

## **Bhutan I Fascinating Temples In A Magnificent Mountain Landscape**

Explore Bhutan's many beautiful temples and learn more about meditation, tradition and culture. Immerse yourself in a unique, fascinating mountain landscape and explore the regions on foot.

### **Day - 4 Trongsa**

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

Trongsa forms the central hub of the nation and is historically the place from where attempts at unifying the country were launched. Both His Majesty King Ugyen Wangchuck, the Penlop of Trongsa, who was elected the country's first hereditary monarch and his successor, King Jigme Wangchuck, ruled the country from Trongsa ancient seat. The Crown Prince of Bhutan normally holds the position of the Trongsa Penlop prior to ascending the throne, including the present King. The entire landscape around Trongsa is spectacular. Like almost all towns in the Kingdom, Trongsa Dzong architecture dominates the entire Trongsa horizon dwarfing the surrounding buildings. Built in 1648, it was the seat of power over central and eastern Bhutan. Both the first and second King ruled the country from this ancient seat. Protected from invaders by an impenetrable valley, Trongsa Dzong is an impregnable fortress. The Dzong itself is a labyrinth of temples, corridors and offices holding court over the local community. It is built on many levels into the side of the hill and can be seen from every approach to Trongsa heralding its strength as a defensive stronghold. You will be on the road most of the day today, but you can enjoy the beautiful prestige natural environment Bhutan has to offer and the stunning view of the mountains, witness the local people and their villages that come across the way. Upon arrival, visit the biggest fortress in Bhutan – The Trongsa Dzong.

**Overnight:** Trongsa

### Inclusions

- 9 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
  - Visit Tamshing Temple & Kurjey Temple
  - Discover Bumthang Valley on foot
  - 1-day hiking 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