

**NHB – 29 (10 Nights / 11 Days) Drive In & Drive Out**  
**(Phuentsholing 2N – Thimphu 2N – Wangdue / Punakha 2N – Bumthang 2N – Paro 2N)**

**Day 01: NJP Rly Station / IXB Airport – Phuentsholing**

**(Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of Phuentsholing: 293 mts.)**

Meet & Greet on arrival at NJP Railway Station / IXB Airport and transfer to Phuentsholing - The Gateway of Bhutan by Road from India. It is a thriving commercial center on the northern edge of the Indian Plains. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Phuentsholing.

**Day 02: Phuentsholing – Thimphu**

**(Distance: 176 kms. / Driving Time: 6 hrs. / Altitude of Thimphu: 2350 mts.)**

After breakfast complete the immigration formalities and transfer to Thimphu (7,710 ft.) the capital city of Bhutan. On arrival check in at the hotel. In the evening, visit the **Tashichho Dzong** (Fortress of the Glorious Religion). Overnight stay at Thimphu.

**Day 03: Thimphu Sightseeing**

After breakfast visit **Kuensel Phodrang** (Buddha Statue) a place for refreshing with a huge statue of Buddha on the top of the Kuensel Phodrang, **National Memorial Chorten** (Monument) & **Folk Heritage Museum**. Afternoon visit **Sangaygang View Point**, **Changangkha Monastery**, **Taking Preserve Centre**, The talking national animal of Bhutan can be seen here **Tashichho Dzong** (Fortress of the Glorious Religion). Overnight stay at Thimphu.

**Day 04: Thimphu – Punakha/Wangdue Sightseeing**

**(Distance: 77 kms. / Driving Time: 3 hrs. / Altitude of Punakha: 1310 mts.)**

After breakfast drive to Punakha / Wangdue, On the way Stop at **Dochu-La-Pass** (3150 mts.) to view the higher Himalayas. Arrival at Punakha check in at hotel. After noon visit **Punakha Dzong** - built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. For many years until the time of the second king, it served as the seat of the Government. The Dzong was named Druk Pungthang Dechen Phodrang (Palace of Great Happiness). Punakha is still the winter residence of Je-Khenpo and King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck convened the first National Assembly here in 1952. After that take a short excursion trip to visit the **Chhimi Lhakhang** - The Temple, also known as "The Temple of Fertility" was built by Lama Drukpa Kuenley, "The Devine Mad Man". Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay will be at Punakha / Wangdue.

**Day 05: Punakha – Bumthang**

**(Distance: 212 kms. / Driving Time: 8 hrs. / Altitude of Bumthang: 2600 mts.)**

After breakfast check out from hotel and drive to Trongsa across **Pele-La-Pass** (11,120 ft.) traditional boundary between east & west Bhutan, There is an adrupt change in vegetation, with mountain forest replaced by high altitude dwarf bamboo. Stop Enroute **Chendbji Chorten** - built in the style of the great Bodhanath Choten of Nepal. Further ahead visit **Trongsa Dzong** – It was the seat of power over central & eastern Bhutan and **Ta Dzong** - An ancient watch tower. The chapel inside is said to be dedicated to the Trongsa Penlop Jigme Namgyal. Then drive further to Bumthang over the **Yutong-La-Pass** (11,155 ft.). While in Chumey valley in Bumthang, visit the **Yathra Weaving Factory** - It is the most famous textile product of Bumthang. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Bumthang.

**Day 06: Bumthang Sightseeing**

After breakfast, 1st half visit **Jakar Dzong**: Literally meaning the Castle of White Bird. The current structure was built in 1667. **Lamey Goemba**: A large palace and monastery built in 18th century by Dasho Phuntsho Wangdi **Jambay Lhakhang**: built by King Srongsen Gampo of Tibet. In October one of the most spectacular festival, "Jambay Lhakhang Drup" is staged here. **Chakhar Lhakhang**: Literally meaning the Iron Castle, the original palace was made of Iron and hence the name "Chakhar". **Kurjey Lhakhang**: Named after body print of Guru Rimpoche. Afternoon 2nd half Visit **Tamshing Lhakhang**: Literally meaning the Temple of the good message, established in 1501 by Pema Lingpa. **Membarstho**: Literally meaning, "The burning Lake". The evening ends visit a local handloom weaving house and Interact with the weavers. Overnight stay at Bumthang.

**Day 07: Bumthang – Punakha / Wangdue**

**(Distance: 212 kms. / Driving Time: 8 hrs. / Altitude of Punakha: 1310 mts.)**

After breakfast drive to Punakha. Reach Punakha by late afternoon. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

**Day 08: Punakha/Wangdue – Paro Sightseeing**

**(Distance: 140 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of Paro: 2280 mts.)**

After breakfast drive to Paro (7,483 ft.). On the way stop at Lamperi to visit **Royal Botanical Park** - The park contains a rich biodiversity of flora and fauna and features a huge species of plants and animals including endangered species. On arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon visit **Ta Dzong** - National Museum with an excellent collection of arts, relics, religious thangka, etc. **Rinpung Dzong** - Meaning "fortress of the heap of jewels". The dzong now serves as the administrative and judicial seat of Paro. Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay at Paro.

**Day 09: Paro Sightseeing**

After breakfast visit Drukgyel Dzong. Also visit famous Taktsang Monastery - called "Tiger's Nest" (2hrs hike from the base camp) & Kitchu Monastery. Overnight stay will be at Paro.

**Day 10: Paro – Phuentsholing**

(Distance: 200 kms. / Driving Time: 7 hrs. / Altitude of Phuentsholing: 293 mts.)

After breakfast check out from hotel and transfer to Phuentsholing. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Phuentsholing.

**Day 11: Phuentsholing – NJP Rly Station / IXB Airport**

(Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of NJP/IXB: 89 mts.)

After breakfast check out from the hotel and take the departure transfer to NJP Railway Station / IXB Airport for your onward journey.

| NO OF PAX<br>(COST PER PERSON) | PREMIUM<br>(CP) | LUXURY<br>(CP) | SUPERIOR<br>(CP) | DELUXE<br>(CP) | BUDGET<br>(CP) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 02 PAX                         | 1,18,100        | 93,200         | 49,700           | 45,000         | 38,000         |
| 04 PAX                         | 96,200          | 71,300         | 47,400           | 36,600         | 29,700         |
| 06 PAX                         | 89,000          | 64,000         | 40,100           | 31,300         | 24,400         |
| 08 PAX                         | 87,000          | 62,000         | 38,100           | 33,400         | 26,500         |
| EXTRA PAX (EPSR)               | 46,200          | 28,900         | 18,000           | 13,900         | 9,800          |
| CHILD NO BED (CNB)             | 17,800          | 11,000         | 7,000            | 5,700          | 4,100          |

**Accommodation Chart**

| DESTINATIONS           | PREMIUM<br>(CP)                | LUXURY<br>(CP)                                   | SUPERIOR<br>(CP)                             | DELUXE<br>(CP)  | BUDGET<br>(CP)  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Phuentsholing (2N)     | Druk Hotel / Similar           | Druk Hotel / Wild Orchid / Similar               | Hotel Lakhi / Park / Hotel Damchen / Similar | Bhutan Residence / Similar                            | Namgay / Centennial / Similar                         |
| Thimphu (2N)           | Terma Linca / Similar          | Druk / Namgye Heritage / Similar                 | Migmar / Kisa / Pedling / Similar            | Hotel 89 / Shantidewa / Taktshang / Similar           | Home / Nirmal / Similar                               |
| Punakha / Wangdue (2N) | Kunzang Zhing Resort / Similar | Punatsangchhu Cottage / Damchen Resort / Similar | Pema Karpo / Lobesa / Similar                | Dragon Nest / Meri Puensum / Similar                  | Kingaling / Similar                                   |
| Bumthang (2N)          | Yu Gharling Resort / Similar   | Jakar Village Lodge / Similar                    | Kuenzang Norling Int. / Pelling / Similar    | Swiss Guest House / Mendhrava Happiness Inn / Similar | Swiss Guest House / Mendhrava Happiness Inn / Similar |
| Paro (2N)              | Zhiwa Ling / Similar           | Naksel Resort / Udumwara / Similar               | Drukchen / Tenzinling Resort / Similar       | Galing Resort / Galinkha Resort / Similar             | Paro Hotel / Dragon / Similar                         |

**Hotel Category Details:**

- A- Premium Packages : High-end Resorts with Breakfast.
- B- Luxury Packages : 4\*/ Equivalent hotel with Breakfast.
- C- Superior Packages : 3\*/ Equivalent hotel with Breakfast.
- D- Deluxe Packages : 2\* / Equivalent hotel with Breakfast.
- E- Budget Packages : Budget hotel with Breakfast.

Please note premium packages with Hotels like Uma Group of Hotels, Taj Tashi, Amankora rates are also available on case to case basis.

Hotels serve both Vegetarian & Non Vegetarian food which would be basic & freshly prepared. Specific regional Indian cuisine will not be available. Only the basic Indian Vegetarian / Non – Vegetarian food can be arranged.

**Permit for Bhutan:**

Indian nationals do not require any visa for Bhutan. A permit will be issued at the entry point on production of a passport or Voter ID and 04 passport size photographs.

**Restricted Area Permit for Punakha / Wangdue:**

Restricted Area Permit is required to visit Punakha / Wangdue from Home Ministry of Bhutan. No charge will be applicable for this permit. Please bring 02 passport size photographs and Voter ID card or Passport of each person including child. This special permit is given only after guest has entered Bhutan. Permits are not issued on Saturday, Sunday & Govt. holidays.

| Cost Include:   | Cost Exclude:  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Accommodation on twin sharing with Breakfast.</li> <li>✓ Exclusive Non a/c vehicle for transfers &amp; sightseeing as per itinerary.</li> <li>✓ All permit fees &amp; hotel taxes (as per itinerary).</li> <li>✓ Guide charges (Only Bhutan Portion).</li> <li>✓ Rates are valid for INDIAN NATIONALS only.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Air Fare/Train fare.</li> <li>○ Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips &amp; gratuity, mineral water, soft &amp; hard drinks, rafting, rock climbing, paragliding, portorage.</li> <li>○ Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.</li> <li>○ Entrance Fees.</li> <li>○ Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, which is directly payable on the spot).</li> <li>○ Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation &amp; land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.</li> <li>○ Service Tax &amp; Travel Insurance.</li> <li>○ Anything which is not include in the inclusion.</li> </ul> |

**NOTE:**

- The above mentioned hotels will be confirmed as per the room availability. Otherwise we will confirm similar category.
- The rates quoted in the packages are on per person basis & valid for Indian nationals from 15<sup>th</sup> Sep 2014 to 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 2015 (High seasons surcharge will be applicable during the Festivals & Peak season).
- We believe in giving value for money and we believe that quality comes with a price tag. We at Neptune promise to provide the best of our services and keep by our commitments towards quality and the sensitivity of the services.

**About Vehicle:**

**Tour Starting and Ending both from India (Drv In & Drv Out) Packages**

We provide exclusive Indian Vehicle only for 2-5 Pax throughout the tour.

And above 5 pax exclusive Indian vehicle in India Part and Bhutan vehicle in Bhutan part for all drive in and drive out packages.

- Non Ac Wagon R / Indica / for 2-3 Pax
- Innova / Xylo / Scorpio for 4-5 Pax Pax
- 2 Innova / Xylo / Scorpio for 6 & above Pax. in India part
- 1 Toyota Hi Roof Hiace (Non AC) for 6 & above Pax. In Bhutan part

**Child Policy:** Hotels are very strict with the child policy. Please carry the age proof so that it can be produced when asked.

- Child Below 5 yrs complimentary
- Child 5 -10 yrs without extra bed as mention in cost column (CNB = Child no Bed)
- Above 10 years / Extra adult with an extra bed sharing room are same & charged as per (EPSR)

**DO'S:**

- ✓ Adults must carry original & valid Passport or original Voter ID card. Children must carry original & valid Passport or original birth certificate & school photo ID card.
- ✓ Remember to carry sufficient woollens including hand gloves.
- ✓ Please check with your mobile service provider for charges related to Bhutan.

**DON'TS:**

- Do not carry Indian Rs. 500/- or Rs. 1000/- currency notes. It is illegal.
- Tobacco & Tobacco products are banned in Bhutan.
- Do not bring any plant or agricultural product out of Bhutan. It is illegal.
- Credit cards are accepted in selected establishments in Bhutan.

**Important:**

1. Check-in 12:00 hrs. / Check-out time is 11:00 hrs.
2. The guest should always keep cool with the drivers as they are not tourism educated and come from different remote villages.

3. On arrival of guests we will provide them with local contact numbers of our executive, who will handle the entire operation.
4. If any tourist spot do not complete for closing day & if they want to do the same on next day then they have to pay the extra cost for the vehicle.
5. Please inform your guest to maintain the timing for the sightseeing / transfers which will be advisable by our executive. Once our vehicle will leave the hotel area without picking up the guests & come back at parking stand then guest must have to arrange their own to reach at the parking stand.
6. Room Heater available with an extra cost borne by the guest directly (Except at Premium & Luxury Packages)
7. Due to shortage of power the guest sometimes, may have to bear it with candle light.
8. Category of Rooms in the packages normally remains to deluxe / super deluxe rooms.
9. For Extra adult in the room we will provide an extra bed (wherever possible), but some hotels only provide a roll out bed and have no provision of an extra bed
10. Operator reserves the right to re-arrange itinerary to suit hotel availability without changing the total number of days in each destination and without compromising any services
11. Child sharing parent's room will not be provided an extra bed.