### **Enchanting Bhutan**

8 Days / 7 Nights

Paro, Thimphu, Punakha, Wangdue, Gangtey & Phobjikha

## Day 1: Arrival in Paro - Thimphu

Arrive at Paro International Airport. Our Big Bhutan Tour executive will receive you at the airport. A scenic drive takes you to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital. In Thimphu, you will visit the Royal Textile Museum, National Memorial Chorten, and Changangkha Monastery. In the afternoon, you can take a stroll in the Takin Park located in upper Motithang. Overnight halt in Thimphu.

### Day 2: Thimphu Sightseeing

Embark on the gentle hike to the historic Tango/Cheri Monastery in the north of Thimphu. In the evening, visit the TashichhoDzong, the fortress that houses the seat of the King and Chief Abbot of Bhutan. Overnight halt in Thimphu.

#### Day 3: Thimphu - Punakha/Wangdue

Drive to Punakha via Dochula Pass, offering breathtaking Himalayan views. Visit Chimi Lhakhang and Punakha Dzong. Overnight halt in Punakha.

### Day 4: Punakha - Gangtey/Phobjikha Valley

Hike to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyel Chorten (stupa) overlooking the scenic Punakha valley in the morning. Drive to Gangtey via Wangduephodrang. Visit Gangtey Gompa. Stay in a farmhouse or hotel.

#### Day 5: Gangtey/Phobjikha Valley Hike

Hike through the glacial valley Phobjikha, the winter roosting ground of the globally endangered Black-Necked Cranes. The cranes migrate from the Tibetan plateau in October and fly back by Mid March. If you are bird enthusiast, you must time your visit during this window. Visit Black Necked Crane Visitor Center. Overnight halt in Gangtey.

#### Day 6: Gangtey - Paro via Wangdue

Drive back to Paro, visiting Wangdue town and Dochula Pass en route. Overnight halt in Paro.

#### Day 7: Paro - Taktsang Monastery Hike

Embark on the epic hike to the iconic Taktsang Monastery, perched on a cliff face, overlooking the Paro Valley. Visit Drukgyel Dzong and explore Paro town. Overnight in Paro.

### **Day 8: Departure**

After breakfast, drive to Paro International Airport for your departure.

This tour provides an immersive experience in Bhutan's culture, nature, and spirituality, from stunning landscapes to historic monasteries.

#### What is included:

- Double room on twin sharing basis in government approved 3 star hotels \*
- Single room supplement will incur additional charges.
- All three meals
- Bottled mineral water for the entire trip
- Afternoon Tea and snacks
- English speaking certified guide
- Comfortable SUV and a tourism department certified driver
- Entrance Fees to Museums & Tigers Nest
- Visa fee and processing charges
- Sustainable Development Fee
- Government taxes
- Full service & assistance before, during and after your Bhutan trip

#### What is not included:

- Airfare to and from Bhutan (Tickets can be arranged if required )
- Any other beverages (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) including bottled water ordered in restaurants and hotels by guests.
- Travel Insurance (Travel Insurance is mandatory and can be purchased on arrival at the airport or can be arranged while processing visa or travel permit)
- Wire Transfer fees
- Laundry
- Tips for guides and drivers

#### **Terms & Conditions**

- Package per day per person rate is for minimum two pax. Additional rates applicable for solo travellers.
- Tour costs needs to be paid in full to confirm bookings.

#### **Tour Payment Refund Policy**

- 95% Refund for tour cancelled 90 days prior to arrival, transfer charges will be deducted.
- 85% refund for tour cancelled 60-45 days prior to arrival, transfer charges will be deducted.
- 75% refund for tour cancelled between 30 to 45 days prior to arrival.
- No refund for tour cancelled for less than 30 days of arrival.
- For luxury hotels & resorts, hotel cancellation policy will be applicable.

<sup>\*</sup> Four & Five Star hotels & ultra luxury accommodation available at additional costs.

# **Tour Date Change or Replacement Policy:**

# 1. Date Change Option:

We understand that plans can change, and we are happy to accommodate date changes at no additional cost for travel during non-peak seasons. However, please note that a surcharge will apply for bookings during peak seasons, festivals, or for hotel upgrades. To facilitate a smooth date change, we kindly request our customers to notify us as soon as possible regarding their desired travel date adjustments. It's important to note that refunds will not be possible for no-shows after arrival due to hotel cancellation policies.

# 2. Seat Replacement:

If you wish to minimize cancellation costs, you have the option to replace individuals traveling with you, whether they are friends or family members, or anyone else interested in taking your reserved seats on the originally confirmed dates. Once the replacement has been confirmed, the payment for the replaced seats will be directed to your bank account. Please note that for flights booked to Bhutan, specific policies may apply. To process the necessary visa or name change formalities, we kindly request a notification of the replacement at least 10-15 days prior to the scheduled arrival date