

GLIMPSE OF NEPAL & BHUTAN

(8 NIGHTS/9 DAYS)

NEPAL • BHUTAN



DAY 01: ARRIVAL IN KATHMANDU (-/-/-)

Arrive in Kathmandu. Meeting and assistance at the airport and transfer to the ahotel.

Overnght at the hotel in Kathmandu.

DAY 02: FULL DAY TOUR IN KATHMANDU (BREAKFAST/-/-)

Morning, sightseeing tour of sacred Hindu temple of **Pashupatinath**. It is one of the most important temple on the subcontinent and draws devotees from all over India, including many colorful Sadhus (those wandering ascetic Hindu holy men).

Continue on to **Swoyambhunath Stupa**.

On the top of the hill west of Kathmandu value is one of the popular and instantly recognizable symbols of Nepal. It is also referred to as “Monkey Temple” by many tourists because of the large tribes of monkeys that guards the hill. Legends say after the Bodhisattva Manjushri drained the water from the lake revealing the Kathmandu valley, the lotus one the island of the lake was transformed into the hillock, and the blazing light from the lotus became the statue.





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Afternoon, sightseeing tour of **Patan Durbar Square**.

This city is also known as “City of Beauty”. Patan has a long Buddhist history. Patan’s central Durbar Square is packed with temples. Numerous other temples of widely diverse style, as well as many bahals (Buddhist Monasteries), are scattered around the fascinating old town.



Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu.

DAY 03: FLY TO PARO AND DRIVE TO THIMPU (2,350M) (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

Morning, transfer to the airport and fly to **Paro**.

Upon arrival in Paro you will be met at Paro by our representative. After lunch, sightseeing tour in Paro. Later drive to **Thimpu**, capital city of Bhutan.

It is the capital of this Himalayan Kingdom. It is the center of government, religion and commerce. This place is a unique combination of ancient traditions and modern development. Thimpu maintains its character in architectural style. Visit the colorful weekend market, museums and landmarks like National Memorable Chorten. It is famous for being the only capital in the world which does not have a traffic light.



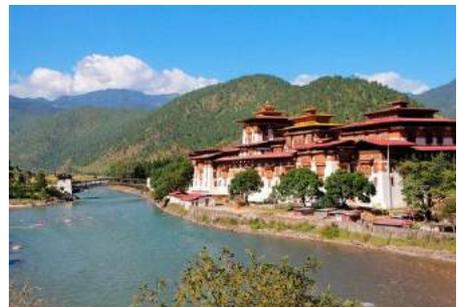
Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Thimpu.

DAY 04: MORNING, SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF THIMPU. LATER DRIVE TO PUNAKHA (1300M) (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

After breakfast, visit mini zoo and, Changzangkha Lhakhang. Later, drive over Dochu-La pass (3,100m), which on clear day will offer incredible Himalayas views before descending into Punakha valley (77 kms/3 hrs drive).

Later, tour of **Punakha Dzong**.

This dzong was the second dzong to be built in Bhutan and it served as the capital and seat of government until Thimphu was promoted to the top job in the mid-1950s. It's arguably the most beautiful dzong in the country, especially in spring when the lilac-coloured jacaranda trees bring a lush sensuality to the dzong's characteristically towering whitewashed walls. Elaborately painted gold, red and black carved woods add to the artistic lightness of touch.



Dinner and overnight at Punakha.



**DAY 05: MORNING, TOUR OF PUNAKHA AND DRIVE TO THIMPU
(BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)**

Morning, visit **Wangdue Dzong Ruines** from outside.

Later, drive to Thimpu via Dochu-la pass. Lunch at **Dochu-la pass**. In Thimpu, visit National Memorial Chorten. Other site visit includes School for Arts and Crafts where students are taught 13 types of Bhutanese art, the National Library housing the collection of Bhutanese scripture dating back to 8th century.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Thimpu.



**DAY 06: DRIVE BACK TO PARO. HIKE TO TAKTSANG MONASTERY IN PARO
(BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)**

After breakfast, drive to Paro. Later, hike to **Taktsang Monastery**.

The trail is board and walk of approx.2 hrs will take you kilometer above the Paro valley (for those who cannot walk we will arrange horse to transfer up to the viewing point). On the return back to Paro visit 7th century Kyichu Lakhang. Evening, walk around the town for shopping.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Paro.



DAY 07: FLY BACK TO KATHMANDU (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, transfer to the Paro airport and fly back to Kathmandu. Upon arrival in Kathmandu, transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day is free.

Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu.

DAY 08: FULL DAY TOUR IN KATHMANDU (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, half day tour of Bhaktapur Durbar Square. Bhaktapur also known as 'Bhadgaon' is the third largest town in the valley. The stone embedded street links a string of temples, monastery, courtyards and monumental squares. You will quickly notice how vibrant the town's cultural life is with strong communities of potters, woodcarvers and weavers.





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Rest of the day is free for personal activities/shopping.

Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu.

DAY 09: DEPARTURE (BREAKFAST/-/-)

Free till departure. Transfer to the airport in time to connect your onward flight

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PRICE: ON REQUEST

Inclusions:-

- √ 4 nights accommodation at the hotel in Kathmandu
- √ 2 nights accommodation in Thimpu with breakfast
- √ 1 night accommodation in Punakha with breakfast
- √ 1 nights accommodation in Paro with breakfast
- √ All meals in Bhutan
- √ All necessary airport transfers with service of a local representative
- √ Guided sightseeing tours in Nepal and Bhutan as per the itinerary
- √ Bhutan Visa fee
- √ All applicable entrance fees (except in museums)
- √ Permit and entrance fees in Bhutan

Exclusions:-

- × Lunches/dinners (except in Bhutan)
- × Kathmandu/Paro/Kathmandu airfare (will be advised separately)
- × International airfare
- × Tips, gratuities, expenses of personal nature

We look forward to seeing you!!!