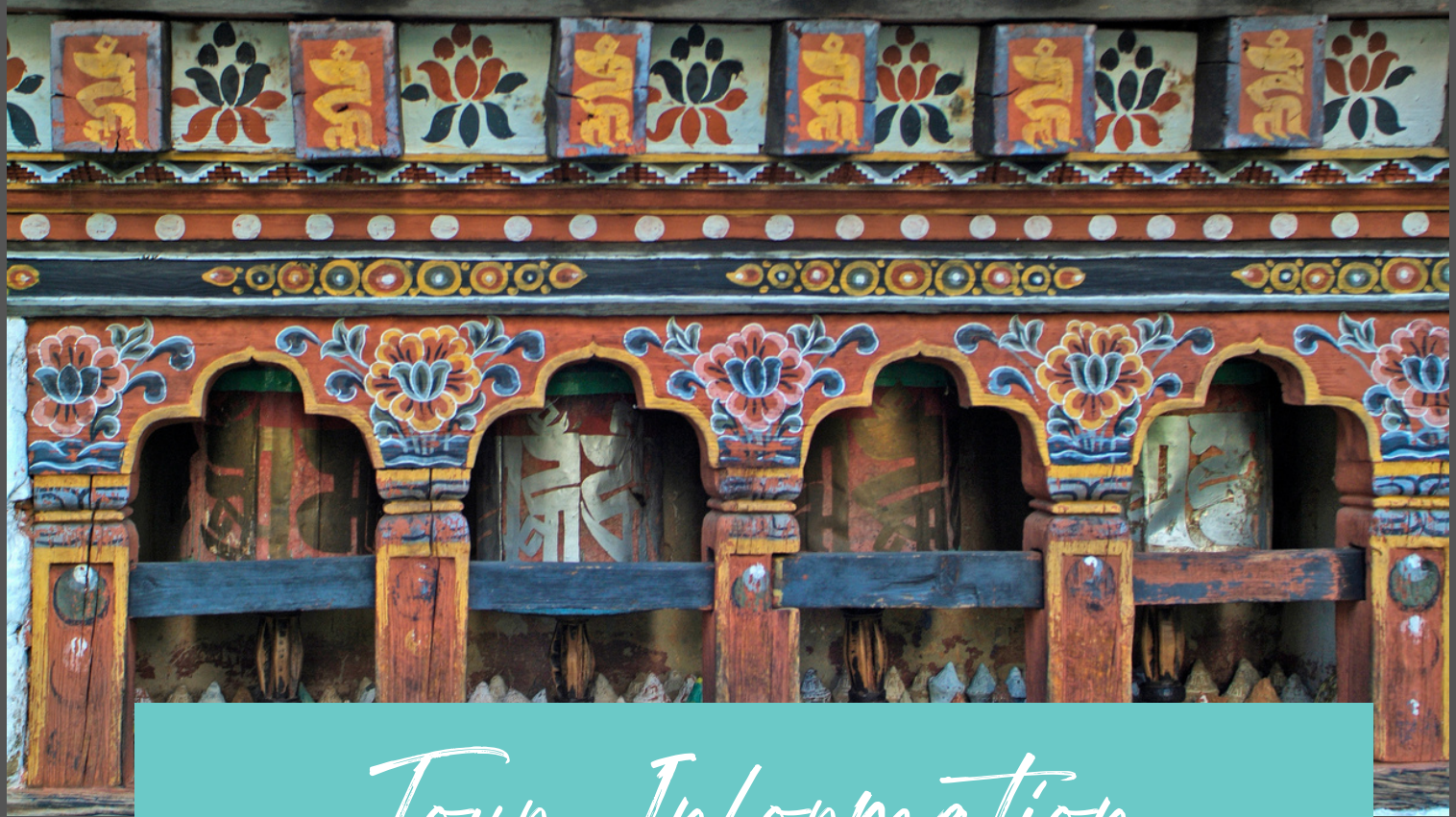
Thimphu (2 nights) - Dusit D2 Hotel

Punakha (2 nights) - Hotel Dhnesa

Paro (2 nights) - Six Senses Paro "Stone Ruins"

Tour Exclusions:

- Gratuities of USD10 per day per person for tour guide, tour manager and coach driver (USD70 per person)
- Porterage fees, personal and incidental expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Visa fee, if needed



Tour Information

Tour operated by Chan Brothers Travel (TA0109)

Full Tour Fare (Economy Class)

Twin / Triple Sharing : \$7,988 per adult

Single Room : \$13,888 per adult

**Includes return air-ticket on Druk Air Economy Class (30kg)*

Full Tour Fare (Business Class)

Twin / Triple Sharing : \$8,988 per adult

Single Room : \$14,888 per adult

**Includes return air-ticket on Druk Air Business Class (40kg)*

Deposit Payment : \$2,000 per person

Balance Payment : Upon group confirmation of minimum 10 adults,
maximum group size capped at 15 passengers

**All payment to be made to CHAN BROTHERS TRAVEL (TA0109)*

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