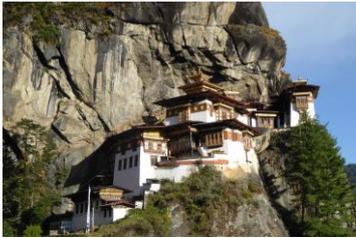


# Bhutan extensions from Nepal



Nepal - extension option

Bhutan offers a very different Himalayan experience to Nepal. Characterised by lush valleys, terraced hillsides and soaring peaks the landscape is endlessly picturesque, whilst the imposing dzongs (monastery/fortresses) and Swiss chalet style houses give each town or village a look that is distinctly Bhutanese. Here are just two extension options - if you would prefer something different we'd be delighted to discuss your ideas.



## A taste of Bhutan - 5 day cultural tour

This five day tour visits Bhutan's key sights and cultural centres including magnificent Taktsang Monastery, the beautiful riverside dzong at Punakha and the fascinating treasures housed in the National Museum at Paro. The tour will be led by a knowledgeable Bhutanese guide and accommodation is in comfortable hotels with all meals included.

**Price\*:** £1,350 per person based on 2 people on a twin share basis. Single room supplement £170.

**Price includes:** Bhutan visa, flights Kathmandu/Paro/Kathmandu, all transfers, English-speaking guide, driver and private transport, all walks and sightseeing as mentioned with entry fees where applicable, all meals and hotel accommodation in Bhutan.

**Price does not include:** Any additional accommodation or meals in Kathmandu.

### Itinerary:

- Day 1** Transfer to Kathmandu Airport. Fly to Paro and drive to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan - 1½-2 hours. Afternoon sightseeing in Thimphu including visits to the giant Buddha statue overlooking the town, Tashichhodzong - part monastery/part seat of government, and various centres for Bhutanese arts and handicrafts. Overnight in Thimphu.
- Day 2** Day trip to Punakha. You cross over the Dochu La pass with its fine mountain views and then descend to the lush Punakha valley to visit Punakha's spectacular dzong situated at the confluence of two rivers. Return to Thimphu. Overnight in Thimphu.
- Day 3** Spend time sightseeing in and around Thimphu including a visit to historic Wangditse Monastery. Later drive back to Paro. Overnight in Paro.
- Day 4** A day spent sightseeing in the Paro valley with visits to Paro Dzong and museum as well as walk up to historic Taktsang Monastery, the so called Tiger's Nest and Bhutan's most iconic building. Sightseeing in the Paro valley. Overnight in Paro.
- Day 5** Transfer to Paro Airport and fly to Kathmandu.



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## A short walk in Bhutan - 8 day gentle walking extension

This easy-paced walking trip offers the perfect introduction to some of the cultural highlights and scenic delights of Bhutan in and around Thimphu, Punakha and the Paro Valley. Your trip ends with a hike up to Tiger's Nest Monastery, Bhutan's greatest cultural treasure. You will stay in good quality, comfortable hotels throughout and all meals are included.

**Price\*:** £1,995 per person based on 2 people on a twin share basis. Single room supplement £300.

**Price includes:** Bhutan visa, flights Kathmandu/Paro/Kathmandu, all transfers, English-speaking guide, driver and private transport, all sightseeing as mentioned with entry fees, all meals and hotel accommodation in Bhutan.

**Price does not include:** Any additional accommodation or meals in Kathmandu.

### Itinerary:

- Day 1** Transfer to Kathmandu Airport from your hotel. Fly to Paro and drive to Thimphu the capital of Bhutan - 1½-2 hours. Afternoon sightseeing in Thimphu including visits to the giant Buddha statue overlooking the town, Tashichhodzong - part monastery/part seat of government, and various centres for Bhutanese arts and handicrafts. Overnight in Thimphu.
- Day 2** Spend time sightseeing in and around Thimphu including a visit to Wangditse Monastery. Overnight in Thimphu.
- Day 3** Morning sightseeing in Thimphu with time to visit the zoo to see the intriguing Takin, Bhutan's national animal. Later drive over the Dochu La pass with its fine mountain views and then descend to the lush Punakha valley. Here you will visit the Chimi Lhakhang Temple built by Drukpa Kuenley, Bhutan's favourite saint. Overnight in Punakha.
- Day 4** Walk in the beautiful Punakha valley ending in a visit to Punakha's spectacular dzong situated at the confluence of two rivers. Overnight in Punakha.
- Day 5** Drive up to the Dochu La and from the pass you will take a delightful walk following a pleasant trail up the ridge in rhododendron forest to Lungchezekha Gomba and then descend in beautiful forest past Tashigang Gomba to Hongtsho where you will meet your transport and continue to Paro. Overnight in Paro.
- Day 6** Drive up to Chele La Pass and walk down through lovely forest to peaceful Kila Nunnery. Visit Dzong Drakha temple and return to Paro. Overnight in Paro.
- Day 7** A day spent sightseeing and walking in the Paro valley. Visit the fine Paro dzong and the museum, but the jewel in the crown is the walk up to historic Taktsang Monastery, the so called Tiger's Nest and Bhutan's most iconic building. Overnight in Paro.
- Day 8** Transfer to the airport to fly back to Kathmandu.

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