

Trip Name : Cultural Tour To Druk Yul

Starting Point	Fly in KTM-Paro
Ending Point	Fly out Paro-KTM
Type	GuestHouse/Hotel
Grade	Easy
Duration	8 Days
Best Time	March to May and September to November
Max. Elevation	3180 mt.

Trip Details:

Bhutan is rich in culture and traditions. Bhutan is known as 'Druk Yul' in native language and it is one of the world's most exotic tourist destinations. The national religion of Bhutan is Mahayana Buddhism which is the basis of the the Drukpa way of life. Some basic knowledge of Buddhism is essential to experience the everyday life in Bhutan. Prayer flags dot the landscape everywhere. Prayer wheels run by mountain streams can be seen at the roadside. Images of Buddha and other religious figures are carved and painted on to cliffs. It reminds the visitor that every aspect of daily life in Bhutan is shaped by Buddhist beliefs and aspirations. Punakha Dzong is the major highlight of this tour. Punakha Dzong is probably the most beautiful in Bhutan.

Season for Bhutan Travel:

The best times to visit Bhutan are during spring (March, April, May) and autumn (September, October, November). The major religious festivals in Bhutan are held during these months and the weather in spring and autumn makes an ideal season for trekking and touring throughout the country enjoying the spectacular views of Himalayan mountains peaks and experiencing the cultural delights. However, travelling in Bhutan is possible throughout the year.

Group size:

A minimum of TWO persons is required to obtain a trekking permit in Bhutan. Tours can be organized for 1-3 persons and are considered FITs and a special discount is available if you are travelling in a group of 4 or above.

Cost Includes:

- Bhutan Tour Package on twin sharing room on full board basis in the 'A' Class Hotels/Resorts/Lodges
- Economy class air tickets for Kathmandu-Paro-Kathmandu
- Bhutan visa fee and TDF
- All internal transportation by a comfortable Car/Van as per group size
- All sightseeing with a good English speaking Guide as per in the itinerary
- Full Board Meals (B/L/D) on Tours
- All entrance fees to the monasteries and monuments
- All necessary Hotel/Airport/Hotel transfers

Cost Excludes:

- Hotel and meals in Kathmandu
- Nepal visa fee
- Insurance for accidental, medical and evacuation

- All personal expenses such as drinks, laundry, tip, etc.
- Extra expenses due to any natural and political causes such as snow, landslide, strikes, etc.
- Single supplement charges

Add-Ons:

Kathmandu City Tour

Activity: Cultural tour to the World Heritage Sites.

Major sites: Swoyambhunath, Boudhanath, Pashupatinath, Kathmandu/Patan/Bhaktapur Durbar Square and Changunarayan Temple.

Duration: Full/Half day.

Frequency: Tour can be organized in any day and at your suitable time.

Cost: US\$ 50 per person. Group discounts available.

Ground transfer: Included by a private vehicle as per group size (Car/Van/Bus).

Guide: English Speaking City Tour Guide included. Additional language Guides are also available on demand.

Meals: Not included.

Entrance fee: Applicable and not included.

Mt. Everest Flight

Activity: Mount Everest sightseeing flight.

Duration: One hour.

Frequency: Everyday in the morning between 6am to 9am.

Cost: US\$ 224 per person. Group discounts available.

Ground transfer: Included by a private vehicle. Two persons minimum needed.

Airport tax: Included.

Airline: Buddha Air, Simrik Airlines and Yeti Airlines.

Jungle Safari in Chitwan National Park

Activities: Jungle safari on elephant-back, jungle walk, canoe ride, jeep drive, experience of Tharu culture.

Accommodation: Resorts, Hotels and Lodges.

Transportation: Private Car included (Kathmandu/Pokhara-Kathmandu).

Meals: Included.

Duration: 3 days and 2 nights.

Cost: Starts from US\$ 225 per person.

Jungle Safari in Bardia National Park

Activities: Jungle safari on elephant-back, jungle walk, boat ride, jeep drive.

Accommodation: Jungle lodges.

Transportation: Not included.

Meals: Included.

Duration: 4 days and 3 nights.

Cost: Starts from US\$ 475 per person.

Bird Watching in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve

Activities: Bird watching, boat ride and wildlife viewing on jeep drive.

Accommodation: Resorts, Tented camps.

Transportation: Not included.

Meals: Included.

Duration: 3 days and 2 nights.

Cost: Starts from US\$ 480 per person.

Rafting in Nepal

Trishuli River: 2/3 Class – 1 Day – 17 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 30 per person.

Seti River: 3 Class – 2 Days – 32 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 80 per person.

KaliGandaki River: 4 Class – 3 Days – 56 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 140 per person.

BhoteKoshi River: 4/5 Class – 2 Days – 18 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 85 per person.

- **Cost includes:** Top quality Rafting equipment, Highly trained Crew, Well organized camping, Hygienic food.

- **Transportation:** Bus transportation included and depends.

Bungy Jumping / Canyoning / Paragliding / Ultralight Flight

We can check and deliver information and cost as per your interest received for Bungy Jumping, Canyoning, Paragliding and Ultralight Flight. Bungy and Canyoning can also be customized together.

Shopping Tours

Package available on demand.

Shopping items: Pashmina items, Paubha/Thangka, Woolen Carpets, Root Art, Ceramics, Shaligram (Holy Rocks), Masks of deities, Khukuri, Tea, Spices, Garments and Knitwear, Musical Instruments and Music, Glass Ornaments, Jewelry and Gems, Metal Wares, Sculptures, Wood Carvings, Rudraksha (Rosary), Incense, Natural Buttons, Fiber Products, Wood Game Boards, Fancy Hats, Bamboo Crafts, Bags and Accessories, Leather Articles, Lokta Paper and items made by Lokta, Nepali Dolls, Home Decors, Books and Maps and innumerable other unique items which are found nowhere else.

Trip Itinerary:

Day 01 : Fly Kathmandu to Paro.

The flight into the Himalaya reveals breathtaking views of the great peaks MT EVEREST, MT KANCHANJUNGA, MT CHOMOLHARI, MT JICHU DRAKE, etc., taking you right into the Dragon Kingdom's scraping airstrip at PARO. On arrival you will be greeted and transferred through the beautiful PARO valley to Hotel - dinner & overnight at hotel.

Day 02 : In Paro.

Morning drive and to DRUKGYAL DZONG (18km), RINPUNG DZONG, TA DZONG MUSEUM including local bazaar in PARO valley - Overnight at hotel.

Day 03 : Excursion to Taktsang.

Morning excursion to TAKTSANG MONASTERY (Tigers' nest) with a 2-hour horse ride - Afternoon drive to MENDEGANG - Overnight at lodge.

Day 04 : Paro to Punakha.

Scenic drive to PUNAKHA including visit to PUNAKHA DZONGS - Overnight at lodge.

Day 05 : Punakha to Gangtey and Wangdi.

Morning excursion tour to GANGTEY valley including visit to the GANGTEY DZONG - Overnight at guest house in WANGDI.

Day 06 : Wangdi to Thimpu.

Scenic day drive to Thimpu, the capital of BHUTAN - Overnight at hotel.

Day 07 : In Thimpu.

Full day sightseeing to the MEMMORIAL CHORTEN of the late King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck in the heart of Thimpu town, TASHICHHO DZONG (the Fortress of the Auspicious Religion, presently Govt. secretariat building). Evening, drive back to PARO (2 hrs) - Overnight at hotel.

Day 08 : Fly Paro to Kathmandu.

After early breakfast, drive to airport for departure flight to Kathmandu.

Option available for extending your trip with Jungle Safari adventure, white water rafting or a trip of your choice.