

Bhutan I The Druk Path Trek

The six days trek is the most popular trek in the country as it passes through a gorgeous natural landscape of blue pine forests, high ridges and pristine lakes while at the same time offering the opportunity to visit some ancient lhakhangs (temples), dzongs (fortress) and villages.

- fairly easy hike through forests of fir, blue pine & rhododendrons
- Enjoy stunning views of the Himalayan peaks
- Get a glimpse of nomad's life
- CityTour of Thimphu

Day - 1 Paro

PARO VALLEY ARRIVAL (D) Welcome in Bhutan! Upon your arrival in Paro, visit first the oldest temple of the country, the Kyichu Temple, which was built in the 7th century. Continue then with a visit of the Paro fortress, which was built in 1646 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal, the first spiritual and temporal ruler of Bhutan, the Dzong houses the monastic body of Paro, the office of the Dzongda (district administrative head) and Thrimpon (judge) of Paro district. After dinner, your guide will brief you shortly about the trek.

Overnight: Paro

Day - 2 Jili Dzong

PARO – JILI DZONG (B, L, D)

The first day can be quite arduous as you have to climb more than 1,000m elevation. You start from the Ta Dzong (National Museum) in Paro. The trek follows a gravel road past a few farms and then climbs up a steep ridge before leading through blue pine and fir forests to Damche Gom (a place to meditate). Once you reach the ridge below Jili Dzong you descend about 100m to the campsite below the Dzong.: 4-5 hours, Altitude: 1,090m ascent, Camp Altitude: 3,480m. Overnight: Dzong

Distance: 7 km, Duration

Day - 3 Jangchulakha

JILI DZONG – JANGCHULAKHA (B, L, D) You begin with a steep climb for about an hour and a half, then the slope evens a bit and the ascent is more gradual. The trail takes you through thick alpine forests and dwarf rhododendron tress. You may see herders and their yaks around your campsite.: 4-5 hours, Altitude: 310m ascent/ 50m descent, Camp Altitude: 3,770m. Overnight: Jangchulakha

Distance: 10 km, Duration

Day - 4 Jimgelang Tsho

JANGCHULAKHA – JIMGELANG TSHO (B, L, D) The trail follows a ridge and on a clear day the view of the mountains and valley are simply stunning. The campsite is close to the Jimgelang Tsho (lake). This lake is known for its giant sized trout.: 4 hours, Altitude: 230m descent/ 330m ascent, Camp Altitude: 3,870 m. Overnight:

Jimgelang Tsho

Distance: 11 km, Duration

Day - 5 Simkotra Tsho

JIMGELANG TSHO – SIMKOTRA TSHO (B, L, D) The trail takes you through dwarf rhododendron trees and past Janetso Lake. You may come across some yak herder camps where you will have the opportunity to get a glimpse of a nomad's life. The campsite is close to Simkotra Tsho Lake.: 4 hours, Altitude: 820m ascent/ 400m descent,

Camp Altitude: 4,110m. Overnight: Simkotra Tsho

Distance: 11 km, Duration

Day - 6 Phajoding

SIMKOTRA TSHO – PHAJODING (B, L, D) The day begins with a gradual climb. If the weather permits, you will have a spectacular view of Mount Gangkar Puensum, the highest mountain in Bhutan and several other Himalayan peaks. From this pass, the trek takes you downhill towards Phajoding where you halt for the night. The camp is located just above Phajoding Monastery.: 3-4 hours, Altitude: 130m ascent/ 680m descent, Camp Altitude:

3,750m Overnight: Phajodhing

Distance: 10 km, Duration

Day - 7 Mothitang

PHAJODING – MOTHITANG (B, L, D) After passing Phajoding monastery, the trek to Thimphu (Mothitang) is downhill through a forested area of mostly blue pine. The Druk Path finishes at the Bhutan Broadcast Service (BBS) Telecommunication Tower, offering a great view of the city of Thimphu. Your vehicle will be waiting for you at the end of the trail which brings an end to this wonderful adventure. Distance 4-5 km, Duration: 3 hours, Altitude:

1,130m descent.

Overnight: Thimphu

Day - 8 Thimphu

THIMPHU: CITYTOUR (B, L, D) Today is your last day and you will visit the Big Buddha Statue, the Memorial Temple, see the national animal – Takin and visit the Thimphu Fortress (Tashichhodzong). The largest Buddha Statue of Bhutan is just outside of the city centre and offers a great view over the Valley. The elegant Memorial Temple was built in 1974 in the memory of Bhutan's third King, His Late Majesty, King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck. Afterwards, walk around the Mini Takin Zoo to see the national animal of Bhutan. Tashichhodzong Fortress or

Dzong, also known as "fortress of the glorious religion", was initially built in 1641. Visit this huge and magnificent architecture in Thimphu as well. The Dzong houses, main secretariat building which houses the throne room of His Majesty, the King of Bhutan. You have time to explore the town and end the day with a farewell dinner.

Overnight: Thimphu

Day - 9 Paro

THIMPHU DEPARTURE (B) After breakfast, depart to Paro, where you can catch your flight back home or onward flight.

Inclusions

- 8 nights in your chosen accommodation
 - Meal as specified in itinerary
(B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
 - Activities and excursions according to itinerary
- FOR EXAMPLE:
- 6-Day Hiking Trip
 - Camping Services like horses/ potters & ponies, toilet & shower tents, Cooks, staff, etc.
 - City Tour of Thimphu
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- Tours and excursions in mini buses/buses
or with public transportation according to itinerary
 - English speaking tour guide
 - Admission fees according to itinerary

Exclusions

- International flights
- Meals other than mentioned in itinerary
- Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in itinerary
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
- Visa fees

Payment Details:

Group from 6 persons and
more starting from (p.P)

USD 2830

Private tour for 2 persons
starting from (p.P.) USD 3730

Booking Availabilities

Booking in between : **30th April 2019 & 1st March 2022**

★★★ Star Hotel

Single Supplement	: USD 3324.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 1st + 2nd person	: USD 3730.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 3rd + 4th person	: USD 3730.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 5th + 6th person	: USD 2830.00