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BHUTAN LAND OF HAPPINESS TOURS



WELCOME TO BHUTAN

The Haven of Happiness and the *Bhutan Land of Happiness Tours* will bridge you with the true essence of Happiness!

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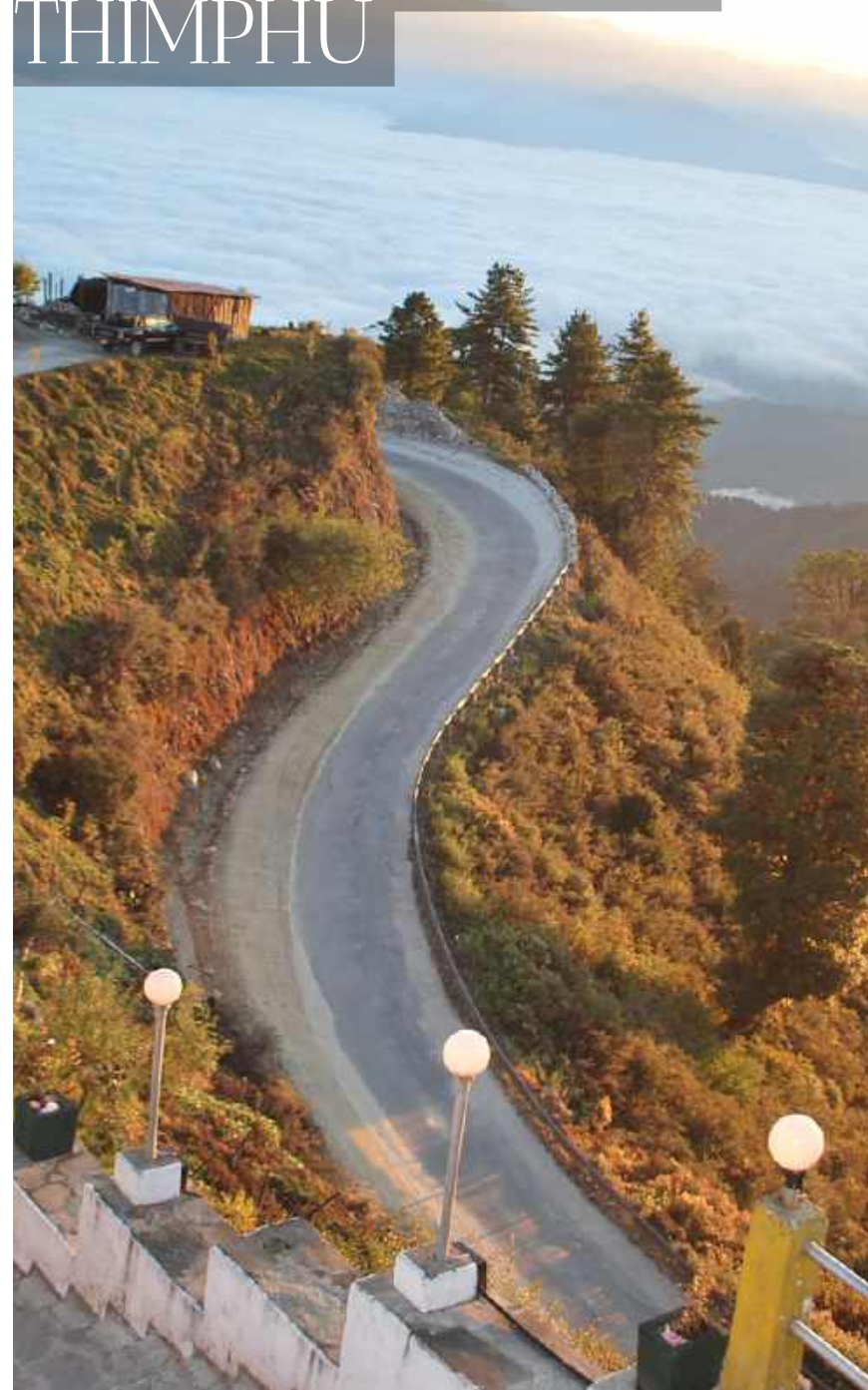
DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT PARO AND TRANSFER TO THIMPHU

Our team will greet you at Paro International Airport with traditional white scarves as a symbol of welcome and a successful start to your tour. From the airport, we will travel to Thimphu, making a stop at the Temple of Excellent Horse Head to see the ancient iron bridge built over eight hundred years ago by the renowned Thangtong Gyelpo. Legend has it that he travelled from Tibet (present-day China) in search of iron to construct a bridge across the Tsangpo River.

The drive from here to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan, will take approximately 35 minutes. Upon arrival, you will check into your hotel room where lunch will be served.

After lunch, you will visit the impressive Buddha Shakyamuni statue situated on a commanding hilltop with breathtaking views of Thimphu city and the valley. You'll have the opportunity to enjoy tea, snacks, and photography at All-Clear Palace Hill.

Later, dinner will be served at an authentic Bhutanese restaurant before retiring to your hotel room for the night.



Thimphu Sightseeing

DAY 2

After breakfast, we will arrange for a Dzongkha teacher so that you can learn basic Dzongkha. this will allow you to communicate, even at basic level, with the locals and gain more practice.

After lunch, you will visit the memorial stupa build in honor of our third King, known as the father of Modern Bhutan. Following that, you will explore the folk heritage museum, which brings the rural life of Bhutan to the urban center, showcasing rural farm life.

After the museum visit, we will Proceed to the national library archives. Then, we will visit a traditional paper-making factory.

in the evening, you will take a leisurely stroll along the road leading to the palace. Dinner will be served in your hotel room at Namselling Boutique.

Later, we will take you to an authentic Bhutanese restaurant where you can experience traditional hutanese dishes



DAY 3



Thimphu to Punakha and Punakha Sightseeing

After breakfast around 8 AM, we will head towards Punakha, a journey of approximately 2 hours, with additional time for sightseeing along the way. Our first stop will be at Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress in Bhutan, built by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal in the 17th century. This dzong holds great historical significance and serves as a place of learning for monks. Continuing towards Punakha, we will pause at Dochula Pass, which separates Punakha valley from Thimphu valley. At the pass summit, you will admire a magnificent temple and 108 stupas, erected in commemoration of Bhutan's victory over Indian insurgents in the late 20th century. Tea and snacks will be served at this scenic spot.

Afterwards, we will proceed to Punakha, where lunch will be served at Chimi Lhakhang Hotel. Following lunch, we will visit Punakha Dzong, and then take a brief excursion to Chimi Lhakhang, known as the Temple of the Divine Madman and revered for its association with fertility blessings.

In the evening, dinner will be served at your hotel in Punakha.



DAY 4

Punakha to Paro

After breakfast, you will visit Punakha Dzong, renowned as the most beautiful fortress in Bhutan. Built by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyel in the early 17th century, it stands majestically at the confluence of the Male and Female rivers, resembling a giant sleeping elephant. This fortress, significant historically and spiritually, serves as both a summer residence for the Je Khenpo (Religious Abbot) and a district administrative center.

Lunch will be provided at the hotel. Afterward, we will embark on a journey to Paro, covering 126 km with an estimated duration of 3 hours and 22 minutes without stops. En route, we will visit the National Museum and Paro Rinpung Dzong. You will then descend a trail leading to Paro Rinpung Dzong, also known as the Fortress of the Piled up Jewels, where you will cross the country's oldest cantilever bridge, renowned for its "No Nails" construction—a hallmark of Bhutanese architecture. Following this exploration, we will escort you on a walk through town before returning to your hotel for dinner.



Hike to Tiger Nest



After an early breakfast, we will set out for Tiger's Nest monastery. The hike to Tiger's Nest takes about 2 hours uphill and 1 hour downhill, starting around 8 AM to enjoy the journey. For those who prefer not to hike, horses are available for hire.

Tiger's Nest is Bhutan's most visited temple, steeped in legend from the 8th century. Guru Rinpoche, while spreading Buddhism in Bhutan, subdued a malevolent deity that had troubled the people of Paro Valley. Legend has it that he flew to Tiger's Nest on a tigress in his Wrathful Form known as Dorji Drolo, meditating here for three months.

DAY 5

A picnic lunch will be served at the base of Tiger's Nest, nestled in pine groves. After a fulfilling day, you can relax at your hotel. In the evening, prepare for a Traditional Hot Stone Bath to unwind; please bring your towel and change of clothes.

DAY 6

After breakfast, the Bhutan Land of Happiness Tours team will escort you to Paro airport. We trust you enjoyed your brief stay in Bhutan. Wishing you a safe journey home and hoping you will share your Bhutan experience with friends, recommending our services. Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming you back to Bhutan someday.





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