



# EXPERIENCE BHUTAN

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# ABOUT US

we are not just a travel company; we are a curator of exclusive experiences. We weave connections between travelers and the undiscovered wonders of Northeast India and Bhutan . Our mission is to unveil the lesser-explored destinations, showcasing the vibrant tapestry of local cultures, traditions, delectable cuisine, and the heartwarming stories of its people. Every journey with us is an odyssey, an opportunity to delve into the soul of Northeast India and Bhutan.



# ABOUT THE PLACE

**Bhutan**, nestled in the Himalayas, is a treasure trove of natural beauty and cultural wonders. This enchanting country, with its fluttering prayer flags and joyous faces, offers a magical experience that transcends words. With OffbeatSikkim Travels, immerse yourself in Bhutan's awe-inspiring landscapes and profound sense of happiness.

In **Thimphu**, the capital city, tradition meets modernity. Visit the majestic **Buddha Dordenma statue** for a sense of peace, and explore the Takin Zoo to see Bhutan's rare national animal. Don't miss Tashichho Dzong, the administrative seat and summer residence of the revered monk body.

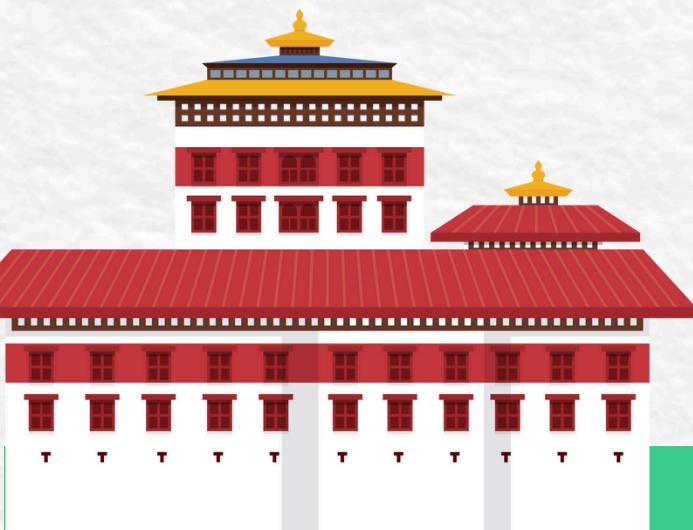
En route to Punakha, Dochula Pass offers panoramic Himalayan views and 108 memorial chortens honoring Bhutan's kings. In Punakha, marvel at Punakha Dzong, a grand architectural wonder at the confluence of the **Mo Chhu and Po Chhu rivers**, and witness the vibrant Punakha Tshechu festival.

No trip to Bhutan is complete without trekking to the iconic Taktsang Monastery, or **Tiger's Nest Temple**, in Paro. Perched on a cliff, this sacred site offers breathtaking views and a deeply spiritual experience.

# TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



- Encounter urban towns enveloped in enchantment
- Visit ancient monasteries steeped in spiritual history
- Uncover archaeological treasures revealing Bhutan's rich cultural heritage
- Traverse lofty mountain passes with breathtaking views
- Discover picturesque mountain villages epitomising serene beauty
- Comprehensive transportation within Bhutan for smooth travel
- Stay at top-rated accommodations in phenomenal locations, providing comfort and luxury
- Accompanied by a knowledgeable local tour guide for insights and enhanced experiences
- Enjoy delicious local meals highlighting the unique flavours of Bhutanese cuisine
- Small groups limited to 15-18 travellers for an intimate and personalised experience





# BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY	Activities	KM
DAY 1	Arrival in Bagdogra airport/Railway Station and transfer to Phuentsholing.	155 Km
DAY 2	Phuentsholing to Thimphu.	163 Km
DAY 3	Sightseeing around Thimphu.	-
DAY 4	Thimphu to Punakha.	90 km
DAY 5	Punakha to Paro	114 Km
DAY 6	Sightseeing around Paro.	-
DAY 7	Paro to Phuentsholing.	142 Km
DAY 8	Phuentsholing to Bagdogra Airport/Railway Station	155 Km





## DAY 001

### Arrival in Bagdogra airport and transfer to Phuentsholing.

- Arrive at **Bagdogra Airport** at **10:00 AM**, where you will be greeted by your trip mates and trip leader. After warm introductions, you will embark on a journey to **Phuentsholing**, the second-largest town in Bhutan, renowned for its perfect blend of urban charm and natural beauty.
- Upon arrival in Phuentsholing, you will check in at a carefully selected partner hotel, ensuring a comfortable and welcoming stay. After settling in, enjoy a delightful and hearty dinner with your new friends, creating the perfect opportunity to bond and share the excitement for the days ahead. Spend the night in the comfort of your hotel, resting up for the adventures to come.



## DAY 002

### Phuentsholing to Thimphu.

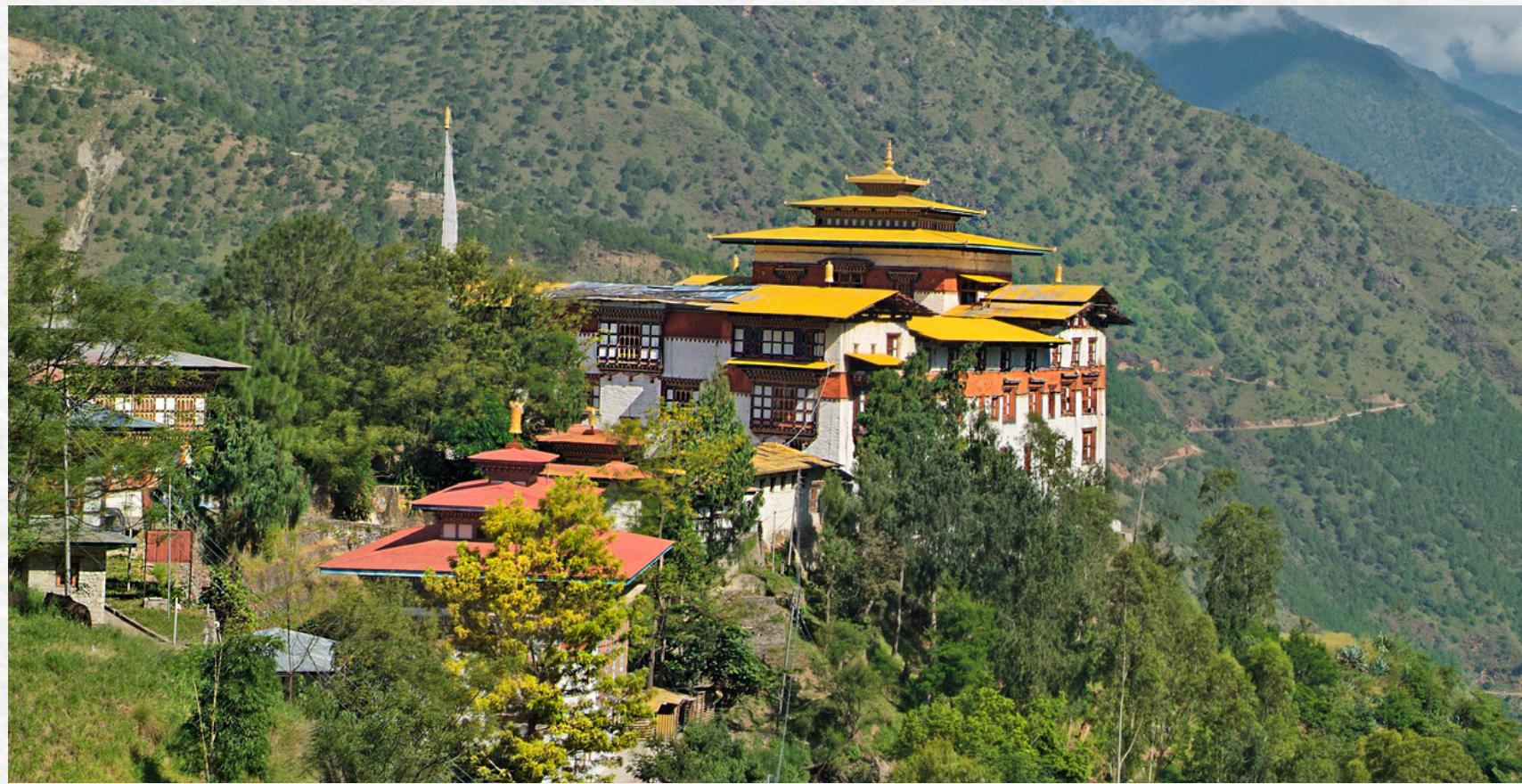
- Begin your day with a sumptuous breakfast at your hotel. Afterward, proceed to complete the necessary immigration formalities.
- Once formalities are concluded, you're ready to embark on your exploration of Bhutan. Start your journey with a drive to **Kharbandi Gompa**, one of the oldest and most revered monasteries in the country. Immerse yourself in the serene atmosphere and take in the spiritual ambiance of this historic site.
- Following your visit to Kharbandi Gompa, continue your scenic drive towards Thimphu, Bhutan's vibrant capital and a blend of traditional and modern influences. En route, you'll have the opportunity to visit and appreciate the charm of the picturesque villages of Gedru, **Chukha**, and **Chuzom**. These villages offer a glimpse into the rural lifestyle and breathtaking landscapes of Bhutan.
- Upon arrival in Thimphu in the evening, check in to your pre-arranged hotel. Once settled, take some time to relax and unwind with your fellow travellers. Engage in community games to bond with your trip mates, and enjoy a delightful dinner together.
- Conclude your eventful day by spending a comfortable night at your hotel in Thimphu, preparing for the adventures that await you the following day.



## DAY 003

### Sightseeing around Thimphu.

- Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel, preparing yourself for an exciting day of exploration in Thimphu.
- Start your sightseeing with a visit to the iconic **Buddha Dordenma Statue**, also known as the Buddha Viewpoint. This magnificent statue offers panoramic views of the Thimphu valley and is a significant cultural landmark. Next, head to the **Simply Bhutan Living Museum**, where you can immerse yourself in Bhutanese culture, traditions, and way of life through interactive exhibits.
- Continue to the **Sangay Gang Viewpoint**, which provides breathtaking vistas of the surrounding landscapes. Afterward, explore the vibrant **Handicraft Market**, where you can find a variety of traditional Bhutanese crafts and souvenirs.
- Return to your hotel by evening. The rest of the evening is at your leisure. We recommend experiencing Thimphu's eclectic nightlife, which offers a range of entertainment options. Conclude your day with a relaxing night at your hotel in Thimphu, ready for the adventures ahead.



## DAY 004

### Thimphu to Punakha

- Start your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel, energising yourself for a memorable journey to **Punakha**
- Begin your adventure with a hike to **Chimi Lhakhang**, the Temple of Fertility. Perched on a round hillock, this sacred site offers stunning views of the Punakha Valley. It's not only a place of spiritual significance but also a vantage point for appreciating the valley's natural beauty.
- Continue your exploration with a visit to the majestic **Punakha Dzong**, an architectural masterpiece and historical fortress that sits at the confluence of the **Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers**. Afterward, experience the thrill of walking on Bhutan's longest suspension bridge, which spans the Po Chhu River and provides breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes.
- If time permits, consider adding an adventurous touch to your day with river rafting in Punakha. This activity is available at an additional cost and promises an exhilarating experience on the river's rapids.
- Return to your hotel in the evening, where you can unwind and share stories of the day's adventures with your newfound friends over a delightful community dinner. End your day with another comfortable night at your hotel, reflecting on the enriching experiences of the day.



## DAY 005

### Punakha Paro

- After enjoying a hearty breakfast at the hotel, embark on a scenic drive to **Paro**. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and check in.
- Begin your exploration with a visit to the **National Museum of Bhutan**, where you can delve into the country's rich history and cultural heritage. Next, explore the impressive **Rinpung Dzong**, a fortress-monastery that stands as a testament to **Bhutanese architecture** and spiritual tradition. Continue to **Kyichu Lhakhang**, one of the oldest and most sacred temples in Bhutan, offering a serene and spiritual experience.
- Make your way to the **Paro Airport Viewpoint**, where you can witness one of the world's most dramatic landings and take in the breathtaking views of the valley. For a unique cultural experience, visit a local shop to try on the traditional Bhutanese dresses, **Gho and Kira**.
- The evening is free for leisure activities. We recommend visiting either **Druk Choeding**, a serene temple in the heart of Paro, or **Drukgyel Dzong**, a historic fortress with panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.
- Return to your hotel for dinner and enjoy a relaxing evening with your trip mates, sharing stories and experiences from the day.



## DAY 006

### Sightseeing around Paro.

- After enjoying a filling breakfast at the hotel, embark on a rewarding hike to the renowned **Tiger's Nest Temple (Paro Taktsang)**. Perched precariously on a cliffside, this iconic monastery is situated 900 metres above the valley floor, offering stunning panoramic views and a profound spiritual experience.
- If time allows, treat yourself to a **traditional Bhutanese Hot Stone Bath session**. This unique experience involves immersing yourself in a bath where hot stones are used to heat the water, infused with Menchu (medicinal water), providing relaxation and therapeutic benefits.
- The evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. You might explore more of Paro, indulge in some local shopping, or simply relax at your hotel.
- Conclude your day with a wholesome dinner and spend a comfortable night at your hotel in Paro, reflecting on the day's enriching experiences.



## DAY 007

### Paro to Phuentsholing.

- Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel, then embark on a picturesque journey to **Phuentsholing**. As you travel, take in the scenic landscapes that Bhutan has to offer. Upon reaching Phuentsholing, complete the necessary exit formalities.
- Once the formalities are concluded, check in at your hotel and settle in for your last night in Bhutan. In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner with your friends and trip leader, reminiscing about the wonderful experiences and memories you've made during your journey.
- Spend the night in Phuentsholing, cherishing the final moments of your Bhutan adventure.



## DAY 008

### Phuentsholing to Bagdogra Airport.

- Enjoy a final breakfast at the hotel before embarking on your drive to Bagdogra Airport for your onward journey. As your trip concludes, exchange heartfelt goodbyes and share seeing you sooner with your fellow travellers, cherishing the memories you've made together.





# INCLUSIONS

- **Transport:** Enjoy the comfort and convenience of a coaster mini bus traveller, dedicated to your daily transportation needs.
- **Permits:** All essential inner line permits required for the trip will be arranged and included, ensuring a hassle-free journey.
- **Driver Services:** Our package covers driver night charges, eliminating any additional costs for overnight stays.
- **Additional Charges:** All toll taxes and parking fees are included in the package, so you won't encounter any surprise expenses.
- **Accommodation:** Relax and unwind with accommodation for 7 nights in our partnered hotels, offering comfort and quality throughout your stay.  
[\*\*\(Click here to check accomodation details\)\*\*](#)
- **Sustainable Development Fee:** The Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) of INR 1200 per person per night is included in the package, contributing to sustainable tourism practices.
- **Total Meals:** Enjoy a total of 14 meals, which include 7 hearty breakfasts and 7 delightful dinners.



# EXCLUSION

- **Food and Beverages:** Any food items or beverages not specified in the package, such as alcoholic drinks, mineral water, and refreshments/lunches during highway travel, are not included.
- **Personal Expenses:** All personal expenses, including additional services or purchases, are the responsibility of the traveller.
- **Entry Fees:** Entry fees or tickets to historical monuments, landmarks, or sightseeing attractions are not included in the package and must be paid separately.
- **Transport to and from Bagdogra Airport/Njp Railway Station:** Transportation to Bagdogra before the trip and from Bagdogra after the trip is not included in the package.
- **Unforeseen Costs:** Any costs arising from natural calamities or changes in Bhutan-India travel and trade policies are not covered.
- **Additional Exclusions:** Anything not explicitly mentioned in the inclusions section is not covered by the package.
- **Taxes :** 5% Gst is not Included



# THINGS TO KNOW

- **Eligibility and Health Considerations**  
**Age:** Participants must be 18 years or older. Not suitable for heart patients or individuals with back problems, The journey includes up to 6-8 hours of travel in a 1 x 18-seater Toyota Hiace coaster bus. Travellers preferring their own vehicle should not book this trip
- **Disclaimer and Itinerary Adjustments:** OffbeatSikkim is not liable for delays, program changes, or additional costs due to natural hazards, accidents, machinery breakdowns, weather conditions, landslides, political closures, or other unforeseen events.  
**Itinerary Changes:** Adjustments may be necessary based on weather forecasts and will be communicated via the WhatsApp group.
- **Respect Local Culture:** Travellers must respect nature, regional culture, and local sentiments. Acts of littering, intoxication in public, or disrespect towards people, animals, or places of worship are prohibited.  
**Health and Safety:** Smoking and drinking are strongly discouraged during the trip to ensure health and safety.
- **Indian Nationals:** Must carry an original Passport (valid for at least 6 months) or an Indian Voter ID card, along with a copy.
- **Cash requirements:** It is advisable to carry approximately INR 10,000 in cash. Out of this, INR 3,500 to INR 4,000 will be needed for entry tickets to various monuments and tourist attractions. The remaining amount can be used for personal expenses, ensuring you have a comfortable trip without any financial hiccups.
- **Communication Needs:** For seamless communication during your trip, you have two options. You can activate international roaming on your existing Indian SIM card before your departure. Alternatively, you can purchase a local tourist SIM card once you complete the immigration process in Bhutan. This will ensure you stay connected throughout your journey.
- **Payment methods:** Do not rely solely on UPI and debit cards for transactions in Bhutan. While some places may accept these forms of payment, it is not guaranteed everywhere. Therefore, carrying sufficient cash is highly recommended. Ensure the currency notes are clean and free from any stains or cuts to avoid any issues during transactions.
- **Drone usage:** Please note that the use of drones is strictly prohibited in Bhutan. Make sure to adhere to this regulation to avoid any legal complications during your trip.

## Please Note

The **Chimi Lakhang temple** has some sexual depictions. You may want to reconsider visiting this place if you are not comfortable with seeing these.



# THINGS TO CARRY

- **Sunglasses:** Ensure you have a high-quality pair to shield your eyes from UV rays.
- **Towel:** A compact, quick-drying towel is ideal for travel.
- **Water Bottle and Thermos Flask:** Stay hydrated and keep your beverages at the desired temperature.
- **Umbrella:** A sturdy, travel-friendly umbrella for sudden rain showers.
- **Raincoat, Poncho, and Windcheater Jackets:** Layer up with waterproof and windproof gear to stay dry and warm in varying weather conditions.
- **Hiking Shoes:** Invest in a durable, comfortable pair suitable for long walks and uneven terrain.
- **Socks and Gloves:** Carry at least two pairs of each for warmth and comfort.
- **Fleece and Thermal Pants:** Essential for insulation against the cold.
- **T-Shirts:** Bring a mix of lightweight and thermal options to accommodate different climates.
- **Sunscreen and Moisturizer:** Protect your skin from harsh sun and dry air.
- **Medications:** Pack personal medications, including those for common issues like gas and headaches.
- **Toiletries:** Include all necessary items for personal hygiene.
- **Dry Fruits:** A healthy, energy-boosting snack that is easy to carry.
- **Protein Bars:** Convenient and nutritious options to keep your energy levels up during activities.

**Additional information:** To ensure a hassle-free travel experience, we recommend booking your morning flight to Bagdogra Airport between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. This timing will help facilitate a smoother journey.

## For your return trip,

please schedule your flight for after 2:00 PM. This will help avoid potential delays and enhance your overall travel comfort.

# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITION OF THE TRIP

- Full payment of the trip cost must be made before the trip begins. Pending payments may eventually lead to the cancellation of the trip.
- The IDs shall all be verified before boarding. No boarding shall be entertained without a valid Govt. ID.
- Transfer of bookings is not permitted. Only the names mentioned at the time of confirmation shall be allowed to travel.
- No refunds shall be made towards any inclusion(s) not availed by the client - Travelers must take care of their luggage & belongings. The management shall not be responsible for any damage or any missing items along the tour.
- Offbeat Sikkim reserve the right to alter itinerary due to weather-related closure, Landslides , or heavy snowfall for the safety of our Travelers.
- **In the event of natural disasters or government-issued route diversions, any additional costs incurred due to such circumstances will be the responsibility of the guest.**
- The Air Conditioning will be switched off in the hills. Also, during the trip it shall be the
- Driver undefined discretion to put off the AC as & when required, considering the travelers undefined safety & ease of travel along uneven & dangerous routes.
- No act of misconduct or indiscipline shall be tolerated on the tours. We are a cordial travel community and we aspire to bring to you a hassle-free and memorable experience. We reserves the right to take appropriate action, which may include but is not limited to verbal warnings, mediation with a trip captain, or even removal from the tour at the traveler's own expense.
- We do not provide any insurance policy to cover for the expenditure on sickness or accidents or losses incurred due to theft or other reasons.

# BOOKING PROCESS

**Double/Triple Sharing**

**INR 34,999/- Per head**

**(Note- Single occupancy accommodation is available for an additional cost)**

For the booking confirmation, **kindly make INR 5000/-per head advance payment of the total amount** and make the remaining payment two days before the trip.

## BATCHES

BATCH	DATE
BATCH 1	14TH NOV-21ST NOV 2024
BATCH 2	

**[ Note: If you are a group of 5 or more people then the dates can be customized]**

## **PAYMENT PROCESS**

Following mode of payments are available:

### **1) ACCOUNT TRANSFER**

**Name:** Offbeatsikkim Travel Pvt .Ltd

**Account Number:** 531501010035344.

**IFSC Code:** UBIN0553158.

**Account Type:** Current.

### **2) BY UPI**

**UPI ID:** 8597669309@ibl

### **3) Gpay -**

### **4) PhonePe-**

## **CONFIRMATION PROCESS**

- The customer receives a confirmation voucher via email within 24 hours of successful booking.
- In case the preferred slots are unavailable, an alternate schedule of the customer's preference will be arranged and a new confirmation voucher will be sent via email.
- Alternatively, the customer may choose to cancel their booking before confirmation and a full refund will be processed.



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