



Bhutan - Happiness is a Place

9 Nights/10 Days



Photo: Tiger's Nest



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Embark on an unforgettable journey through Bhutan — a land of majestic Himalayan vistas, deep spiritual heritage, and vibrant cultural traditions. This carefully crafted itinerary takes you from the mystical valleys of Paro to the tranquil beauty of Gangtey, the historic Punakha Valley, the remote tented camp of Jangbi, and the lively capital, Thimphu. Along the way, immerse yourself in Bhutan's warm hospitality, savor its authentic cuisine, and discover sacred monasteries set amidst pristine natural landscapes.

Thoughtfully designed to reveal the spiritual and cultural essence of the Kingdom, this journey traverses Bhutan's iconic western region, where you will explore the magnificent Punakha Dzong, hike to the legendary Tiger's Nest Monastery, and experience serene mountain passes draped in prayer flags. Through visits to artisan workshops, nunnery schools, and bustling local markets, this tour seamlessly blends cultural discovery with moments of quiet reflection — offering a deep and meaningful connection to Bhutan's timeless charm and way of life.



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: 23rd November 2026

Arrival at Paro (2,200m)

Today is your magnificent flight to Paro by Druk Air. As we near Bhutan (and if the weather is clear), we can see the massive peaks of the eastern Himalayas, including Kanchenchunga (third highest mountain in the world) and Bhutan's holy mountain, Chomolhari. Our Yangphel Adventure Travel guide and driver outside the customs exit area will receive you.

Drive to the hotel for check in and to refresh from the stress of your flight. Our first stop after lunch will be the impressive Ta Dzong - the ancient watchtower above the Paro Dzong, which now houses the National Museum. The museum has an interesting assortment of costumes from the different regions of Bhutan along with a wonderful collection of painted and appliqued thangkas.

We will have the opportunity to stroll in downtown Paro this afternoon before returning to our hotel for a brief orientation session

Accommodation: Como Uma Paro (Valley View Room)-1 Night





DAILY ITINERARY

Day 2: 24th November 2026

Flight to Bumthang (2600 m/8530 ft)

After breakfast, you will board you will board a domestic flight to Bumthang, the spiritual heartland of Bhutan. This short but scenic journey covers approximately 150 km (93 miles), offering awe-inspiring views of Bhutan's rugged terrain. Upon arrival, you will check in at Rinchenling Lodge, a charming accommodation surrounded by rolling hills and ancient monasteries. Spend the day exploring Bumthang's revered temples and monasteries, such as Jambay Lhakhang and Kurjey lhakhang, before retreating to your Room for the night

Accommodation: Rinchenling Lodge- 2 Nights





DAILY ITINERARY

Day 3: 25th November 2026

Attend the Nga Lhakhang Festival

In the early morning, drive to Ngang Lhakhang, also known as the Swan Temple, set in a quiet and sacred meadow. Here, you will experience the Ngang Lhakhang Festival—an intimate and deeply spiritual celebration attended mostly by locals. Throughout the day, witness vibrant masked dances performed by monks, community dances, and traditional blessings that honor the temple's ancient heritage. You will also have the chance to engage with villagers, enjoy local snacks, and admire the beautifully adorned traditional dress and jewelry worn for the occasion. In the late afternoon, return to your hotel after this enriching cultural experience.

Accommodation: Rinchenling Lodge



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 4: 26th November 2026

Journey to Jangbi Tented Camp (1,300 m/4265 ft)

Your journey continues with a drive to Trongsa, home to the Trongsa Dzong, the largest fortress in Bhutan. After exploring this historic site, you will embark on a road trip spanning approximately 87 km (54 miles) to Jangbi Tented Camp, your home for the next two nights.

Nestled in a secluded part of Bhutan, this camp offers an authentic experience of the kingdom's untouched natural beauty. Enjoy a rustic yet comfortable stay in a Tent and relish nourishing meals (B, L, D) amid the serene wilderness.

Accommodation: Jangbi Camp- 2 Nights





DAILY ITINERARY

Day 5: 27th November 2026

Jangbi is renowned for its unfiltered connection to nature. Nestled at an approximate altitude of 1,300 meters (4,265 feet), the area exudes an authenticity that modern travelers rarely encounter. Reached by a scenic drive of around 40 kilometers (25 miles) from central Trongsa, Jangbi unfolds along winding roads that traverse verdant hills and whispering forests. The Jangbi tented Camp, set against this backdrop, offers a unique accommodation experience. Here, a simple yet comfortable tents blend harmoniously with the environment, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the raw beauty of Bhutan. Days in Jangbi are spent exploring nature trails, engaging with local traditions, and simply absorbing the serene landscape—a perfect antidote to the pace of modern life.

Accommodation: Jangbi Camp





DAILY ITINERARY

Day 6: 28 November 2026

Scenic Drive to Gangtey (2700 m/8858 ft)

Leaving Jangbi, you will embark on a picturesque drive of nearly 150 km (93 miles) to the Phobjikha Valley, home to the stunning Gangtey Monastery. Venture across the Lawa La Pass into the Phobjikha Valley, a broad glacial basin renowned for its rolling meadows. Embark on a scenic 360-degree hike (2–3 km / 1.2–1.9 miles) to absorb the valley's panoramic beauty, and savor a farmhouse lunch showcasing the local cuisine. You will stay at the luxurious Gangtey lodge, where your Farm Suite offers breathtaking views of the valley.

Accommodation: Gangtey Lodge- 1 Night





DAILY ITINERARY

Day 7: 29 November 2026

Drive to Thimphu (2300m/7546 ft)

Today, you will journey to Thimphu, Bhutan's bustling capital, covering a road distance of approximately 120 km (75 miles). Thimphu offers a seamless blend of ancient traditions and modern conveniences. Wander through the bustling farmers' market, where locals sell fresh produce, spices, and artisanal goods. Continue to the Painting School, where students master Bhutan's revered art forms, and the Green Weaving Centre, dedicated to preserving and innovating Bhutan's vibrant textile traditions. Conclude your day with a reflective visit to the Memorial Chorten, a stupa built in honor of the third King of Bhutan, before checking in to the hotel.

Accommodation: Ascent (1 Night)





DAILY ITINERARY

Day 8: 30 Nov 2026

Return to Paro

Begin your journey with a scenic drive north of Thimphu valley, winding through pine forests and peaceful villages that offer glimpses of Bhutanese rural life and sweeping views of terraced fields. Upon reaching Choki Handicraft in Kabesa—Bhutan's only private vocational school dedicated to preserving traditional arts and crafts—you'll step into a world where heritage and creativity thrive. Explore the classrooms and workshops where young artisans practice age-old skills in painting, woodcarving, embroidery, and sculpture. Take time to interact with the students, watch their artistry come to life, and browse the small handicraft shop showcasing their beautifully crafted works.

After lunch, stop over at Buddha Dordenma, a towering statue perched on a hilltop, offering commanding views of the valley below Thimphu and drive towards Paro.

Accommodation: Zhiwaling Heritage (2 Nights)



Photo: Tigers Nest



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 9: 1st December 2026

Taktsang “Tiger’s Nest” Excursion

After breakfast, begin your ride to the base of Tigers Nest for 15 minutes and hike to Taktsang Monastery, famously known as the Tiger’s Nest. This sacred site is perched dramatically on a cliffside, about 700 meters above the Paro Valley. Legend has it that Guru Padmasambhava flew to the cave on the back of a tigress in the 8th century to meditate, giving the monastery its name.

Considered one of Bhutan’s most important spiritual landmarks, it draws thousands of pilgrims each year. The hike takes roughly two hours up and two hours down, offering both a physical challenge and a deeply rewarding experience.

After the hike, enjoy lunch at The Flying Tigress, a charming dining spot located just below the hotel. Back to hotel, take time to relax or either stroll through Paro town for souvenir shopping.

Accommodation: Zhiwaling Heritage



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 10: 2nd December 2026

Depart from Bhutan

On your final day, enjoy a relaxing breakfast at your hotel before being transferred to Paro International Airport for your departure, marking the end of your unforgettable Bhutan adventure.



Thank you!

Please note: This itinerary is simply a guideline to show you what to expect but it can be flexible in the field depending on the guests needs & wishes. Our guide and driver will be with the guests throughout the trip along with some office team members joining often on certain events.

Our Team at Yangphel Adventure Travel wish you an enchanting trip to the Kingdom of Bhutan!