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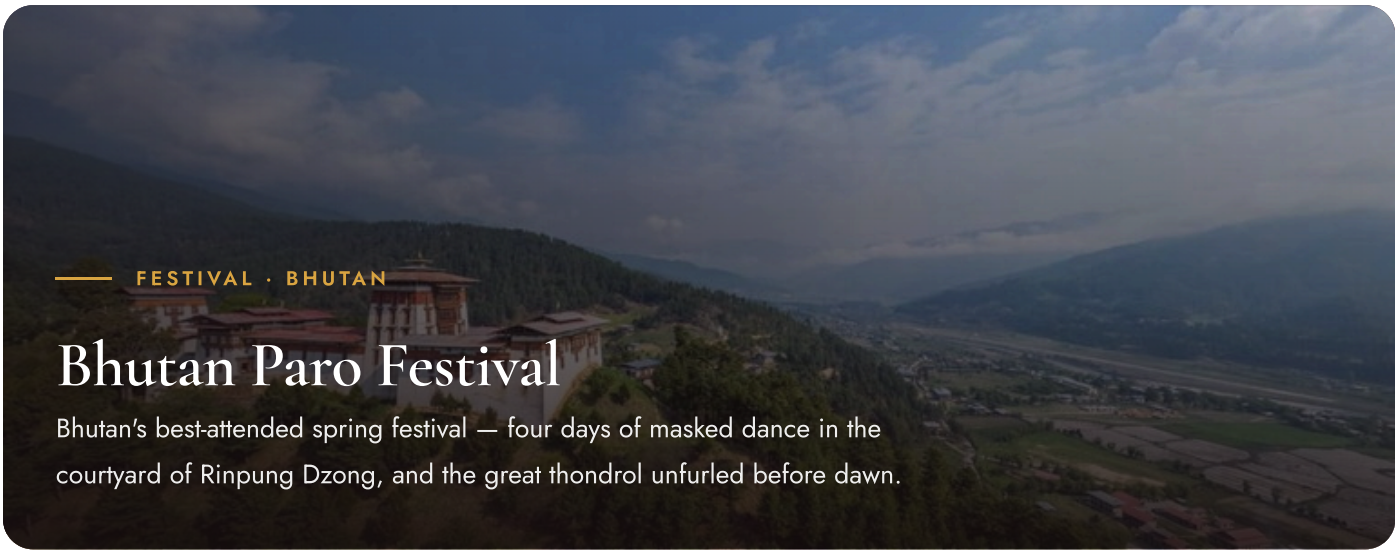

FESTIVAL · BHUTAN

Bhutan Paro Festival

Bhutan's best-attended spring festival — four days of masked dance in the courtyard of Rinpung Dzong, and the great thondrol unfurled before dawn.

5 Nights · 6 Days Duration	Paro · Thimphu Route
Easy Difficulty	Mar–May · Sep–Nov Best season

About this trip

Paro Tshechu fills the dzong courtyard for four days each spring. The dances are religious rather than theatrical, the whole valley turns out in its best kira and gho, and on the final morning an enormous applique thondrol is unfurled before sunrise and rolled away again before the light can touch it.

Day by day

DAY 1 Arrive Paro

Met at the airport. Afternoon at Kyichu Lhakhang to settle in.

DAY 2 Paro Tshechu · day one

Into the dzong courtyard early for a seat. The Shinje Yab Yum and the Durdag dances.

DAY 3 Paro Tshechu · day two

The Tercham and the atsara clowns, who are funnier and ruder than visitors expect.

DAY 4 Thondrol · drive to Thimphu

Up before dawn for the unfurling of the thondrol, then on to Thimphu.

DAY 5 Thimphu sightseeing

Buddha Dordenma, the Memorial Chorten and Tashichhoedzong.

DAY 6 Tiger's Nest · depart

The Taktsang climb, then your transfer.

What's included

- All accommodation on a twin-sharing basis
- All meals — breakfast, lunch and dinner
- A licensed English-speaking Bhutanese guide throughout
- Private vehicle and experienced driver
- All internal transport and road permits
- The Sustainable Development Fee
- Bhutan visa processing and fee
- All monument and museum entry fees
- Bottled water each day

Not included

- International flights to and from Paro
- Travel and medical insurance
- Personal expenses, laundry and drinks
- Tips for your guide and driver
- Anything not listed under what's included

Frequently asked questions

How many days are required for Bhutan tour Packages?

At least 6 days are required for Bhutan tour packages if you want to visit popular tourist attractions in Bhutan. You will get a chance of visiting Paro, Thimphu, and Punakha. 6 Nights and 7 days are required if you want to visit Phubjikha Valley or Haa Valley if you want to experience rural life and check out a hot stone bath. If you want to visit the central part of Bhutan, which is also a beautiful place in Bhutan to visit. In fact, the domestic flight is connected to Bumthang for minimizing time.

For trekking in Bhutan you are required a minimum of 6 days for undergoing a light trek in Bhutan. The maximum duration of trekking in Bhutan is 24 days.

Will I encounter altitude sickness in Bhutan?

Most of the tourist places in Bhutan are above 2000 meters above sea level. You will encounter altitude sickness in Bhutan if you come from low-altitude areas.

Few places like Wangdue and Punakha are under 1350 meters. Most people encounter altitude sickness in Bhutan after they cross 3000 meters. Bumthang, Phubjikha Glaciel Valley, and passes in Bhutan are above 3000 meters above sea level.

While on trekking in Bhutan you will reach up to 5000 meters above sea level. It is better if you under a medical check-up and do medical insurance before you travel to Bhutan.

Do I need to tip in Bhutan?

Tipping is recommended, while you travel in Bhutan. While on Tour or Trekking, many individuals are involved for you. As per the terms and conditions of your agency, it is not compulsory to tip in Bhutan. Drivers, tour guides, waiters, and other local people will serve you because of the standard of living of people. As in the tourism Industry, it is better to tip them and get better service on your end.

While trekking in Bhutan you contact with porters and cooks, and they need to carry your things, food, and cooking utensils during the Trekking.

How to apply Visa for Bhutan?

Your Bhutan Tour agency will guide you till you get a Bhutan visa. Bhutan Tour packages with quoted prices will be provided to you after communicating with you. All finalization of price and services provide to the client, the required documents(filled-up Visa form, passport color size photo, passport scan copy, Student ID if you are a student and applying for a discount of 25% for tour and flight tickets) will be asked by your tour agency. Bhutan government lay minimum daily packages for clients (International tourists and regional tourists).

Bhutan flights ticked for round trip will be added with your Bhutan Tour. You can also buy Bhutan flight tickets online. The Electronic visa is applied by your tour agency and the Department of Tourism required 7 working days to process Bhutan Visa.

It is not difficult for processing a tourist visa in Bhutan. Bhutan Government don't allow tourist to travel to Bhutan on their own like other countries.

What cuisines do you get in Bhutan?

The most common cuisine you get in Bhutan is beef, pork, vegetable, and rice is a common food in Bhutan. Bhutan vegetable is purely organic. Most hotels in Bhutan provide organic vegetables. But during winter Bhutan depend upon India's imports of Agricultural and Food items.

Both Western and local cuisines are available in Bhutan. Bhutanese love to eat chilly. The most common cuisine is Ema Datsi. The most common cuisine served in Bhutan is international and local cuisine. It served buffet style in many hotels and restaurants in Bhutan

How to travel to Bhutan?

The best way to travel to Bhutan is by Bhutan flights from Thailand, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, or Singapore. Druk Air, the Royal Bhutan Airlines are the only Bhutan Flights to operate the sector. Your Tour tour agency will guide you in buying Bhutan Air tickets.

The most frequent sectors in which Bhutan flights operate are Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bagdogra, Gaya, and Guwahati. Other Cities, where there are flights to Bhutan, are Bangkok (Thailand), Kathmandu (Nepal), Dhaka (Bangladesh), and Singapore. Airports in Bhutan, where Paro airport is the principal international airport, and rest three are domestic airports. Very soon Bumthang Airport will upgrade to an international airport.

Tourists can also travel to Bhutan from Nepal and India by road, but the condition of the roads is not good compared to your road network outside. We recommend traveling to Bhutan by Bhutan flights.

When is the best time to travel to Bhutan?

The best times to travel to Bhutan is during the Spring season (March, April, May), and autumn season(September and October). Most tourist place in Bhutan is above 2000 meters above sea level. During the Season it is cold. But November is a bit cold but December and January will be cold. The southern foothills of Bhutan are only around 1500 meters above sea level. The climate is very wet and hot but during winter is good enough to travel. But the Southern foothills are not a tourist place in Bhutan.

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Ready to plan Bhutan Paro Festival?

Tell us your dates and how many are travelling, and we will send a full itinerary and an all-inclusive quote. Rates follow Bhutan's government tariff.

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