Druk Path Trek with cultural Tour in Bhutan

3 Star Hotel Package

2700 USD per person

*Including healthy meals

5 Star Hotel Package

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Trip Style: Cultural Tour+Trek

Trip Difficulty: Moderate

Bhutan is a small kingdom in the Himalayas, where open-minded and yet tradition-conscious peoples live with happy life. Furthermore, Bhutan is also well-known Buddhist country where Water-driven prayer wheels are ringing; prayer flags are fluttering in the wind each day. **Druk Path Trek** with a cultural tour is a perfect way to explore Bhutan and a wonderful experience of a lifetime that you can't get anywhere else on earth. By trekking in Bhutan, you can enjoy the unique sceneries on the Last Shangri-La in the world and have a full insight of Bhutan culture.Our four days **Druk path trek** will take you over flower-strewn alpine pastures and through sparse forests away from the main hiking trails thrive in the spring, the flowering rhododendrons in autumn tufted edelweiss.

We experience more highlights on our journey Step by step it goes through the lonely nature. We begin our tour with visiting major cultural attractions such as the Tiger nest monastery with acclimatization. As you travel the Himalayas on this route, immerse yourself in a world of idyllic mountain temples, sincere novice smiles, lonely yaks on Himalayan passes, and lots of sparkling snow on the horizon. this Himalayan journey takes you deep into the everyday life and nature of the mountainous region between Paro and Thimphu: spend four days on the scenic **Druk Path Trek**, which is recommended to every beginner with good physical Condition. At the end of your Bhutan Druk path trek, you will find yourself in the monastery again: your neighbor smiles shyly at you, then turns to the blackboard.

DURATION: 10 days

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Day 01.: Arrive Paro (2,250m / 7,382ft) International Airport by Druk Air

During the journey to Paro, one will experience a breathtaking view of Mount Everest, Kanchenjunga and other famous Himalayan peaks, including the sacred Chomolhari and Mount Jichu Drake in Bhutan. On arrival at Paro International Airport, you will be received by representatives of our tour operator, who will escort you to the Hotel where arrangements have been made for two night's halts.

Later at afternoon, drive to Drugyel Dzong (a ruined fortress - 16 Kms away from the Paro Town). Although now in ruins, this Dzong is of historical importance. It was here that the Bhutanese finally defeated the Tibetans and drove them back. From here to the peak of Chomolhari "Mountain of the Goddess", alt. 7329 m (24,029ft.) can be viewed on a clear day.

Overnight at Tenzeling Hotel/Similar [B/L/D].

Day 02.: Excursion to Taktsang Monastery and acclimatization Hike.

You will experience the panoramic view of Himalayan mountain range as you fly to Paro International Airport. Descending over Paro valley is yet another exciting and mysterious experience that is unparalleled and ineffable. At the exit point of the airport our representatives will be waiting for you who will drive you to your hotel in Paro.

After your first taste of Bhutanese cuisine, your guide and driver will take you for a hike to the Taktsang Monastery, Guru Padmasambhava or Guru Rimpoche did his meditation here for 3 months. The hike takes about 3 – 4 hrs depending on the capability of the hikers. This is also a photographer's delight; the monastery is adorned with prayer flags and stands in the cave of granite rocks 900m above the Paro valley floor.

Letter, en route, visit the Kichu monastery which is one of the oldest monasteries in Bhutan built in the 7th century by the Tibetan King Songsten Genpo who built 108 monasteries around the region with the heart being Lhasa in Tibet.

Overnight at Tenzeling Hotel/Similar [B/L/D].

Day 03.: Drive to Ta Dzong and Trek to Jele Dzong: Approx.8KM- Altitude 3,480 m.{ 3-4 hrs Trek}

Drive up to the National Museum, the start point of the trek where you will be met by our trekking staff and horsemen. You will commence the trek from there and ascend for over 1100 meters and then descend down to our rest camp. After a short rest, you will resume the trek through aromatic blue pine forest and along several apple orchards and a monastery. Along with your climbs, you will have a beautiful view of Paro valley below and Jele Dzong above. Continue through steady climb until a small campsite which is just below Jele Dzong.

Overnight at the Campsite.

Day 04.: Trek Jele Dzong to Jangchulakha.10 KM-Altitude 3,700 M. {4-5 hrs Trek}

Just moments away from your campsite you can see part of Paro valley and beautiful view of Dagala range. The trek will take you through beautiful forest of alpine and dwarf rhododendron tress and if you are a bird enthusiast we can also hear a range of bird calls along the way. About 4 hours trek and we will reach our next campsite at Jangchu Lhakhang.

Overnight at the Campsite.

Day 05.: Trek from Jangchu Lhakhang to Jimilang Tsho {11 km, 4 hours, 230 camp altitude 3,870 m.}

11km, 4hours Aim for the day is to reach the Jigmeling Tsho, a lake further north. After breakfast, follow a trail along the ridge of the mountains and cross a series of passes, each marked by a stone memorial and prayer flags. If a clear day, gets a stunning view of the peaks bordering Tibet. Then there will be a long and gradual descent through alpine meadows, through rhododendron and conifer forest that will lead to overnight camp close to the lake Jigmeling. It is also common to fish giant sized trout, which, if lucky may be served for dinner!

Day 06.: Trek Jimilang Tsho to Simkotra Tsho Distance 11 km, 4 hrs. camp altitude 4,110 m.)

11km, 4 hours Today, ascend through a rhododendron forest, and pass through grazing meadows. After about three hours, reach Janye Tsho at 3950 meters. Then some short ascents and descents before finally reaching Simkotra Tsho at 4050 meters. Once again, you may come across some yak herders' camps. Appreciate the Jilli dzong and the ridge line you had trekked along a few days ago, from that point. Finally dinner will be served at your overnight camp near the lake in Simkotra Tsho.

Day 07.: Trek from Simkotra Tsho to Phajoding (10 km, 3-4 hrs.camp altitude 3,750 m.)

Morning view from Phajoding campsite is truly magical as you stand above the blanket of clouds over Thimphu valley and clear view of endless mountain range above. You can also witness the beautiful sunrise in far east over the snow-capped mountains.

10 km, 4-5 hours Today will be the final day along the ridges! After a good breakfast, start a gradual climb and head over a series of small passes taking you towards the Thimphu Valley. If the weather permits, catch a spectacular view of Mt. Gangkar Phuensum, the highest mountain in Bhutan and several other Himalayan peaks.

Once again pass some yak herders settlements and alpine lakes before reaching the Phume La at 4200 meters. From this point continue your descent towards Phajodhing, where a monastery and meditation retreat center is located; and also a very important pilgrimage site for Bhutanese people. Finally, replenish yourself with dinner at the campsite set up above Phajoding Monastery.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 08.: Trek from Phajoding to Thimphu (Mothitang)5 KM – {Approx. 3-4 hrs Trek}

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Phajoding to Thimphu also called Mothitang is all descend it is rather relaxing and enjoyable. The trail ends at the communications tower at Sangaygang where your driver will be waiting for you. Way to the hotel, visit the Takin Sanctuary where you will see the rare animal Takin. It is a mini zoo where the Takin, the national animal of Bhutan is kept in captivity. We will then take you to your hotel and have a nice relaxing day. At evening, Visit the TashichhoDzong; located on the northern edge of the city of Thimpu, on the western bank of the Wang Chu. TashichhoDzong is Bhutan's most stately and arguably the most impressive building.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 09.: Thimphu - Punakha (85 KM. Approx. 3hrs drive) Sightseeing & Overnight stay at Punakha

On your way to Punakha, stop at Dochula Pass to have a coffee break and admire the grand 108 stupas. If in good weather, feel the gentle breeze from the grand Mt. Himalaya. Proceed to Chimmi Lhakhang, a temple dedicated to the Devine Madman and a sacred place where people pray for children. Next embrace the highlight - Punakha Dzong, a very beautiful Bhutanese architecture armed by the Pho Chu and Mo Chu rivers, with rich Buddhist collections. You will also visit Suspension Bridge nearby (the longest bridge in Bhutan).

Overnight: Punakha

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10.: Punakha - Paro Approx. 4 hrs drive (126.8 km) via Thimphu (Sightseeing in Paro)

Drive back to Paro and start today's tour with **Paro Dzong**, perhaps the finest example of Bhutanese architecture as well as a local religious administrative center. Later visit **Ta Dzong**, an ancient watchtower housing the **National Museum**, with abundant culture relics. Next go to **Kyichu Lhakhang**, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan and ends at a local **farmhouse**, where you can chat with local people, see how they live and may taste some homemade wine.

Day 11.: Drive to Airport & Fly back to Home

Today we bid goodbye to the small Himalayan Kingdom and her friendly people. After early breakfast, we leave Thimphu for Paro airport. Druk Air generally departs in the early morning to avoid adverse weather conditions. Therefore, after taking breakfast, we will be taken to the airport in the morning for final departure.