

Festival at Punakha in Feb.

 8 days

Quick facts:

Best Season: **March ,April , May , September ,October ,November , December , January , February**

Altitude : **Above 8000 ft**

On Trek: **3 days**

On Drive : **21 hrs (Total hrs)**

BHUTAN: Perched high on the mighty Himalayan range, the Kingdom of Bhutan has defied globalization and chosen to remain a hidden paradise. There's a place on earth that even the seasoned travelers consider a privilege to visit. Bhutan is the last bastion of vajrayana Buddhism, a spiritual practice that is known to be one of the most profound schools of teaching in the Buddhist world. The sacred monasteries, the fluttering prayer flags that line the high ridge, the red robed monk chanting their prayer give this kingdom an aura of another time. This is BHUTAN: Known to its inhabitants as Druk Yul -- "the Land of the Thunder Dragon" .

Grade: Easy

Itinerary:

Day 01: Arrive and paro .

From a window seat on clear days you can experience a spectacular view of the Himalaya peaks as you approach Paro Alt: 7364ft. On arrival meet with our guide. Proceed to your hotel check in and lunch.

Latter part of the day take a look at Paro rinpung dzong means 'Fortress on a Heap of Jewels'. In 1644 Zhabdrung Ngawang built this dzong . Walk down to paro twon . you will see Bhutanese's archer trying their hands in Bhutan national game archery . Evenign enjoy a stroll around paro twon .Overnight paro .

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Day 03: Thimphu sightseeing and drive to punakha 77km 2hrs.

Morning few sightseeing before driving towards Puankha . Begin with tallest budhha in kuensel phodrang and memorial chorten (stupa) . Take a look at the national animal Takin .

After lunch drive to Puankha via douchula pass. Stop at douchula pass for the panoramic Mountain View. Resume your drive. Just before arrival at Punakha take a 30 min walk to the temple of divine madman chimmi lhakhang. Overnight Puankha .

Day 04: Punakha to trongsa 139km 5hrs .

The road climbs steadily through semi-tropical vegetation up to Pele la Pass at 11046 ft/3390m. With an alpine environment, bush rhododendron trees and dwarf bamboos, We pass by Chendebji Chorten. As you enter Trongsa valley, the huge fortress of Trongsa Dzong,Alt: 2300m. On the far side of a deep valley makes you wonder if you will ever reach it. Overnight in Trongsa.

Day 05: Trongsa –Zangbi --- driving 3hrs and walk 30min .camping .

Total distance: 90 km. Altitude range 1,000m – 1,350m)

After an early breakfast at your hotel, you could afford some time to stroll around the Trongsa town, combining it with a visit to the Dzong and also the museum ta dzong . Latter Drive to the zangbi eco camp site . After crossing zhemgang mangdi chu bridge take farm road to camp. It is impossible to miss golden langur on this way. The first day will bring you in touch with the first inhabitant of Bhutan the Monpas . After tea in your camp take a walk to the monpa village, enjoy few bite o sugur cane. Overnight camp .

Day 06: Zangbi –kudra trek 5hrs.

(Total distance: 13-14.5 kms, circa 6 hours, altitude range – 1,350m – 1,500m)

Before you proceed, you could also pay a visit to the orchid garden that fences about 75 different kinds of orchids. This part of the hike meanders along stone imprints of Guru Rinpoche’s footprints, dagger and phallus. Lunch is served just before you arrive at Phrumzur, one of the villages of the Monpa communities, off the trail. You could also visit the village Lhakhang(temple) in Phrumzur and then proceed to the campsite in Kudra. En route, you traverse another small Monpa village called Lekpogang, after which, the campsite in Kudra is just an hour’s walk. The campsite offers a bird’s-eye-view of Nyimshong village and also the Zhemgang town. Overnight Kudra eco camp .

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Day 07: Kudra –Nabji trek 5to 6hrs .

(Total distance: 11-14 kms, circa 5-7 hours, altitude range – 1,500m – 1,300m)

Wake up with the call of rufus necked hornbill. This part of the trek is collage thick green forest, waterfalls and various small streams. Truly you are in the wild.

The Giant Malayan Squirrel, Rhesus Mecaques, and other bird life spotted along the trail. Upon arrival at the holy tree in Nabji, the people will give you a heartwarming reception. Nabji is a beautiful village where paddy fields seem to circumambulate the clustered houses.

Day 08: Nabji –Trongsa 4 hrs driving .

Morning a leisure breakfast. Visit community school. Join them in little activity. (You can distribute pen,penil or other small item to the student) latter after lunch drive through beautiful forest to trongsa . Overnight trongsa .

Day 09: Trongsa –Thimphu139km 5hrs.

Morning a good breakfast and retrace your journey back. Enjoy the picturesque village of Checndebji and rukebji on the way . Stop at chendebji for you lunch and to take a stroll around chendebji chorten (stupa) Chendebji Chorten, patterned on Kathmandu's Swayambhunath Stupa, with eyes painted at the four cardinal points. Latter drive to Thimphu .overnight .

Day 10: Thimphu -- paro airport .

Your guide will drop you at the airport.