

Historical Bhutan Tour – 18 Days

18 days / 17 nights · Cultural tour · Bhutan

The most comprehensive cultural journey through Bhutan's western, central, and eastern valleys, from Tiger's Nest to Mongar, Lhuentse, and Trashigang, at a relaxed pace.

BEST SEASON	Spring (March–May) and Autumn (September–November)
DESTINATIONS	Paro, Thimphu, Punakha, Gangtey / Phobjikha Valley

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OVERVIEW

This comprehensive cultural journey explores Bhutan's western and central valleys at a relaxed pace, covering major historical and spiritual sites — monasteries, dzongs, and sacred temples — while showcasing different customs and cultures across multiple regions, reaching as far east as Mongar, Lhuentse, and Trashigang.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Paro Valley: Ta Dzong Museum, Rinpung Dzong, Taktsang Monastery
- Thimphu: National Memorial Chorten, Changangkha Temple, National Library
- Punakha Valley: Punakha Dzong, Chimi Lhakhang
- Trongsa, the birthplace of the monarchy
- Bumthang's 7th-century temples: Jambay Lhakhang and Kurjey Lhakhang
- Phobjikha Valley's black-necked cranes
- Haa Valley

PLACES COVERED

Paro › Thimphu › Punakha › Wangdue Phodrang › Trongsa › Bumthang › Mongar › Lhuentse › Trashigang › Gangtey (Phobjikha Valley) › Haa Valley

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 Arrive Paro; transfer to Thimphu

Arrive in Paro and drive to Thimphu.

Meals: Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Thimphu

DAY 2 Thimphu sightseeing

A day of sightseeing in the capital.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Thimphu

DAY 3 Hike to Tango Monastery

Hike to Tango Monastery near Thimphu.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Thimphu

DAY 4 Thimphu to Punakha–Wangdue via Dochula Pass

Cross Dochula Pass to Punakha and Wangdue.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Punakha

DAY 5 Wangdue to Bumthang via Trongsa

Continue east via Trongsa to Bumthang.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Bumthang

DAY 6 Bumthang exploration

Visit Bumthang's ancient temples.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Bumthang

DAY 7 Bumthang to Mongar

Continue into eastern Bhutan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Mongar

DAY 8 Mongar–Lhuentse–Mongar excursion

A day trip to Lhuentse.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Mongar

DAY 9 Mongar to Trashigang

Continue to Trashigang.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Trashigang

DAY 10 Trashigang to Mongar

Return to Mongar.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Mongar

DAY 11 Mongar to Bumthang

Return to Bumthang.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Bumthang

DAY 12 Bumthang — Tharpaling Monastery hike

Hike to Tharpaling Monastery.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Bumthang

DAY 13 Bumthang–Trongsa with Kuenga Rabten excursion

Visit Kuenga Rabten Palace en route to Trongsa.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Trongsa

DAY 14 Trongsa to Punakha via Phobjikha Valley

Stop in the Phobjikha Valley en route to Punakha.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Punakha

DAY 15 Punakha to Thimphu

Return to Thimphu.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Thimphu

DAY 16 Thimphu to Haa Valley to Paro

Visit the Haa Valley en route to Paro.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Paro

DAY 17 Paro Taktsang Monastery excursion

Hike to Taktsang (Tiger's Nest) Monastery.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Paro

DAY 18 Departure from Paro

Transfer to Paro International Airport for departure.

Meals: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Sustainable Development Fee (SDF)
- 3-star hotel accommodations (twin/double sharing)
- E-visa for Bhutan

- Private tour with dedicated guide and driver
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, evening tea)
- In-country transportation and airport transfers
- Sightseeing with entrance fees per itinerary
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Bottled water throughout

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International/domestic airfares
- Travel and medical insurance
- Guide/driver domestic airfare costs
- Services not listed under inclusions
- Costs from strikes, mishaps, or political unrest
- Alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages and personal expenses
- Gratuities for staff

PRICING

The price depends on nationality, group size, season and travel dates. Contact us for a personal quote for this itinerary.