

## **Bhutan I The Fascinating Temple World**

Immerse yourself in the mountainous landscape of Bhutan and learn more about the history of the country while exploring the numerous temples.

### **Day - 3 Punakha**

#### **THIMPHU – PUNAKHA VALLEY (B, L, D)**

On your way to Punakha Valley, enjoy the splendid views of the distant Himalayas at Dochula Pass. You can explore the 108 temples built here and learn a bit of history of this site. Upon arrival at Punakha Valley, lunch will be served at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit the Chimi Temple. The Chimi Lhakhang, situated on a hillock in the centre of the valley, is dedicated to Lama Drukpa Kuenley, who in the late 15th century used humour, songs and outrageous behaviour to dramatise his teachings and due to this also known as "Divine Madman". It is about 30 minute walk across field from the road to the temple. The trail leads across rice fields to the tiny settlement of paddy fields. It then follows a tiny stream downhill to a small village and across more fields before making a short climb to Chimi Lhakhang. Continue then to Punakha Dzong (The Palace of Great Happiness). The most beautiful fortress in Bhutan. Built strategically at the junction of Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers in 1637. Punakha Dzong has played an important role in Bhutan's history.

**Overnight:** Punakha

### Inclusions

- 6 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:

- Visit Tachhogang Bridge
- CityTour of Thimphu incl. visits of Takin Zoo, Zilukha Nunnery, Tashichhodzong Fortress, Memorial Temple, Buddha Statue, Changangkha Temple, Simply Buddha, Zorig Chosum, Roal Textile Academy, Craft Bazaar
- Visit Chimmi Temple & Punakha Dzong
- 1-day hikin Trip in the Phobjikha Valley
- Visit the National Museum, Paro Fortress & Kyichu Temple
- 1-day hiking Trip to Tigers Nest
- 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