



## Bhutan in the Autumn

Discover the natural and cultural wonders of Bhutan on one of our most intriguing South Asian tours.

Take an in-depth look at Bhutan's stunningly diverse natural and cultural heritage on this touring style journey.

The itinerary is timed to include the Bumthang local festival. We may also see the rare Black necked Cranes that return to winter over in the Phobjikha wetlands in October.

We visit the key provincial centres and make easy short and part day walks, excursions to wildlife sanctuaries, nature reserves and monasteries.

### ARRIVE EARLIER ~ STAY LONGER

Talk to us about things to do if you would like to travel via Delhi and stay a day or two longer (en route to or from Paro), or join our Kashmir-Ladakh Pashmina road itinerary before this trip. .

**US\$ 4900**

Price is all inclusive and based on twin share and minimum of 2 travellers. Single Room Supplement available

Escorted by SRA local professional tour leader



## Trip Details

DURATION - 16 days

AVERAGE TEMP - 10°C - 25°C

ACCOMMODATION STYLE  
- Hotels

SIGHTSEEING STYLE  
- Included

GROUP SIZE STYLE  
- Max 6

DATES OF TRIPS  
Commences Paro  
24 September 2020

Concludes Paro  
09 October 2020

MEALS  
included

TRAVEL STYLE  
Tour coach, one domestic flight

## Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 - Arrive Paro

Arrive in Paro where our representative will meet you and transfer to Hotel.

### Day 2 - Hike to Tigers Nest

A full day walk to visit Tigers nest Monastery - Bhutan's most popular cultural icon.

### Day 3 - to Alpine Skyline

Today drive to the highest road pass in Bhutan (approx 4000 meters). Walk on the alpine skyline walk with stunning panoramic views of Paro and Haa Valley. Late pm drive to Thimphu

### Day 4 - Thimphu

Full day today to visit Thimphu and experience the colourful annual Thimphu cultural festival.

### **Day 5 - Thimphu**

Optional Trek to Tango/Cheri monastery through old growth sub alpine forests. Opportunity to view wildlife including mountain goats, Langurs (long tailed monkeys) and birds. Walking time approx 3.5 hours return

### **Day 6 - To Wangdue**

Today set out for the 2 hour drive to Wangdue Eco Lodge. Along the way stop to make a short forest walk . Stop also at Punakha to visit some of the key local cultural sites.

### **Day 7 - To Phobjikha**

Today a 2 hour drive eastward to reach Phobjikha. On arrival experience the festival in Phobjika monastery. Today we plan time also to walk and explore in the scenic Phobjikha valley.

### **Day 8 - To Yonkola**

There is an early start this morning to witness the 'tongdrel' (unfurling of large painting of Guru). Drive eastwards to Yonkola and visit Trongsa along the way.

### **Day 9 - To Mongar**

Make a full day excursion to Lhuntse today.. Visit Lhuntse Dzong perched high on a hill. Also visit Giant Guru statue. Evening drive back to Mongar.

### **Day 10 To Trashigang**

There's a half day drive to Trashigang today in order to reach the eastern extent of the tour. Trashigang Dzong occupies an eyrie high above the historic Assam trade route and the district is both strategic and important as a gateway for Trade with India.

### **Day 11 - Trashigang**

Today set out for a full day excursion to Radi village in the far north eastern corner of Bhutan. Radi is regarded as the 'rice basket' of Bhutan and plays an important role as a primary producing region..

### **Day 12 - Return to Yonkola**

Get back on the road today for the drive back to Yonkola. The trip will take around 4 hours but there will be time along the way for rest breaks and a chance to stretch your legs

### **Day 13 - to Bumthang**

Drive to Bumthang. Along the way we plan stops for short walks and rural visits.

### **Day 14 - Bumthang**

Day visit to Tang valley. Visit local museum and walk in the valley.

### **Day 15 - to Paro**

Morning in Bumthang and afternoon flight from Bumthang to Paro. (13.15 - 13.50).

### **Day 16 - Depart**

Transfer to airport for departure flight



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