



## Kingdom in the Sky

10 Nights

May - November 2018



### Summary

Far away from the deafening hustle-bustle of urbanized civilizations, Bhutan has managed to retain its timeless charm and natural heritage.

One of the most scenic regions in Asia, this Himalayan kingdom, is long fabled for its grand simplicity and graceful purity.

Be it dense forests, majestic mountains, austere monasteries or the pristine environment, every aspect of Bhutan is extraordinary.

This resplendent beauty is a must-see destination in the bucket list of even the most discerning traveller.

### Overview

**Dates:** May - November 2018

**Interest :** group – family

**Level of Comfort:** 3/5

**Minimum # of passengers:** 2

**Maximum # of passengers:** 20

### Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

### Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Bhutanese ngultrum
- **Language:** Dzongkha
- **Dialing Code:** +975
- **Recommended vaccines:** Diphtheria and tetanus
- **Banks & currency exchange:** you can exchange money at the airport, banks in the capital or hotel

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**Day 1: Arrival – Kathmandu**

Upon arrival at Kathmandu, meet greet and transfer to hotel

**Day 2: Kathmandu - Paro International Airport – Thimphu**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight to Paro

Upon arrival at the Paro International Airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel in Thimphu, Bhutan's beautifully located capital city

In the afternoon visit the Tashichho Dzong, the beautiful medieval fortress/monastery which houses most of the Government's office and King's Throne room

Then visit the National Library which has a vast collection of ancient Buddhist texts and manuscripts

After that, drive to the Painting School, famous for traditional thangka paintings

Dinner at hotel

**Day 3: Thimphu and Day Trek to Phajoding Monastery**

In the morning, drive to the forested edge of Thimphu to commence a five hour return trek to the Phajoding Monastery – which dates from the 13th century

The resident monks will welcome you to their place of worship – and a picnic lunch will be served

This day walk is actually the first part of the famous Druk Path trek between Thimphu and Paro

Dinner at hotel

**Day 4: Thimphu-Punakha**

Today you will drive up into the mountains and the spectacular Dochula pass at a height of around 3140m

If the weather is clear you will be able to enjoy superb views over the high Himalayan mountain peaks

Here you can also take a 3 hour trek to Lhuentse monastery several hundred meters above the Dochula pass

A late lunch or afternoon tea will be served at the Dochula Resort

On the way to Punakha, visit Chimey Lhakhang located on a hillock in the centre of the valley below Metsina. Built in 1499 the temple is also known as "the Temple of Fertility"

A wooden effigy of the lama's thunderbolt is preserved in the lhakhang, and childless women go to the temple to receive a blessing

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Punakha

**Day 5: Punakha – Gangtey in the Phobjikha Valley**

In the morning, take a 45 minute walk to a chorten or stupa at Nyizergang followed by a visit to the amazing Punakha Dzong which was built in 1637

The Punakha Dzong was the second of Bhutan's dzongs and until the mid-1950s, it served as the seat of the government.

After lunch, drive through to Gangtey with a visit en route to the Wangdiphodrang Dzong built in 1638

Dinner at hotel in Gangtey

**Day 6: Gangtey – Phobjikha Valley – Trongsa**

Take a leisurely walk through Gangtey village and then along a nature trail through the Phobjikha valley. This glaciated valley on the western slopes of the Black Mountains is the winter home for a large flock of black-necked cranes

In addition to the cranes, there are also muntjacs (barking deer), wild boars, sambars, Himalayan Black bears, leopards and red foxes in the surrounding hills

Lunch at your hotel then drive through to Trongsa

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Trongsa

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**Day 7: Trongsa-Thimphu**

Today you will explore the scenically located and historic Trongsa Dzong. Here you may also have a chance to see Bhutanese archers playing their favorite sport  
After lunch return through the mountains to Thimphu with a short stop at Wangdue Phodrang if time permits  
Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Thimphu

**Day 8: Thimphu-Paro**

In the morning, drive through to Paro to visit Simtokha Dzong, built in 1627 and also to visit the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong which was built in 1644 to commemorate the victory over the Tibetan invaders. The Dzong was used as an administrative center until 1951 when a fire caused by butter lamp destroyed it. Then visit Kyichu Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's oldest and most sacred monasteries dating from the introduction of Buddhism in the 8th century and also visit the Rimpung Dzong built in 1646  
Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Paro

**Day 9: Taktshang Monastery or Tiger's Nest**

Today, take a short drive to the base of the famous Taktshang Monastery or Tiger's Nest, which clings to a sheer rock face at a height of 2600m above sea level. The climb is quite steep, but ponies are available for those who feel they cannot make the climb themselves  
The main temple was built around Guru Rinpoche's meditation cave in 1684 This incredible monastery clings to the edge of a sheer rock face which plunges 900 meters into the valley below. Legend has it that Guru Padmasambhava, the tantric mystic who brought Buddhism to Bhutan in 747 AD, flew here on the back of a flying tiger, Dorje Drolo  
After lunch, visit Ta Dzong an ancient watchtower, which now houses the National Museum. Below the museum is the Rimpung Dzong (literally meaning "Heap of Jewels"), the centre of civil and religious authority in this valley  
Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Paro

**Day 10: Paro - Kathmandu**

Transfer to Paro International Airport for your departure to Kathmandu  
Upon arrival, meet greet and transfer to hotel

**Day 11: Kathmandu**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

**Prices Include**

Round trip ticket to Kathmandu ( economy class)  
Internal flight: Kathmandu - Paro  
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport  
10-night accommodation at hotels  
Meals: daily breakfast in Kathmandu, full board in Bhutan  
English speaking tour driver guide  
All transfers in custom built minivan  
7 full day visit of: Thimphu , Phajoding Monastery , Punakha Gangtey in the Phobjikha Valley, Phobjikha Valley, Trongsa & Thimphu  
Assistance of our representative in Bhutan

**Prices Exclude**

Airport taxes  
Fuel surcharge  
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket  
Visa fees  
Travel insurance  
All other expenses

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#### Starting price per person in US\$

Hotel	Room Type	Triple	Double	Single
4* Hotels	Standard	3340	3630	4115

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

#### Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Doha	QR 4270	07:15	10:45
Doha	Kathmandu	QR 650	12:45	20:20
Kathmandu	Paro	KB 401	12:45	14:20
Paro	Kathmandu	KB 400	11:40	12:25
Kathmandu	Doha	QR 651	21:30	23:30
Doha	Beirut	QR 426	02:45	06:15

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