

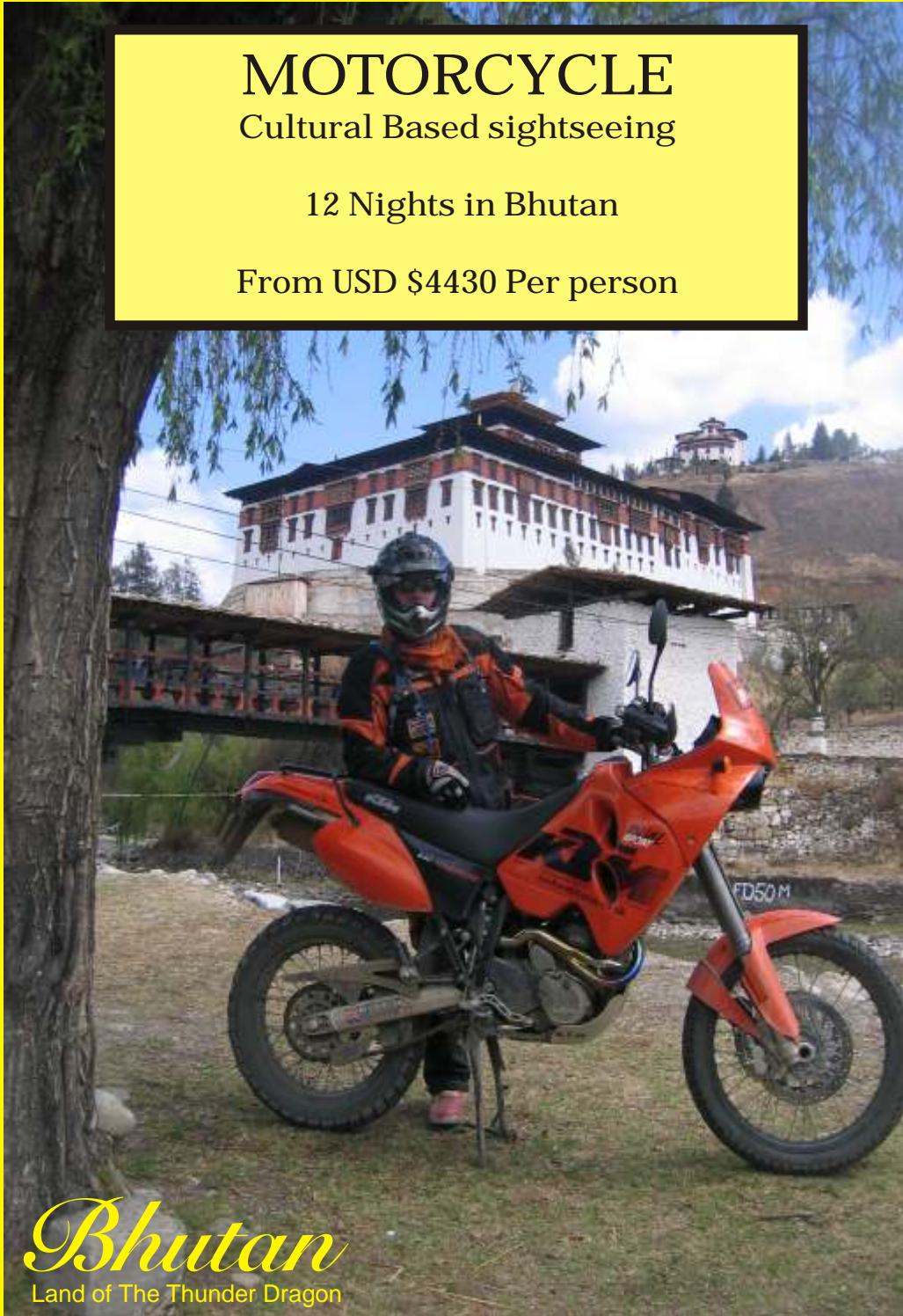


### MOTORCYCLE

Cultural Based sightseeing

12 Nights in Bhutan

From USD \$4430 Per person



*Bhutan*  
Land of The Thunder Dragon

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Bhutan was opened to tourism in 1974 with the government operating as the only agent, with tourism growing year on year, now Bhutan has become the most exclusive tour destination in the world. Khamrsa Bhutan Tours began operating in 2003 from a humble beginning, with our aims and goals achieved and maintained by our dedicated team, we are now very proud to provide a complete range of tours in Bhutan regardless of interest age or ability, Khamrsa Bhutan tours can cater for your needs. Our imaginative itineraries will take you to places of historical importance and scenic beauty. You will be visiting the massive Dzongs, sacred temples, picturesque villages and the museums. Our guides will be with you from breakfast to dinner, or as required by you and will take care of all requirements while in Bhutan.

## BHUTAN HEADQUARTERS



**Karma Gayley**

Chief Executive officer

## UK OFFICE

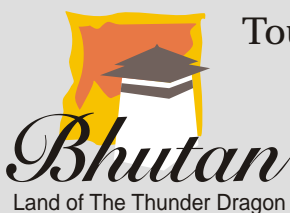


Khamrsa Tours now having opened a UK office to help you with your booking and offer advice on touring the region, visiting Bhutan has never been easier. Chris has many family members in Bhutan and has travelled Bhutan and the Himalayan region extensively. Feel free to

contact Chris at anytime for advice on travelling to Bhutan from the UK.

**Chris Major**

UK Office



## Tourism Council of Bhutan

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Khamrsa Tours & Treks is licensed by the Tourism council of Bhutan which is the

Government body overseeing all tourism activities in Bhutan.



## Association of Bhutanese Tour Operators

Khamrsa Tours & Treks is a proud member of the Association of Bhutanese Tour Operators, ABTO, since its inception and is a very active member of the association.

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# THE CORONATION DRAGON



THE CORONATION DRAGON tour is dedicated to His majesty the 5th King of Bhutan who assumed the Golden throne in Nov 2008. The tour will take you to interesting cultural sights of Western and central Bhutan, to the secluded places of Zhemgang and southern districts of Sarpang and Tsirang. Bhutan, the secret Shangri la or the Land of the Peaceful Thunder Dragon is the best-kept secret in the travel industry. Due to its relative isolation, the country is little known to the outside world and until 1960, western visitors rarely visited the country. Today very few people have experienced the beauty of Bhutan. The few who do visit this magical place find an ancient Buddhist culture thriving in a landscape of incredible natural beauty. The mountains are magnificent, the countryside green, the air is like champagne, and the architecture striking. Our motorcycle tours give you an intimate insight into Bhutan's Buddhist culture and way of life. The mountain roads are well maintained throughout Bhutan, and reach heights of 3000m. Bhutan offers the most fantastic sights of the Himalayan ranges, whilst riding through various types of vegetation ranging from sub tropical to alpine vegetation through valleys and villages with terraced rice fields and fairy tale rivers. The Coronation Dragon tour was created by Chris Major and Kinley Tshering, Khamsa Tours would like to thank Kinley for his support and guidance, on designing and researching this exclusive trip, and making it possible for everyone to enjoy.

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## ● 100% ADVENTURE

- KTM 640 Adventure Motorcycle
- Full back up and support crew
- Luggage carried in support vehicle
- Fantastic riding in stunning scenery
- Interaction with local people
- 10 Nights Hotel
- 2 Nights Camping due to remote location





# MOTORCYCLE 12 nights in Bhutan

## THE CORONATION DRAGON



### Day 1. DEPART LONDON

Depart London, fly to either to Bangkok, Calcutta, Delhi or Kathmandu to catch connection to Paro Bhutan. Airport layover.

### Day 2. ARRIVE PARO

Arrive Paro by Druk air. The flight into Paro (2280m/ 7524ft) on Druk Air is spectacular. In clear weather, magnificent views of the world's highest peaks give way to the verdant greens of the Paro Valley. The first gift from Bhutan is the cool, clean fresh air as we step from the plane. After clearing customs and visa control we are met by our guide and then drive a short distance to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure with a walk through the main streets of Paro or time permitting take charge of your machines and start getting familiar with the traffic conditions in Bhutan.



### Day 3. PARO

Paro is a beautiful valley offering many sights of cultural interests. We will do some riding around the valley. Lunch in a restaurant in the town and then, visit the National Museum located on a promontory overlooking the valley. The building was formally a watchtower for the Paro Dzong and it was converted as the National Museum in 1968. The Museum has collections ranging from, sacred statues to weapons, textiles and bamboo products. Visit the historical Paro Ringpung Dzong built in 1651. The Dzong continues to house both the district administration and the district monk body.

### Day 4. PARO - HAA - THIMPHU

We begin our ride today towards Thimphu, making a loop around the Chelila pass and into Haa and then to Thimphu. Climb 35 km from Paro to the Chelila pass at near 4000m which is also the highest motor able road point in Bhutan. Weather permitting you have great views of Mt. Jhomolhari, Haa valley and rugged Himalayan landscape. Stop for lunch at Haa town and continue towards Thimphu. You cross many villages like Karna, Jyenkana, Bitekha. The ride is beautiful with very minimal traffic and stunning scenery as you ride through pine forests. Once you reach the river confluence of Thimphu and Paro, its 31km to Thimphu on the national highway.



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## Day 5. THIMPHU

Thimphu local sightseeing. (appx. 60 km). Thimphu is the capital city of Bhutan with appx. 100,000 inhabitants. Visit some sights of Cultural interests like the Memorial stupa of the 3<sup>rd</sup> King. Ride to the view point of Thimphu to get the whole view of Thimphu, enroute you can also visit the Takin sanctuary which is the national animal of Bhutan. Ride further north of Thimphu to explore some villages. Later be at leisure to explore the bars and cafes in the town.

## Day 6. THIMPHU - PUNAKHA

Thimphu to Punakha. (79km). We'll aim for an early breakfast so we can do some more sightseeing before leaving for Punakha the old winter capital of Bhutan. En route we'll cross the Dochula Pass at an altitude of 3150mts. On a clear day the eastern range of the Himalayas can be seen from here, so fingers crossed! We then descend down to the Punakha Valley at an altitude of 1350mts. The road has lots of sharp bends, with lots of breathtaking views of the mountains and valleys. If we get to Punakha early enough we'll visit the glorious Punakha Dzong, also known as the "the Palace of Great Bliss".

## Day 7. PUNAKHA - WANGDUE - BUMTHANG.

Punakha to Trongsa. (142km) to Bumthang (68km). Today's ride to Trongsa takes us through two major passes and the small town of Wangdue at 1350mts, where we'll explore .Maybe visit the Dzong and then ride on to Nobding. From Nobding the road ascends sharply to Pelela Pass at 3300mts before descending through pastureland at Sephu where we reach the historical Chendebji Chorten. After consuming our much-anticipated packed lunch at Chendebji, we'll ride to Trongsa at an altitude of 2350mts. While Punakha and Trongsa are at approx the same elevation, there are lots of bends, beautiful waterfalls and thick forest cover on the way. This part of the ride offers views of the south Trongsa Valley and stunning views of the Trongsa Dzong. After visiting the absolutely amazing Trongsa Dzong, we'll ride to Bumthang. En route we'll pass many interesting villages and cross the Yutongla Pass at 3400m before descending into the beautiful Bumthang Valley. Our hotel in the trading centre of Jakar is at an altitude of 2680mts. Getting in relatively early will give us all a chance to explore the township

## Day 8. BUMTHANG

Bumthang is also known as the Switzerland of Bhutan, the whole valley resembling the Swiss Alps but with many monasteries and prayer flags that dot the hills and pine forests. There used to be many Swiss people living in Bumthang developing the logging industry in the 80s. It's a wide valley and interesting to do local rides in the valley visiting villages and visiting sights of cultural interests

## Day 9. BUMTHANG

We will take a short ride back to Trongsa and then ride towards the south of Bhutan to the district of Zhemgang. We will ride through many interesting villages, the district of Zhemgang is one of the remote places in Bhutan but with very rich ecological diversity and rich flora, fauna and avifauna. We also come across some interesting waterfalls and wildlife enroute. Due to its remoteness tourism has not been touched at all here hence we will need to camp on this route.



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## Day 10. ZHEMGANG - TSIRANG

Today we will ride further south to the town of Geylegphug which borders the Indian state of Assam, but we ride in Bhutanese territory. The ride involves riding through rich forest diversity and varied weather patterns as we ride for some time in the tropics and again climb to conifer belts, meanwhile traveling through many small villages.

## Day 11. TSIRANG - THIMPHU

After breakfast in the camp, we head towards Thimphu and today the highway is one of the most interesting and well kept roads in the country. It is a beautiful ride as you all along the Wangdue river until you reach the Wangdue bridge and then its 79 km to Thimphu. Once you reach the Wangdue bridge you would have completed the Coronation Dragon loop, that has been dedicated to the 5<sup>th</sup> King of Bhutan His Majesty Jigme Gesar Namgyal Wangchuck who was crowned in Nov 2008.

## Day 12. THIMPHU

This day is a rest day in Thimphu or pursue sightseeing, shopping and exploring this small and interesting city. With its many handy craft stores, bars and restaurants.

## Day 13. THIMPHU - PARO

A lazy start today, after a leisurely breakfast complete Thimphu sightseeing as you wish, we then make our way to Paro and complete sightseeing in the town. There are many farm tracks to explore in the Paro valley which we can checkout or you can take a short hike to the Takstang monerstry veiw point. The choice is yours as this will be your last day in Bhutan. In the evening we shall take a traditional hot stone bath.

## Day 14. PARO DEPARTURE

The Khamsa team will ensure that you have had a tour of a lifetime while in Bhutan, as we prepare you for your homeward flight and International connection. Your guide and driver will take you to Paro airport in plenty of time, so you can relax before your flight home. Normally a very emotional moment! Tashi Delek.

## Day 15. INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION



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*From the team here we would like to thank you for considering Khamsa Bhutan Tours and look forward to you joining us here in Bhutan. Tashi Delek!*

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