

# MAGICAL BHUTAN ROAD SAFARI



**TOUR DURATION - 10 Nights / 11 Days**



This is a compact trip that allows you to see every aspect of Bhutan that makes it an exclusive & sought after destination: the grandeur of the mountain peaks, the terraced hills, the lush, green valleys, the dense forests filled with rare flowers, the fast flowing crystal clear rivers, the pure, clean air, the unique architecture, art and culture and above all the delightful people who make the soul smile.

## TRIP AT A GLANCE

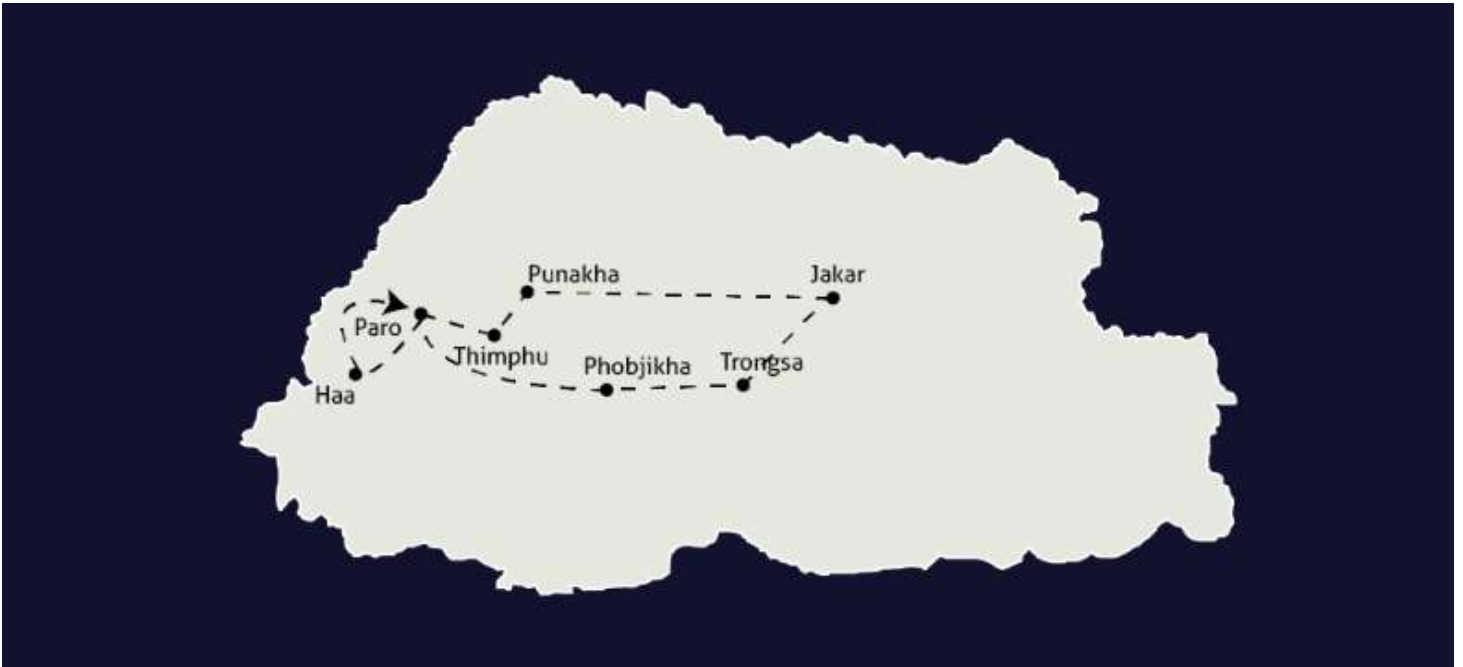
- Day 01| Arrival in Paro - Thimphu (1.2 Hr)
- Day 02| Thimphu Sightseeing
- Day 03| Thimphu - Punakha (2.5 Hrs)
- Day 04| Punakha - Trongsa (4.5 Hrs)
- Day 05| Trongsa - Jakar (3 Hrs)
- Day 06| Jakar Sightseeing
- Day 07| Jakar Sightseeing
- Day 08| Jakar - Phobjikha (6.5 Hrs)
- Day 09| Phobjikha - Paro (5.5 Hrs)

Day 10| Paro Sightseeing

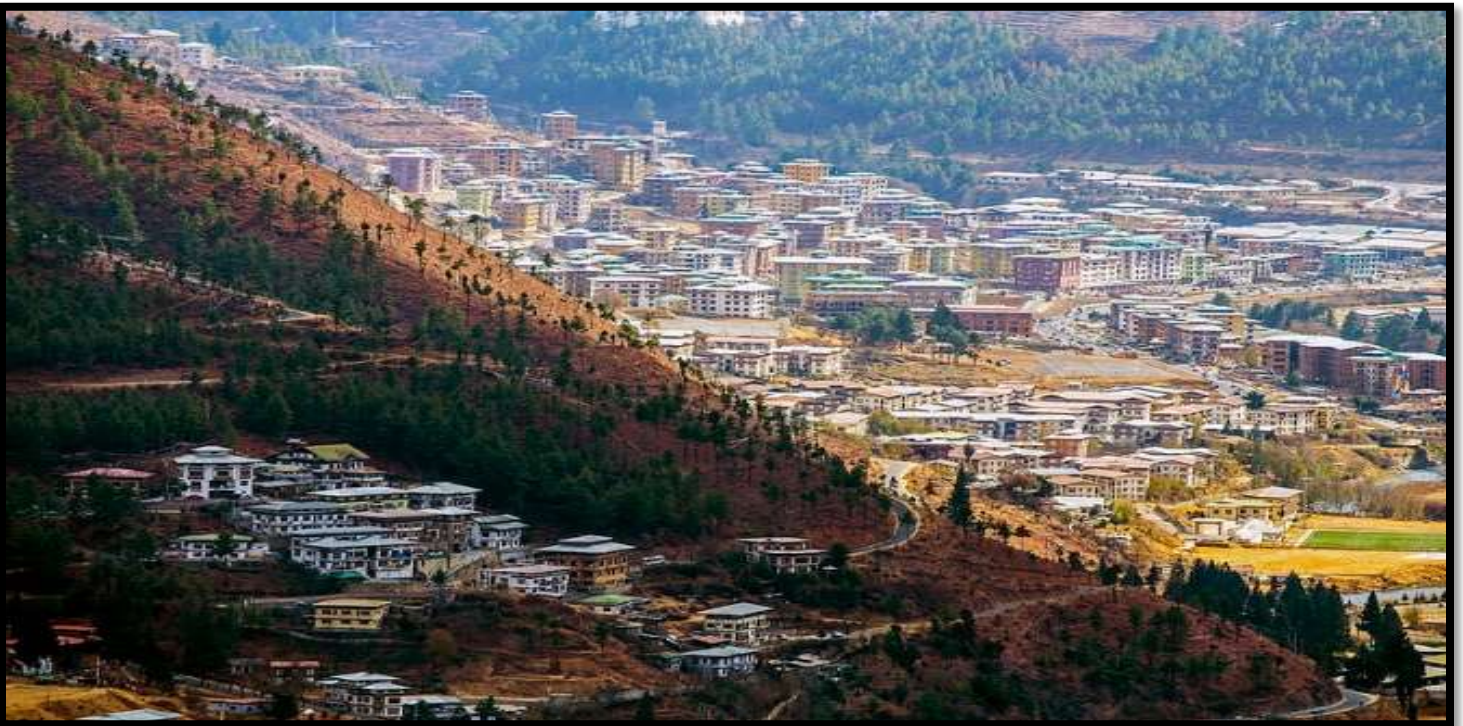
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\* Itinerary can be customized as per your requirement/duration

\* Itinerary is subject to flight and hotel availability



## DETAILED ITINERARY



### **Day 01 | Arrival in Paro – Thimphu (1 Hr)**

Flight to Paro has spectacular views of the Everest, Kanchen Junga and other Himalayan peaks, including the sacred Jumolhari and Jichu Drakey in Bhutan are awesome. On arrival in Paro our guide will receive you and transfer to Thimphu by car/bus. One can wander on your own to stroll Thimphu streets or relax in your hotel.

**Overnight: Thimphu | Altitude: 2300m**

### **Day 02 | Thimphu Sightseeing**

Morning visit the weekend market (Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday), Handmade paper Mill, School of Arts and crafts where students learn 13 different arts used predominantly in Bhutan, Lunch in town. Drive pass by Memorial Chorten (temple) built in memory of the late 3rd King. Visit Changangkha Lhakhang, the oldest temple in the valley, Enclosure where national animal, Takin are kept and Zilukha Nunnery.

**Overnight: Thimphu**



### **Day 03 | Thimphu – Punakha (2 ½ Hrs)**

Drive through Dochula pass, the second highest road pass in your trip at 3010m. When the weather permits one can enjoy a spectacular view of the highest mountains of Bhutan at a sight that stretches almost 180 degrees. After a short tea break continue to sub tropical Punakha. Afternoon visit the Souvenir Making Center and the Punakha Dzong (fortress) which houses the most elaborated temple in the country.

**Overnight: Punakha | Altitude: 1350m**



**Day 04 | Punakha – Trongsa (4 ½ Hrs)**

Check out of the hotel and visit Chimi Lhakhang on foot, the temple of fertility associated with religious art of phallus. En route, stop in Wangdi. Stroll in Wangdi town and view the Wangdi Dzong (Fortress) which happens to be the only fortress with the original roof. Continue to Trongsa over Pelela Pass at 3300m which forms the part of Black Mountain Range that divides the country into east and west. Evening relax at your hotel.

**Overnight: Trongsa | Altitude: 2200m**



### **Day 05 | Trongsa – Jakar (3 Hrs)**

Morning visit Trongsa town and visit the majestic Trongsa Dzong (Fortress), the home of the royals and the watch tower which houses a museum now. Drive pass by the second highest road pass in your trip at 3425m (Yotong La). En route stop over the weaving place, beside the road where “Yatha” (wool weaving) is done which the Valley of Bumthang is famous for, rest of the time relax at your hotel.

**Overnight: Jakar | Altitude: 2650m**



### **Day 06 | Jakar Sightseeing**

Make an excursion drive to the village of Ura. En-route visit the burning lake. The drive will pass over the Shertang La pass at 3573m. On clear weather Bhutan’s highest mountain Gangkar Puensum (7540m) can be seen dominating the northern valley. Visit the Ura village and return.

**Overnight: Jakar**

### **Day 07 | Jakar Sightseeing**

Visit Jampay Lakhang, the one of the first 2 Buddhist temples built in the country. This is the home of the naked dance that is still performing annually. Visit Kurjey Temple, the site where royals are cremated, one can either walk cross the suspension bridge and visit the village of Parar and Tamshing or drive there. End your day with a walk passing by the Swiss farm. Evening stroll in Jakar town and try some local pancake and noodles.

**Overnight: Jakar**



**Day 08 | Jakar – Phobjikha (6 ½ Hrs)**

Retrace and enjoy the drive back to the valley of Black-necked crane. Black-necked crane is one of the rare specials of the birds in the world, which migrates from Tibetan plateau to Bhutan in winters. On arrival at Gangtey visit Gangtey Gompa, the largest and the only monastery of the Nyingmapa sect in western Bhutan. Evening relax in your hotel.

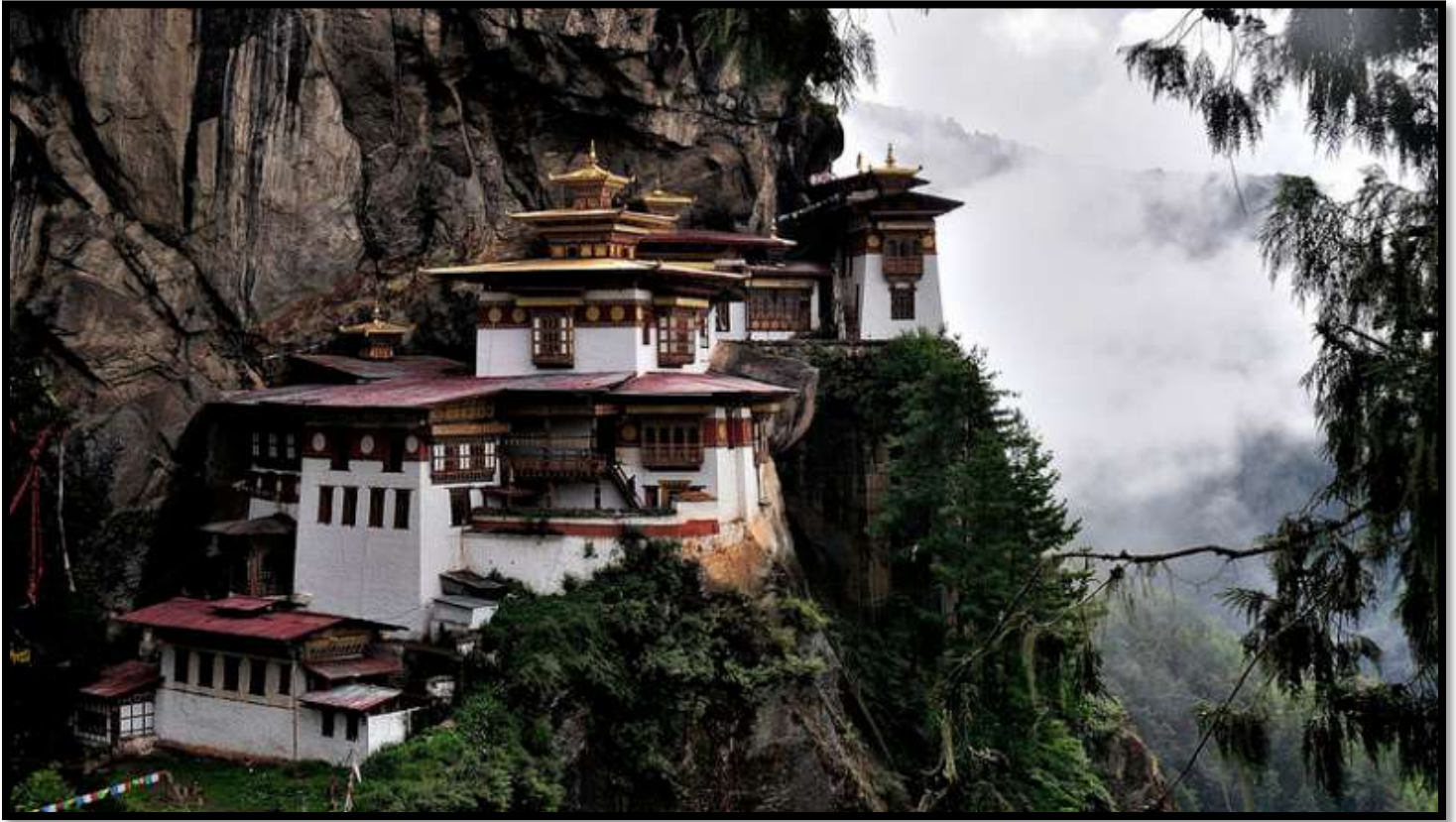
**Overnight: Phobjikha | Altitude: 2900m**



### Day 09 | Phobjikha – Paro (5 ½ Hrs)

Check out from the hotel, take an easy valley hike to the Gompa which take about 2 hrs and called Phobjikha Natural Trail, further drive back to Paro. If time permits, in Paro visit the National Museum, the first of its kind which has a collection from natural history to religious paintings. Visit 17 century Paro Dzong (Fortress) on foot and continue walking through the oldest wooden bridge still in use. Evening stroll old Paro town and peep into some local handicrafts stores. One can also venture to try local restaurant for dinner.

**Overnight: Paro | Altitude: 2200m**



### Day 10 | Paro Sightseeing

Morning hike up to Tiger's Nest or Taktsang, the most revered temple in the country that literally hangs on a granite cliff overlooking Paro Valley. Afternoon on your way back, we will spend some time doing archery in the village, optional visit to Kichu Lhakhang, one from the 2 oldest Buddhist temples in the country, historic Drukgyal Dzong (Fortress) and Evening at leisure

**Overnight: Paro**

### Day 11 | Departure

Transfer to airport for your departure flight. Our tour staff will bid you farewell at the airport.

### What's included in the package:

1. All accommodation in Deluxe room on Double sharing basis
2. Hotels based on 3 star category only
3. Transportation and sightseeing as per the itinerary only using 01 Luxury Coaster Bus(Toyota) in Bhutan(Vehicle, NOT at disposal)
4. Meals as mentioned in the cost above
5. Museum and monument fees
6. All permits and taxes included
7. Service of English speaking guide from Day 1 to day 11.

**What's not included in the cost:**

- No refreshment at any time(doesn't include bed tea or evening tea).
- Riding ponies must be booked in advanced while booking the tour.
- No personal expenses.
- Any airfare.
- No Tips for the guides, driver or hotels.
- Insurance.
- Expenses incurred due to factors beyond our control.

**Food:**

Breakfast, Dinner will be served in buffet. Anything taken apart from buffet is payable directly by the guests.

**Permits:**

Route permit is required to travel further from Thimphu and Paro. Route permits are given after producing the copy of the entry permit stamped on your passport upon your arrival in Paro airport along with your passport copy the permits are issued. One working day is required to process the permits. Weekends and government holidays are closed for permits.

**Payment:**

- Indian Currency is accepted in Bhutan. NO credit card facilities.
- 50% payment is required while confirming the trip.
- 100% payment must be made one month prior to the arrival date of the group.
- Full air fare must be made to purchase the air tickets.

**Cancellation Policy:**

No charge for the tour canceled before 45 days of arrival date.

50% cancellation charge for the tour canceled before 30 days of arrival date.

No refund for less than 30 days of arrival date.