

Trekking Tour to Bhutan



Highlights

From Nepal's bustling capital, Kathmandu, to the 'land of the dragon' – Bhutan, and up into the mountains - this 15-day trekking tour to Bhutan is a trip of extremes. You'll discover monasteries, enjoy sunrise walks, and visit temples along the way. Hotel accommodation and tour guides are all part of the package, too.

On this 15-day tour, you'll journey right to the heart of the Himalayas with a stay in Nepal's capital, Kathmandu. Packed with temples – most dating back to the 17th century, bustling streets and bazaars, this city kicks things off like a baptism of fire. You'll leave the bright lights and chaotic crowds in favour of Bhutan – the land of the dragon. Prayer flags dot the mountainsides and Buddhist monasteries sit grandly against a majestic mountainous backdrop – and with all this natural beauty, it's little wonder this place is considered the happiest country in Asia.

On this epic tour into the home of the world's highest peaks, you'll seek out Nepal's holiest Hindu temple – Pashupatinath - which hugs the banks of the Bagmati river in Kathmandu. It's a UNESCO World Heritage Site and dates back to the 5th century. Then there's the old fortress of Drukyl – the place where the Bhutaneses defended their country from Tibetan invasions. But perhaps the most impressive of all the sites you'll see on this tour is the Taktsang monastery. Clinging to a cliff face 1000 metres above Paro Valley and often shrouded in wispy clouds, the Taktsang temple – or tiger's lair as it's also known – is an awe-inspiring, mystical place.

Is it for me?

You'll be travelling in a group of people, so it's probably best if you're happy in the company of others – and are willing to spend time getting to know them. You'll be with each other for 15 days, and although you'll have time alone, most of your days will be filled with new sights, new people and new experiences so an open-mind is a must. Solo travellers, couples, friends, families – it doesn't matter which category you fall into, as long as you're happy spending time in groups, and enjoy having your itinerary sorted for you.

Accommodation

You'll be staying in hotels on a bed and breakfast basis. All the places you stay in have been checked out by the tour team, so you can rest assured the accommodation will be up to scratch. In terms of food, you'll get breakfast every day in your hotel. While you're in Kathmandu, you'll have to make sure you budget extra for lunch and dinner, as these meals aren't included. While you're in Bhutan, all of your meals are included in the price.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Kathmandu and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Enjoy a walking tour of the old bazaar in Kathmandu, and a visit to the Pashupatinath temple and the Boudhanath stupa.

Day 3: Fly to Paro in Bhutan, enjoy a city tour.

Prices from

1,933 GBP (15 days) per person

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Day 4: Walk to the Taktsang monastery in Paro.

Day 5: Drive to Punakha via Dorchu La pass and visit Punakha Dzong.

Day 6: Today you travel to Jakar in Bhumtang valley, via Wangdi Phodrang Dzong.

Day 7-9: Three day Bhumtang Trek?

Day 10: Drive to Gantey Gompa, optional walks.

Day 11: Drive to Thimpu, spend the afternoon sightseeing.

Day 12: The morning can be spent as you choose, and then in the afternoon you'll set off on a drive to Paro.

Day 13: Fly from Paro to Kathmandu, and enjoy a drive via Bhaktapur to Nagarkot.

Day 14: After a sunrise walk, you'll drive to Kathmandu and there's also the option to visit Patan.

Day 15: Home time - leave for the airport.

Details

Price includes

4 nights in Kathmandu on bed and breakfast basis, Kathmandu - Paro return airfare, all transfers, meals in Bhutan and hotel accommodation on twin sharing basis, entrance fee, local leader and porters on the trek, trek permit, park fees, staff insurance.

Price details

Prices are based on 2 people sharing

Typical Duration

15 days

Comfort level

Reasonably comfortable (Inns, B&Bs, luxury camping etc.)

Experience required

A reasonable level of fitness and interest is all that is needed