**BHUTAN: LAND OF THE PEACEFUL DRAGON *Thimphu- Punakha- Paro Valley- Tiger's Nest* 5 Days & 4 nights**

Bhutan, a hidden gem nestled in the Himalayas, offers a unique blend of breathtaking landscapes, rich culture, and warm hospitality. Let's dive into crafting an unforgettable 5-day itinerary for your trip to Bhutan.

**Day 1: Arrival in Paro and Thimphu**

Your journey begins at Paro International Airport, where you'll be greeted by your guide and whisked away to Thimphu, the capital city. Explore the scenic Motithang Takin Preserve, home to the rare and majestic takin, Bhutan's national animal. Visit the towering Buddha Dordenma statue, offering panoramic views of the city, and experience the tranquility of the surrounding mountains.

**Day 2: Thimphu's Cultural Delights**

Immerse yourself in Thimphu's vibrant culture by visiting the Centenary Farmers' Market, where locals gather to sell fresh produce and handmade crafts. Discover the National Folk Heritage Museum, showcasing Bhutan's rich past, and the National Textile Museum, highlighting the art of traditional Bhutanese weaving. Pay your respects at the National Memorial Chorten, a stunning stupa built in memory of King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck.

**Day 3: Punakha Adventure**

Drive to Punakha, once the capital of Bhutan, and marvel at the breathtaking Dochula Pass, with its 108 Druk Wangyal Chortens. Explore the majestic Punakha Dzong, strategically situated at the confluence of two rivers, and stroll across the legendary Pho Chhu Suspension Bridge.

**Day 4: Paro Valley and Sacred Sites**

Visit the picturesque Paro Valley, home to some of Bhutan's oldest and most sacred sites. Explore Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan, and the mystical Dumtse Lhakhang, designed to pin down evil spirits. Prepare for an unforgettable adventure to Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched precariously on a cliffside.

**Day 5: Tiger's Nest and Departure**

Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery, a sacred site embodying Bhutan's mystique and spirituality. After an early morning visit, bid farewell to Bhutan, carrying with you memories of its emerald valleys, golden temples, and warm hospitality

**Includes:**

* All necessary arrival and departure transfers.
* **4** nights’ 3/4 Star accommodation on CP/MAP/AP Plan.
* All the sightseeing tours and transfers as per the itinerary with English speaking guide
* Local branded bottled water throughout the trip.
* Bhutan Pre-E-Permit
* Sustainable Development Fund (Govt Taxes)
* Pick up and Drop from Bagdora Intl. Airport

**Excludes:**

* International airfare and airport tax.
* 5% GST
* TCS as applicable
* Insurance ( Travel Insurance)
* Entrance Fees for Monuments Visits.
* Items of a personal nature such as bar bills, alcoholic beverages, laundry, telephone calls, extra mileage, personal gratuities as tips to guide, porters, drivers etc.
* Personal insurance policy - suggested comprehensive travel insurance covering tour and flight cancellations, loss of valuables, thefts, illness, accidents and hospitalization.
* Excess baggage.
* Gratuities, tipping to guides and drivers.
* Expenses incurred by re-routing, inclement weather, floods, famine, political disruptions, strikes, riots and other disturbances.
* Any items and services not mentioned on cost inclusions.

**Bhutan Adventure Awaits**

***Phuentsholing- Thimphu- Punakha- Paro- Taktsang Monastery***

**6 Days & 5 nights**

**Day 1: Arrival in Phuentsholing**

**Gateway to Bhutan**

Your Bhutan adventure begins with your arrival at Bagdora International Airport, where our representative will warmly welcome you and escort you to Phuentsholing, a bustling border town in southern Bhutan. As you drive along the Asian highway, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of the Duars tea garden. Phuentsholing is a unique blend of Bhutanese and Indian cultures, with a thriving local economy driven by cross-border trade. Take a moment to absorb the distinct vibes of this urban town, which is distinctly quieter and more orderly than its neighboring Indian town, Jaigaon.

Lunch and Exploration

On your way to Phuentsholing, we'll stop for lunch at a Tourist Standard Restaurant, where you can sample local delicacies. Spend the evening exploring the town, and overnight at your hotel.

**Day 2: Thimphu Adventure**

**Memorial Chorten and Buddha Dordenma**

Drive to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan (approx. 5 hours, 150 km), and visit the stunning Memorial Chorten, a Tibetan-style Buddhist monastery built in 1974 to honor the third king, Jigme Dorji Wangchuk. Marvel at the intricate architecture and elaborate mandalas, statues, and shrines. Next, head to the Buddha Dordenma, a gigantic bronze statue of Shakyamuni Buddha, which sits atop a hill in Kuensel Phodrang Nature Park. This magnificent statue is one of the largest in the world and is said to emanate peace and happiness.

Tashichho Dzong

Visit the impressive Tashichho Dzong, Bhutan's most stately building, which serves as the throne room of His Majesty the King and the summer residence of the monastic community. Explore the fortress of glorious religion and witness the blend of traditional and modern architecture.

**Day 3: Punakha Expedition**

**Takin Sanctuary and Dochula Pass**

After breakfast, visit the Takin Sanctuary, home to the rare and unique national animal of Bhutan, the takin. Learn about the fascinating history and cultural significance of this animal and observe it in its natural habitat. On your way to Punakha, stop at the Dochula Pass, which offers breathtaking 360-degree panoramic views of the Himalayan mountain range. Explore the 108 chortens built by Queen Mother to commemorate Bhutanese soldiers.

Chimi Lhakhang and Punakha Dzong

Visit the enchanting Chimi Lhakhang monastery, dedicated to Lama Drukpa Kinley, and discover the unique tradition of phallus symbols in Bhutanese culture. Explore the majestic Punakha Dzong, a six-storied structure built in 1673, which served as the administrative center and seat of the government until 1955.

**Day 4: Paro Delights**

**Paro Dzong and National Museum**

Drive to Paro (approx. 4 hours, 122 km) and visit the stunning Paro Dzong, a fine example of Bhutanese architecture. Explore the National Museum of Bhutan, housed in a revamped circular Ta-dzong building, which showcases the country's rich cultural heritage and artistic traditions.

**Day 5: Tiger's Nest Hike**

**Taktsang Monastery**

Embark on a thrilling hike to the iconic Taktsang Monastery, also known as Tiger's Nest, perched on a vertical cliff at 3000m altitude. Legend has it that Guru Rinpoche meditated in a cave here for three months. Witness the spiritual bliss and breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.

**Day 06: Drive to Bagdora Airport.**

After Breakfast at the Hotel, you will be transferred to Bagdora International Airport for the final departure.

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