

RIGSEL TOUR & TREK 3 NIGHTS 4 DAYS PARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Day 1: Arrive Paro

The most spectacular mountain flights you will ever experience in a life time. Flying in from the heat of the plains of India one can witness from the left side of the aircrafts window a series of the world's highest peaks. Your pilot will announce the names of the peaks if the weather is clear. You will descend into the high mountains and as the plane lowers you will not find any airstrip or any city but instead you will enjoy the view of the approaching valley of Paro, the alpine forests, little monasteries, temples and farm houses. Before the plane touches the runaway you will get a glimpse of the fertile valley



of Paro, the Paro Dzong and Paro chu(river). Our representative will be at the airport to assist you, meet and greet and transfer to the hotel. After lunch visit the great edifice (Paro Dzong) which was constructed in the year 1644 for religious institution, government offices & administrative



headquarters. You will also visit the National museum (watch tower for the Dzong). Now it is a house for the collection of fine arts, paintings, thankas and antiques overnight at the hotel in Paro.

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Day 2: Paro – Thimphu

After Breakfast you will visit Drugyal Dzong (a ruin fortress). Though it is ruined at present but it is of Great historic importance to the country because it was the place where the Bhutanese had finally defeated the Tibetan invaders and drove them back.



You will also get to see the Mount Jomolhari (mountain of Goddesses) on a clear day. After lunch transfer to Thimphu. After check in at hotel, half day sightseeing Thimphu. Visit King's Memorial Chorten (Monument),

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Buddha Point (There is a statue of Buddha which is 169 feet),



ChangGangkha Monastery (one of the oldest monastery in the valley),

National Zoo (contains national animal takin) Overnight at the hotel in Thimphu.



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Day 3: Thimphu- Punakha- Thimphu

Morning drive to low lands of Punakha valley touching Dochula pass 10,000 ft and on the stop at Hongtsho village.

Stop at the immigration check point to stamp in your permit. Next to the check point you will find small local stalls selling fresh juicy local apples available for sale in plastic bags you could try some. You will be driving through the first mountain pass in the western part of Bhutan. You will find the 108 Druk Wangyal chortens



on the top of the pass where the ridges are draped in colorful prayer flags greet you. You could take three rounds and offer prayers, take some best photo shots. If the weather is clear you will be able to see the highest peaks towards the

north, Gangar Punsum among others is the highest unclimbed peak (24,000 ft) in the world. Stop at Lamperi and visit the Royal Botanical Park for 30 minutes. If you are lucky you could see red pandas, different species of birds, you can take some photo shot close to the natural



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lake. Proceed down towards Punakha through Thinleygang village and upon reaching Lobesa turn left and enter Punakha valley.

At Lobesa and take a hike to Chimi Lhakhang (Temple). This monastery is dedicated to Lama Drukpa Kunley” Divine Madman” known for his outrageous behavior. It was built in 1499 by Ngawang Chogyal the, 14th Drukpa Hierarch. Many childless women visit this lhakhang (Temple) and seek blessings for a child. The existing footpath to Chimi Lhakhang (Temple) passes through beautiful terraces of paddy



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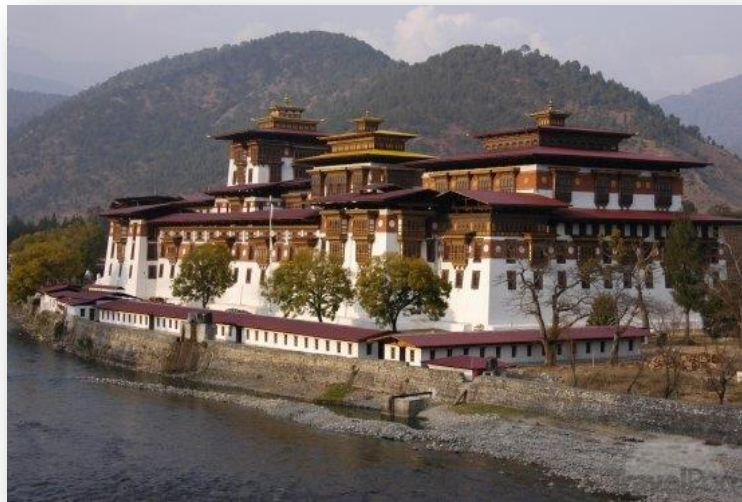


You will come across a Lobesa Village with lots of traditional house. Lobesa Village is situated in valley, surrounded by paddy fields on the way to important Buddhist Shrine “Chimi Lhakhang” in Punakha. You can very well interact with local people and here also, you can visit some village houses to understand about

their life style and proceed towards Chimi Lhakhang(Temple).

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After lunch visit majestic Punakha Dzong placed strategically at the junction of the Pho Chu and Mo Chu rivers, the dzong was built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal to serve as the religious and administrative seat of the region. It was here that the dual system of government was introduced in the 17th century and in 1907, enthroned the first King Gongsar Ugyen Wangchuk. Evening drive back to Thimphu. Overnight at a Hotel in Thimphu.



Day 4: Departure

After Breakfast drive back to Paro International Airport. Bhutan Buddha escort will help you with exit formalities and then bid you farewell.

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