Druk Path Trek

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Trip at a glance

Category: Trekking in Nepal

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Difficulty: Not specified

Trip Style: Trekking & Hiking

Summary

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Overview

Trip Introduction

A popular short trek in Bhutan which goes through high altitude and is moderately strenuous. The trek starts from Thimphu and ends in Paro, passing through some beautiful high Altitude lakes about 3800 m. It is not only a trek in the land of Dragon but also a cultural experience in Bhutan as it involves a couple of day tours.

Extensively exploration tour visiting all the major sights of Central Bhutan. This tour visits the famous Taktsang (Tiger's Nest), Trongsa, Gangtey and Wangdue the fabulous valleys to be seen while visiting the kingdom. In Kathmandu, we visit several UNESCO World Heritage Sites before flying to Paro, Bhutan. In Bhutan, we travel to many townships and tour several dzongs (fortresses), temples, and other cultural and historical landmarks.

While in Bhutan, we also pass through the high Dochu La pass and hike to the enchanting Taktsang(Tiger's Nest) Monastery. However, our Nepal and Bhutan Tour does not end here. We fly back to Kathmandu and visit Patan and Bhaktapur cities that have charmed millions of tourists over the years with its historical architecture and rich cultural heritage. Then we drive to Nagarkot, a village renowned for its sunrise and sunset views of the Himalayas and enjoy spectacular sunset views amidst the tall and mighty peaks.

Day by day itinerary

Trip Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival at Paro.

Transfer to the airport and fly to Paro and transfer to the hotel. After lunch, visit Drukgyel Dzong, the fort of the victorious Drukpas and Ta Dzong, originally the Watch Tower for the Rinpung Dzong. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02: Excursion to Taktsang Monastery.

Drive to the foot of the Taktsang cliff before walking uphill for 2 hours to reach this Taksang monastery 'Tiger's Nest' as legend has it that Guru Padmasambhava flew to this spot on the back of a tigress in the eighth century. After lunch, visit the Kyichu Lhakhang and Paro Dzong. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03: Paro – Jele Dzong 2576m. (Trek start) approx. 7kms.

The trail is gradual uphill climb till the camp and weather permitting; a glorious view of Paro Valley with the backdrop of snowcapped mountains can be seen. Overnight at a tent.

Day 04: Jele Dzong – Jangchulakha 2879m. approx. 10kms.

The trail begins with about an hour and a half's climb through thick alpine forest and dwarf rhododendron trees. As it is a forest camp you may see yaks and herders around your campsite. Overnight at a tent.

Day 05: Jangchulakha – Jimilangtso 3130 m. approx. 11kms.

The trail goes along the ridge with beautiful vistas of mountains and valleys on clear days. The campsite is close to the Lake Jimilangtso. These lakes are known for their giant sized trout and if lucky you may enjoy a well-prepared trout for dinner.

Day 06: Jimilangtso – Simkota 3490m. approx. 11kms.

The trail takes you through dwarf rhododendron trees and the lake of Janetso. You may come across some yak herder's camps where you will get a glimpse of the life of a nomad. The campsite is close to Simkota Lake and if you are lucky, you can enjoy trout fishing. Overnight at a tent.

Day 07: Simkota – Phajoding 2880m. approx. 10kms.

The trek begins with a gradual climb with a spectacular view of Mount "Gangkhar Punsum", the highest mountain in Bhutan as well other Himalayan mountain ranges from the Dochula pass. Descend from here to Phajoding. Overnight at a tent.

Day 08: Phajoding – Thimphu 2449m. (Trek ends) approx. 8kms.

The trail is downhill all the way to Thimphu, looping through thick blue pine forests. The walk, at a leisurely pace, takes about three hours. Back to the hotel for a hot shower and a delicious lunch. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09: Thimphu Sightseeing.

After breakfast, visit the memorial temple, the folk heritage museum, textile museum, and the Zilukha Nunnery. Drive up to the highest viewpoint overlooking Thimphu valley and while returning, the Takin research center. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10: Thimpu – Paro – Departure.

Early breakfast and transfer to Paro airport for further destination flight and farewell.

Package: Standard Package

Contact for pricing

Pricing depends on dates and group size. Contact us for a quote.

Inclusions

- All airport pick-ups and drops
- All ground transportation by comfortable private vehicles
- Welcome dinner in Nepal
- Breakfast in Nepal
- All Meals in Bhutan
- Twin-shared hotel accommodation in Nepal and Bhutan
- Sightseeing in Nepal and Bhutan by an experienced English speaking local tour guide
- Permits and sightseeing entrance fees for museums and monuments as per the itinerary
- Company services and all required government taxes
- Bhutanese visa fee

Exclusions

- All international flights
- Nepalese visa fee (easily available after arriving at the Tribhuwan International Airport in Kathmandu)
- Lunch and Dinner (except welcome dinner)
- All personal expenses (personal gear, telephone calls, beverages, internet, laundry etc.)
- Other services not mentioned in the ‘What Is Included’ section

- Travel insurance
- Tips for guides and drivers

Gear checklist

Equipments List

Trip notes

Trip Highlights

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