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BHUTAN · FLY AND DRIVE · WINTER 2026–27

Drive In, Fly Out

8 Days / 7 Nights 1N Phuentsholing · 2N Thimphu · 2N Punakha · 2N Paro

PACKAGE CODE	DURATION	SEASON	STARTING FROM
TR-W26-BT-13	**8 Days / 7 Nights**	**Winter 2026 – 27**	**₹ 64,000 pp**

Tour highlights

- Enter Bhutan by road at Phuentsholing
- Dochula Pass and Punakha Dzong
- A day in the Phobjikha valley
- Fly out of Paro after the Tiger's Nest

Day-wise itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive at Bagdogra or NJP, drive to Phuentsholing

Drive: *165 km · 4 to 5 hours*

Our representative meets you at Bagdogra airport or New Jalpaiguri (NJP) station and drives you to Phuentsholing, the border town (298 m). Our Bhutan representative helps you with the entry permit at the immigration office, and then you check in at your hotel.

Meals: *Dinner* **Overnight:** *Phuentsholing*



DAY 02

Phuentsholing to Thimphu

Drive: *158 km · 5 to 6 hours*

After breakfast, finish the permit formalities if they were not done yesterday, and drive up through the hills to Thimphu (2,320 m), the capital. Check in at your hotel.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Thimphu*



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DAY 03

Thimphu sightseeing

A full day in the capital. Start at Sangaygang viewpoint (2,865 m) for the view over Thimphu, then the giant Buddha Dordenma at Kuensel Phodrang. Visit the Institute for Zorig Chusum, the school of Bhutan's thirteen traditional arts, the Textile Museum and the handicraft shops, Zangthopelri Lhakhang, Simply Bhutan, and the Motithang Takin Preserve to see Bhutan's national animal.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Thimphu*



DAY 04

Thimphu to Punakha over Dochula

Drive: *70 km · 2.5 to 3 hours*

Check out and drive over Dochula Pass (3,080 m), with its 108 chortens and, on a clear day, a view of the high Himalaya. Down in the warm Punakha valley (1,273 m), visit Punakha Dzong at the meeting of two rivers, the suspension bridge if time allows, and walk about 30 minutes each way to Chimi Lhakhang. Check in at your hotel in Punakha or Wangdue.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Punakha*



DAY 05

Day trip to Gangtey and the Phobjikha valley

Drive: *85 km each way · 3 to 3.5 hours*

An early start for Gangtey and the wide glacial valley of Phobjikha (3,000 m), one of the most beautiful places in Bhutan. Visit the Black-necked Crane Information Centre and Gangtey Goenpa, the monastery above the valley. Black-necked cranes winter here from about late October to February. Back to Punakha in the evening.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Punakha*



DAY 06

Punakha to Paro via Lamperi

Drive: *148 km · 4 to 5 hours*

Check out and drive back over Dochula to Paro (2,200 m), stopping at Lamperi for the Royal Botanical Park. Check in at your hotel in Paro.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Paro*



DAY 07

Paro sightseeing, or the Tiger's Nest hike

Choose one for today. Paro sightseeing covers Dungtse Lhakhang, the viewpoint over the valley and its tiny airport (best between 10 and 11 am), Ta Dzong, the National Museum (closed on national holidays), Rinpung Dzong and Kichu Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's oldest temples. Or start early for the hike to Taktsang, the Tiger's Nest monastery, at 3,120 m: about 2.5 to 3 hours uphill each way through pine forest, depending on your fitness. If the full climb is too much, the cafeteria viewpoint is about 1 to 1.5 hours up and has a fine view of the monastery. Your car waits at the base.

Meals: *Breakfast, Dinner* **Overnight:** *Paro*



DAY 08

Leave from Paro

Drive: *6 km · 20 to 30 minutes*

Breakfast, check out and transfer to Paro airport for your flight home.

Meals: *Breakfast*



Hotels by level

Hotel level	Where you stay
Standard *3-star, value for money*	**Phuentsholing, 1 night:** Hotel Laughing Lama — AC deluxe room / Hotel Tara Phendeyling — AC deluxe room, or similar **Thimphu, 2 nights:** Tara Phyendeling — AC deluxe room / Eutsholing Boutique — Non-AC deluxe room, or similar **Punakha, 2 nights:** Wangdi Kichu Resort — AC standard room (vegetarian hotel), or similar **Paro, 2 nights:** Rema Resort — Non-AC deluxe cottage room / Treenz Lite — AC executive king room, or similar
Standard Plus *3-star plus, our pick*	**Phuentsholing, 1 night:** Hotel Laughing Lama — AC deluxe room / Hotel Tara Phendeyling — AC deluxe room, or similar **Thimphu, 2 nights:** Bhutan Peaceful Residency & Spa — AC deluxe room, or similar **Punakha, 2 nights:** Wangdi Kichu Resort — AC standard room (vegetarian hotel), or similar **Paro, 2 nights:** The Tigers Nest Camp — Non-AC deluxe tent room, or similar
Superior *3-star plus to 4-star*	**Phuentsholing, 1 night:** Hotel Druk — AC superior deluxe room, or similar **Thimphu, 2 nights:** Lemon Tree Resort — Non-AC executive room, or similar **Punakha, 2 nights:** RKPO Green Resort — AC deluxe room / Lobesa Boutique — AC deluxe room, or similar **Paro, 2 nights:** Kaachi Grand — AC sky deck room, or similar
Deluxe *4-star*	**Phuentsholing, 1 night:** Hotel Druk — AC superior deluxe room, or similar **Thimphu, 2 nights:** Termalinca Resort & Spa — Non-AC deluxe room, or similar **Punakha, 2 nights:** Dhensa Boutique Resort — AC suite room, or similar **Paro, 2 nights:** Termalinca Resort & Spa — AC deluxe room, or similar
Premium *4-star plus to 5-star*	**Phuentsholing, 1 night:** Hotel Druk — AC suite room, or similar **Thimphu, 2 nights:** Yarkay, IHCL SeleQtions — AC superior room, or similar **Punakha, 2 nights:** Dhensa Boutique Resort — AC suite room, or similar **Paro, 2 nights:** Dawa at Hilltop by Heeton — AC deluxe valley view room, or similar
Luxury *5-star: Pemako, Taj and similar*	**Phuentsholing, 1 night:** Hotel Druk — AC suite room, or similar **Thimphu, 2 nights:** Pemako Hotel — AC deluxe room, or similar **Punakha, 2 nights:** Pemako — AC luxury tented pool villa room, or similar **Paro, 2 nights:** Taj Paro Resort & Spa — AC deluxe mountain view room, or similar

Hotels are as listed or similar, subject to availability. Breakfast and dinner are included (MAP).

Inclusions & exclusions

Included

- ✓ Hotel stay on twin sharing at your chosen hotel level, as listed
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner every day, from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on the last day
- ✓ Private vehicle for transfers and sightseeing as per the itinerary (point to point, not at disposal): car for 2, Hiace van for 4 or 6, coaster bus for 8
- ✓ Guide (trip leader) for the Bhutan part of the trip
- ✓ Meet and greet on arrival
- ✓ One bottle of drinking water per person per day

Not included

- ✕ Bhutan's Sustainable Development Fee (SDF): ₹1,200 per adult and ₹600 per child (5 to 12 years) per night in Bhutan
- ✕ GST 5% and TCS as per Government of India rules
- ✕ Air and train tickets
- ✕ Monument entrance fees
- ✕ Rafting and other optional activities
- ✕ Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners
- ✕ Travel insurance
- ✕ Laundry, drinks, porterage, tips and other personal expenses
- ✕ Anything not listed under inclusions

Package cost

Price per person on twin sharing, by group size and vehicle. Land only:

Hotel level	2 adults car	4 adults Hiace van	6 adults Hiace van	8 adults coaster	Single room supplement	Extra adult	Child with bed	Child without bed
Standard *3-star, value for money*	₹ 64,000	₹ 47,000	₹ 39,000	₹ 39,900	₹ 38,200	₹ 21,400	₹ 20,100	₹ 9,300
Standard Plus *3-star plus, our pick*	₹ 66,900	₹ 49,800	₹ 41,900	₹ 42,800	₹ 41,800	₹ 21,400	₹ 21,400	₹ 12,300
Superior *3-star plus to 4-star*	₹ 83,300	₹ 66,400	₹ 58,500	₹ 59,200	₹ 73,200	₹ 31,100	₹ 28,100	₹ 17,200
Deluxe *4-star*	₹ 92,700	₹ 75,600	₹ 67,700	₹ 68,600	₹ 85,200	₹ 46,100	₹ 35,100	₹ 17,300
Premium *4-star plus to 5-star*	₹ 104,200	₹ 87,300	₹ 79,400	₹ 80,100	₹ 111,300	₹ 55,400	₹ 48,000	₹ 23,400
Luxury *5-star: Pemako, Taj and similar*	₹ 228,200	₹ 211,200	₹ 203,300	₹ 204,000	₹ 345,800	₹ 115,500	₹ 115,500	₹ 60,900

Surcharge per person for travel from 1 Sep to 30 Nov 2026, added to the price above (none from 1 Dec 2026 to 28 Feb 2027):

Hotel level	2 adults car	4 adults Hiace van	6 adults Hiace van	8 adults coaster	Single room supplement	Extra adult	Child with bed	Child without bed
Standard *3-star, value for money*	₹ 4,200	₹ 5,300	₹ 4,100	₹ 3,900	₹ 3,600	Nil	Nil	Nil
Standard Plus *3-star plus, our pick*	₹ 4,000	₹ 5,100	₹ 3,900	₹ 3,500	₹ 1,500	Nil	Nil	Nil
Superior *3-star plus to 4-star*	₹ 5,300	₹ 6,300	₹ 5,100	₹ 4,800	₹ 4,400	Nil	Nil	Nil
Deluxe *4-star*	₹ 15,800	₹ 16,800	₹ 15,600	₹ 15,400	₹ 23,100	₹ 1,200	₹ 900	₹ 500
Premium *4-star plus to 5-star*	₹ 23,100	₹ 24,000	₹ 23,000	₹ 22,700	₹ 37,500	Nil	Nil	Nil
Luxury *5-star: Pemako, Taj and similar*	₹ 17,700	₹ 18,600	₹ 17,400	₹ 17,200	₹ 30,000	Nil	Nil	Nil

Vehicle: Private vehicle with driver: a car for 2, a Hiace van for 4 or 6, and a coaster bus for 8 (non-AC). Point to point as per the itinerary, not at disposal.

Rates in INR per person on twin sharing. GST 5% and TCS extra as per Government of India rules. Bhutan's SDF is extra. The single room supplement is added to the 2-adult price for a guest in a room alone.

Good to know

- Prices are for Indian passport holders, per person on twin sharing, valid for travel up to 28 Feb 2027. They do not apply from 23 Dec 2026 to 2 Jan 2027 (Christmas and New Year); ask us for those dates.
- Travel from 1 September to 30 November 2026 carries a surcharge per person, shown separately in the price tables. From 1 December 2026 to 28 February 2027 there is no surcharge.

- Bhutan's SDF is paid by you at the immigration office in Paro or Phuentsholing when your permit is made (15 to 60 minutes, depending on the queue). For this trip that is ₹8,400 per adult (7 nights in Bhutan). If you prefer, we can pay it in advance so the permit is ready; GST and TCS then apply to the fee.
- Indian passport holders need a passport or voter ID card for the entry permit; an Aadhaar card alone is not accepted. Children can use a birth certificate.
- On the Paro day you choose either Paro sightseeing or the Tiger's Nest hike. The hike needs reasonable fitness; the cafeteria viewpoint halfway up is a good place to stop.
- In Thimphu, the Institute for Zorig Chusum and the handicraft shops close on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays, and the Takin Preserve closes on Mondays. Dzongs and temples ask for long sleeves and full-length trousers or skirts.
- White-water rafting on the rivers at Punakha can be added and paid locally. Carry a change of clothes.
- Child rates: children over 10 pay the extra-adult rate. Children from 5 to 10 (3 to 10 at Deluxe hotels and above) pay the child rate, and younger children sharing their parents' room stay free. Hotels check ages, so carry proof.
- Bhutan's hotels are simpler than those in bigger destinations, and the best in remote places such as Phuentsholing and Gangtey may be 1- to 3-star. The hotel levels give you a similar standard at every stop.
- By road, you enter and leave Bhutan at Phuentsholing. The drives to and from the border are long, and permits and exit stamps take time, so expect a full day on the road.
- Add-on: Toyota Prado instead of the car, ₹3,200 per vehicle per day (for 2 guests, for the whole trip).

Payment terms

When	Amount payable
At the time of booking	50% of the package cost, to confirm the booking
At least 30 days before travel	Balance 50% of the package cost

- Flights and trains are paid in full at the time of ticketing.
- Payments by bank transfer (NEFT / RTGS / IMPS), UPI or cheque in favour of TripRoutes. Card payments may carry a convenience fee.
- GST 5% and TCS are added to these prices as per Government of India rules. Bhutan's SDF is extra unless shown as included.

Cancellation policy

Cancellation charges per person, counted from the date of departure:

Days before departure	Cancellation charge
45 days or more	10% of the package cost
44 – 30 days	25% of the package cost
29 – 15 days	50% of the package cost
14 – 7 days	75% of the package cost
Less than 7 days / no-show	100% of the package cost

Important terms

- Cancellations must be sent in writing by email or WhatsApp; the date we receive it is the cancellation date.
- Air and train tickets are refunded as per the airline / railway rules, plus our service charge.
- Insurance premiums and non-refundable hotel bookings (festival dates, special events) are not refundable.
- Refunds are processed within 15 working days of receiving supplier refunds.
- There is no refund for services not used during the holiday.
- Hotels may ask for a refundable security deposit at check-in, paid directly to the hotel.
- Prices are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- TripRoutes is not liable for changes caused by weather, strikes, roadblocks, flight delays or government orders; extra costs arising are payable by the guest.

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