

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 - 5 Paro

PHOBJIKHA VALLEY – PARO VALLEY (B, L, D)

Leave Phobjikha and drive to Paro. On your way, lunch will be served. Upon arrival, visit first the National Museum. Once, the museum was built to defend Rinpung Dzong during inter-valley wars in the 17th century. It holds fascinating collection of art, relics, religious thankha paintings and Bhutan's exquisite postage stamps. Next, visit 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. The approach to the Dzong is through a traditional covered bridge called Nemi Zam. A walk over the bridge, over a stone inlaid path, offers a good view of the architectural wonder of the Dzong as well as life around it. It is also the venue of Paro Tshechu, held once a year in the spring. Last stop for today is the Kyichu Temple. It is one of the oldest and most sacred shrines of the Kingdom dating back to 7th century. In the late afternoon, you can explore the quaint little Paro town with your guide.

Overnight: Paro

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