



Bhutan

Land of The Thunder Dragon



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15 Nights in Bhutan

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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.

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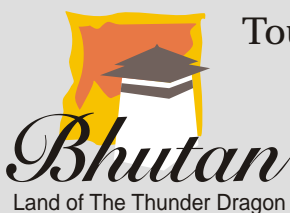


Khamrsa Tours now having opened a UK office to help you with your booking and offer advice on touring the region, visiting Bhutan has never been easier. Chris has many family members in Bhutan and has travelled Bhutan and the Himalayan region extensively. Feel free to

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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15 nights Bhutan



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

Fly into the mighty Himalayas with Druk Air, Bhutan's national carrier. The flight takes you from the plains of India and through the Himalayan mountain ranges. You can see stunning snow capped mountains, including Mt. Everest, silvery rivers and pristine forest. After completing your visa formalities, your guide from Khamsa Tours, who will escort you throughout your adventure in Bhutan will greet you and drive you to the hotel. You can then explore Paro Town and relax for the rest of the day as you wish. Your guide will advise you of activities of interest.



Day 3. PARO

After breakfast drive to Drugyal dzong, 16 Kms away and visit the ruins of the dzong. The dzong though in ruins played an important role defending the valley from Tibetan invasion. Explore the Drugyal village and drive back to Ramthangka. Hike to view point of Taktsang Monastery, which is one of the holiest Pilgrim sites in Bhutan. Legends say that in the 8th century, Guru Rimpoche flew here riding on the back of a tigress. The round trip hike would take about 4 hours and lunch will be served in Taktsang cafeteria. In the evening, on your return to Paro town, visit the 7th century temple Kychu Temple built by Tibetan King, Songtsen Gambo.

Day 4. PARO - THIMPHU

After breakfast, drive through the beautiful Paro valley to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan. The road to the capital takes you through picturesque hamlets, paddy farms, apple orchards and passes many traditional houses. On the way visit the Bhutan's first dzong built in 1629 and is a Buddhist college for the monks. On reaching Thimphu check in to the hotel then after lunch visit the Institute of Arts and Crafts where boys and girls are taught the 13 traditional arts like painting, weaving and carving. Visit the National Library where all old manuscripts are preserved. Visit the Folk heritage museum, which showcases artefacts and style of old living style. Visit the Zilukha nunnery and drive further up hill to the Takin sanctuary (National Animal). Legend says that in the 15th century, the divine mad monk named Lama Drukpa Kinley created this animal from the mixture of a goat and a cow. Drive to the "view point" and enjoy the fantastic views of Thimphu city and the valley. We then return to the hotel and you are free to explore the city on your own.





Day 5. THIMPHU

Day 6. THIMPHU - PUNAKHA

After breakfast drive to Punakha over Dochula pass at 3,100 mts. On a clear day, you can see stunning white capped Bhutanese Himalayas, towards Tibet. The pass is decorated with 108 traditional Bhutanese stupas and colorful prayer flags. We then descend to Punakha, the old winter capital of Bhutan for lunch and check in to the hotel. Visit the spectacular dzong built in 1637, that is still used by the Central Monastic Body and the Chief Abbot of Bhutan as their winter residence. Visit the Khuru Temple and Stupa. Today's highlights will be breathtaking landscapes and the Punakha dzong which has the best woodwork architecture in Bhutan.

Day 7. PUNAKHA - TRONGSA

Day 8. TRONGSA - BHUMTHANG

Visit Trongsa dzong after breakfast, Trongsa dzong is the largest Dzong in Bhutan and is of significance to the Royalty family. Trongsa Dzong is in the central Bhutan and controlled a large area extending to the plains of India. Visit the Watchtower of the Dzong and transfer to Bumthang Valley across the Yotongla pass at 3400m.

Day 9. BUMTHANG

Morning visit Jambay Lhakhang, which was built by the Tibetan King Songston Gyenpo in the 7th century which was among his 108 monasteries that he had built across the Himalayan region namely in Tibet and two in Bhutan. Visit Kurjey Lhakhang, which is one of the most sacred sites in Bhutan. Walk to Tamshing Lhakhang, visit the Swiss farm, and later drive to Mebartsho or the burning lake. This place is of pilgrimage importance to all Buddhists. It is believed that Guru Rimpoche hid treasures all around the country and subsequently there were saints that discovered them over time and history. One particular saint was called Terton Pema Lingpa and he discovered treasures from this river, that has a mystical aura around it. After lunch visit the Jakar Dzong, which houses the district administrative office of the Bumthang valley and the Monastic body. Visit the Wangdicholing Palace that is no longer in use, then be at leisure to visit the Chamkhar town for handicrafts and local market area.





Day.10 BUMTHANG - MONGAR

Today start your journey to the east of Bhutan. The drive is one through the least crowded motorable roads offering fantastic scenery amidst various types of conifer forests. You cross the Thrumshingla pass at 12,465ft which is the highest motorable road in the Kingdom. Visit the Mongar Dzong and town.

Day 11. MONGAR - TRASHIGANG

Continue your journey further east in Bhutan to Trashigang. You can visit the Trashigang Dzong and the Trashigang town. The only university in Bhutan is located at Trashigang in Kanglung.

Day 12. TRASHIYANGTSHI

Set on a small alluvial plateau visit the district of Tashi Yangtshi and Gom Kora. On the way back visit the Sherubtse College (the only University), visit the Blind School and weaving centre.

Day 13. TRASHIGANG - MONGAR

Early return to Mongar following the lateral route.

Day 14. MONGAR - BUMTHANG

Drive to Bumthang, visit Thrumshingla Park and complete sightseeing that has been missed enroute.

Day 15. BUMTHANG - PHOBJIKHA

Drive to Gangtey/Phobjikha, this valley is the winter home of Black Necked Cranes, which was a highly endangered bird, that migrates from Tibet every winter to Phobjikha. Due to conservation efforts of the Royal Society for the Protection of Nature (RSPN), the birds are increasing year on year. Explore the Valley and visit the Gangtey Monastery.

Day 16. PHOBJIKHA - PARO

Day17. 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.

Day18. INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION





Tour Registration

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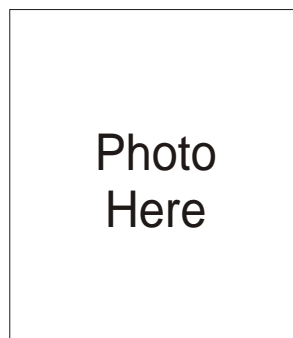
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1. A booking will only be constituted by the return of a completed booking form accompanied by a remittance for the sum of £400 per person or the total cost of the holiday as advised by us. The balance of the holiday is required no later than 60 days before the commencement date of the tour. The company reserves the right to levy an administrative charge in respect of late bookings, should the balance not be paid by the due date. Khamsa reserves the right to cancel the reservation and no refund will be made.
2. All cancellations must be received IN WRITING at our office and will be effective from the date of RECEIPT of the cancellation letter. In this event, the following terms will apply. Bookings cancelled before the balance due date (60 days before tour date) the company will refund all sums paid less £400 minimum deposit paid. Any bookings cancelled more than 30 days before the commencement of the tour shall be entitled to return of 50% of the total holiday price (if paid) less the deposit and any bookings cancelled less than 30 days before commencement of the tour shall forfeit all sums paid. Exceptions to this policy will not be made for any reason. There is no refund for arriving late or leaving a tour early.
3. Cancellation of the tour. The company shall use its best endeavors to ensure that there are no cancellations but reserve the right to cancel the tour. In that event all sums paid by the prospective customer shall be refunded. It is understood that any event or act of war, civil or political unrest, flood, general act of God, or other force majeure shall constitute a sufficient reason for the company to cancel the tour. The company is not responsible for additional expenses incurred by you in preparing for the trip (e.g. non-refundable air tickets, visa fees if applicable, gear or medical expenses)
4. Price Guarantee. Prices stated in the Khamsa Tours and Treks website are per person. Prices do not include airfares unless stated. The information provided on the website attempts as far as possible to provide details of the tour, its duration, route, nature, details of accommodation and food. Further details will be provided as known to the company, but if the applicant becomes aware at any stage that the information does not coincide with the understanding of the position the onus will be upon the applicant to intimate their intention to cancel the booking in WRITING before the 30 days before the tour date.
5. Travelling as a single. Our prices are based on double occupancy. If you require a single room you will be charged a single supplement regardless of when you book. However due to some of the remote areas visited, single rooms are limited and therefore subject to availability. Single room supplement when available is to be confirmed.
6. Insurance. It is a condition of joining our tours, and is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they are adequately insured against medical and personal risks covering the tour, including repatriation, ambulance and air rescue and trip cancellation. Due to the nature of adventure touring you must make sure your insurer is aware of your activity.
7. Complaints. If during the tour, you have a complaint please discuss the matter immediately with the tour leader who will take the appropriate action. Should you be dissatisfied with the result and feel that it has severely affected your enjoyment of the tour please write to us at the Bhutan office within 28 days of your return. We will respond and endeavor to resolve the matter to our mutual satisfaction.
8. It is expressly confirmed that the company cannot accept responsibility for loss or injury to the applicant arising directly through failure by the applicant or of equipment provided. The company shall be responsible only in the event that the loss or injury to the applicant has been directly occasioned by an error by the company or on its behalf by its representative. You are recommended to insure yourself against any possible risk, which you may incur while on the trip. The company shall not be liable for damages in the event of cancellation of the tour in relation to any foregoing matter as specified herein. The Company reserves the right to alter the route as conditions prevail to accommodate changes in weather, terrain and physical condition of participants. The tour leader's decision is final.
9. By their acceptance hereof the applicant agrees and accepts that he has read and understood the terms of these booking conditions and agrees to be bound by them. The applicant also confirms that he considers himself medically fit to participate in the tour and that no warranty has been given by the company as to the medical condition of the applicant. Any information provided by the company in relation to travel details or requirements in respect of passports, visas, vaccinations or other which should be required for trips from the U.K. is provided on a voluntary basis and is not to be relied upon by the applicant.
10. Sight seeing/ historical sights. Entry to most of these is free while with the tour, however where you choose to visit yourself if a charge is applicable you are liable to pay.
11. Payment protection. The government of Bhutan in accordance with Bhutan tourism regulations holds all eligible payments until tours are complete.
12. It is the responsibility of all applicants to meet at the time and designated start point. Participants failing to connect with the courtesy vehicle are liable for their own expenses to catch up with the tour.
13. Delays in the Journey. We cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen delays in your flights prior to, during, or after the tour, either caused by weather or other unforeseen circumstances. In the event of a delay you will be responsible for providing your own meals and accommodation.
14. Khamsa Tours and Treks reserves the right to alter the itinerary at any time for the convenient operation of the tour, also to substitute hotels and resorts, date of departure or return, or withdraw the trip if deemed necessary at any time, for any reason.
15. Name Transfer. Transfer can take place no later than 30 days before tour date. After 30 days name transfer may not be possible. Name transfer will be subject to all administration fees. The fees will need to be confirmed depending on the tour booked.
16. Your tour booking is undertaken with Khamsa Tours and Treks, based and registered in the kingdom of Bhutan. All legal aspects will be dealt with in the High court, Thimphu Bhutan. Khamsa Tours and Treks, 1371 Wogzin Lam Thimphu Kingdom of Bhutan

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