



Itinerary for Bhutan visit with Khandro Rinpoche 25th January 2025 to 3^{1st} January 2025 7 Days and 6 Nights, Ex Paro

Day 1. Jan 25, 2025 (Sat): You will be met at airport in the morning and driven to Thimpu (2,400 m) appx. 60 km./1.5 hours. After settling into your Pamtsho Hotel, You will take part in an annual obstacle removing Puja dedicated to Khandro Rinpoche and explore the sights of the area. Visits include the iron suspension bridge of the Saint Thangthong Gyelpo(15th century), and Kaja Throm (Farmer's Market). Overnight at Pamtsho hotel.

Day 2. Jan 26, 2025 (Sun): We continue our exploration of the beautiful capital city of Bhutan with its many cultural and spiritual sites. Visits may include Trashi Choe Dzong, now the seat of King and the government, National Memorial Chortan where you will see elderly circumambulating with deep devotion around important stupa-Buddha Point, where one of the world's largest Buddha statues (51 m) emanates peace, Takin Preserve to see the rather odd national animal of Bhutan created by yogi Drukpa Kunley as legend has it! and Zilukha Nunnery to meet devotional nuns. Overnight at the Pamtsho hotel.

Day 3. Jan 27, 2025 (Mon): A hike to Dodedrak Monasteries, 3000 m (2 hours, one-way). This place is the seat of the 13th Je Khenpo, Yonten Thaye and holds a special place in the life of the first Shabdrung. It is hidden in a valley above Thimpu and offer spectacular views of the monk's soccer field. Here you will have an opportunity to experience Bhutanese monastic lifestyle. Evening at leisure as we stay overnight in the Monastery's Guest house.

Day 4. Jan. 28, 2025 (Tue): After Breakfast, we retrace our walk back to Thimphu. Visits include a stroll along the downtown of Thimphu or at leisure at Pamtsho hotel. Overnight at Pamtsho Hotel, Thimphu.

Day 5. Jan. 29, 2025 (Wed): Day excursion to the beautiful Punakha, 1450 m (77km/2.5 hours). En route we will stop at the famous 108 stupas at Docho la pass, 3,050 m, with its fabulous vies of the Himalayan range. Next, we will take a stroll through pastures to visit Chime Lhakhang (20 mins), a temple dedicated to the Divine Madman (15th century). Stories of this yogi are infamous in Bhutan. Following on, we will visit majestic Punakha Dzong, one of the oldest and largest fortified monasteries and administrative centres (dzongs) of Bhutan. It today also houses the relics of the first Shabdrung. Overnight again at the Pamtsho Hotel, Thimphu.

Day 6. Jan. 30, 2025 (Thu): Today is devoted to Paro Taktsang or Tiger's Nest. This mountain monastery is built around a cave in which Guru Rinpoche (also known as Padmasambhava) meditated after riding to it on the back of a tigress. The monastery clings seemingly impossible to a cliff of rock at 914 metres above the valley floor. Horses are available for part of the climb. Overnight at Ananda Resort, Paro.



Day 7. Jan. 31, 2025 (Fri): After breakfast at Ananda Resort, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward destination – be it Delhi/Kathmandu/Bangkok.

Inclusions:

- Night accommodation on twin sharing basis
- All Meals
- Transportation

Exclusions:

- Any International or Domestic Air Fare/Train Travel
- Visa/SDF Fee (payable directly to Bhutan Govt.)
- Water apart from complementary at hotel
- Any food/eatables apart from what is included
- Any sightseeing or excursion not mentioned in itinerary
- Any other activity not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any item of personal requirement such as drinks, laundry, telephone etc.
- Any Medical or evacuation expenses
- Any type of insurance-personal, medical, travel etc.
- Any unforeseen circumstances such as medical illness, natural disaster, road blockages which are beyond our control
- Any insurance related to Covid (treatment and/or hospitalization)
- Any services not mentioned above
- Any offerings in the temples or to Rinpoche