

NHB – 26 (9 Nights / 10 Days) Drive In & Drive Out
(Phuentsholing 2N – Thimphu 1N – Wangdue / Punakha 2N – Bumthang 2N – Paro 2N)

Day 01: NJP Rly Station / IXB Airport – Phuentsholing

(Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of Phuentsholing: 293 mts.)

Meet & Greet on arrival at NJP Railway Station / IXB Airport and transfer to Phuentsholing - The Gateway of Bhutan by Road from India. It is a thriving commercial center on the northern edge of the Indian Plains. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Phuentsholing.

Day 02: Phuentsholing – Thimphu

(Distance: 176 kms. / Driving Time: 6 hrs. / Altitude of Thimphu: 2350 mts.)

After breakfast complete the immigration formalities and transfer to Thimphu (7,710 ft.) the capital city of Bhutan. On arrival check in at the hotel. In the evening, visit the **Tashichho Dzong** (Fortress of the Glorious Religion). Overnight stay at Thimphu.

Day 03: Thimphu Sightseeing – Punakha / Wangdue

(Distance: 77 kms. / Driving Time: 3 hrs. / Altitude of Punakha: 1310 mts.)

After breakfast visit **Kuensel Phodrang** (Buddha Statue), **King's Memorial Chorten** (Monument) & **Folk Heritage Museum**. Afternoon transfer to Punakha / Wangdue Phodrang (4,300 ft.), via Dochu-La-Pass (10,170 ft.) to view the higher Himalayas. The pass also has 108 Druk Wangyal Khangzang Chorten which is believed brings multi fold merit to all sentient beings and which make the pass a must visit place. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay will be at Punakha / Wangdue Phodrang.

Day 04: Punakha – Bumthang

(Distance: 212 kms. / Driving Time: 8 hrs. / Altitude of Bumthang: 2600 mts.)

After breakfast check out from hotel and drive to Trongsa across **Pele-La-Pass** (11,120 ft.) traditional boundary between east & west Bhutan, There is an abrupt change in vegetation, with mountain forest replaced by high altitude dwarf bamboo. Stop Enroute **Chendbji Chorten** - built in the style of the great Bodhanath Choten of Nepal. Further ahead visit **Trongsa Dzong** – It was the seat of power over central & eastern Bhutan and **Ta Dzong** - An ancient watch tower. The chapel inside is said to be dedicated to the Trongsa Penlop Jigme Namgyal. Then drive further to Bumthang over the **Yutong-La-Pass** (11,155 ft.). While in Chumey valley in Bumthang, visit the **Yathra Weaving Factory** - It is the most famous textile product of Bumthang. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Bumthang.

Day 05: Bumthang Sightseeing

After breakfast, 1st half visit **Jakar Dzong**: Literally meaning the Castle of White Bird. The current structure was built in 1667. **Lamey Goemba**: A large palace and monastery built in 18th century by Dasho Phuntsho Wangdi **Jambay Lhakhang**: built by King Srongsen Gampo of Tibet. In October one of the most spectacular festival, “Jambay Lhakhang Drup” is staged here. **Chakhar Lhakhang**: Literally meaning the Iron Castle, the original palace was made of Iron and hence the name “Chakhar”. **Kurjey Lhakhang**: Named after body print of Guru Rimpoche. Afternoon 2nd half Visit **Tamshing Lhakhang**: Literally meaning the Temple of the good message, established in 1501 by Pema Lingpa. **Membarstho**: Literally meaning, “The burning Lake”. The evening ends visit a local handloom weaving house and Interact with the weavers. Overnight stay at Bumthang.

Day 06: Bumthang – Punakha / Wangdue

(Distance: 212 kms. / Driving Time: 8 hrs. / Altitude of Punakha: 1310 mts.)

After breakfast drive to Punakha. Reach Punakha by late afternoon. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Punakha/Wangdue.

Day 07: Punakha / Wangdue Sightseeing – Paro

(Distance: 140 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of Paro: 2280 mts.)

After breakfast check out from hotel with bag & baggage's and visit the **Punakha Dzong** - built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. For many years until the time of the second king, it served as the seat of the Government. The Dzong was named Druk Pungthang Dechen Phodrang (Palace of Great Happiness). Punakha is still the winter residence of Je-Khenpo and King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck convened the first National Assembly here in 1952. After that take a short excursion trip to visit the **Chhimi Lhakhang** - The Temple, also known as “The Temple of Fertility” was built by Lama Drukpa Kuenley, “The Devine Mad Man”. After noon drive to Paro. On arrival check in at the hotel. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight stay at Paro.

Day 08: Paro Sightseeing

After breakfast start full day sightseeing covering **Ta Dzong** - National Museum with an excellent collection of Bhutanese antiquities, **Rinpung Dzong** - the administrative seat of the district of Paro. Afternoon visit **Drukgyel Dzong** - The Dzong was destroyed by fire in 1951 and is now preserved as heritage site & **Kyichu Lhakhang** - one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Bhutan. Overnight stay at Paro.

Day 09: Paro – Phuentsholing

(Distance: 200 kms. / Driving Time: 7 hrs. / Altitude of Phuentsholing: 293 mts.)

After breakfast check out from hotel and transfer to Phuentsholing. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Phuentsholing.

Day 10: Phuentsholing – NJP Rly Station / IXB Airport

(Distance: 170 kms. / Driving Time: 5 hrs. / Altitude of NJP/IXB: 89 mts.)

After breakfast check out from the hotel and take the departure transfer to NJP Railway Station / IXB Airport for your onward journey.

NO OF PAX (COST PER PERSON)	PREMIUM (CP)	LUXURY (CP)	SUPERIOR (CP)	DELUXE (CP)	BUDGET (CP)
02 PAX	1,08,000	84,400	44,700	40,600	34,700
04 PAX	87,100	63,500	43,500	33,000	27,100
06 PAX	80,100	56,600	36,600	28,200	22,300
08 PAX	78,200	54,700	34,700	30,600	24,700
EXTRA PAX (EPSR)	38,100	25,500	15,600	12,400	8,900
CHILD NO BED (CNB)	15,100	9,900	6,300	5,200	3,800

Accommodation Chart

DESTINATIONS	PREMIUM (CP)	LUXURY (CP)	SUPERIOR (CP)	DELUXE (CP)	BUDGET (CP)
Phuentsholing (2N)	Druk Hotel / Similar	Druk Hotel / Wild Orchid / Similar	Hotel Lakhi / Park / Hotel Damchen / Similar	Bhutan Residence / Similar	Namgay / Centennial / Similar
Thimphu (1N)	Terma Linca / Similar	Druk / Namgye Heritage / Similar	Migmar / Kisa / Pedling / Similar	Hotel 89 / Shantidewa / Taktshang / Similar	Home / Nirmal / Similar
Punakha / Wangdue (2N)	Kunzang Zhing Resort / Similar	Punatsangchhu Cottage / Damchen Resort / Similar	Pema Karpo / Lobesa / Similar	Dragon Nest / Meri Puensum / Similar	Kingaling / Similar
Bumthang (2N)	Yu Gharling Resort / Similar	Jakar Village Lodge / Similar	Kuenzang Norling Int. / Pelling / Similar	Swiss Guest House / Mendhrava Happiness Inn / Similar	Swiss Guest House / Mendhrava Happiness Inn / Similar
Paro (2N)	Zhiwa Ling / Similar	Naksel Resort / Udumwara / Similar	Drukchen / Tenzinling Resort / Similar	Galing Resort / Galinkha Resort / Similar	Paro Hotel / Dragon / Similar

Hotel Category Details:

- A- Premium Packages : High-end Resorts with Breakfast.
- B- Luxury Packages : 4*/ Equivalent hotel with Breakfast.
- C- Superior Packages : 3*/ Equivalent hotel with Breakfast.
- D- Deluxe Packages : 2* / Equivalent hotel with Breakfast.
- E- Budget Packages : Budget hotel with Breakfast.

Please note premium packages with Hotels like Uma Group of Hotels, Taj Tashi, Amankora rates are also available on case to case basis.

Hotels serve both Vegetarian & Non Vegetarian food which would be basic & freshly prepared. Specific regional Indian cuisine will not be available. Only the basic Indian Vegetarian / Non – Vegetarian food can be arranged.

Permit for Bhutan:

Indian nationals do not require any visa for Bhutan. A permit will be issued at the entry point on production of a passport or Voter ID and 04 passport size photographs.

Restricted Area Permit for Punakha / Wangdue:

Restricted Area Permit is required to visit Punakha / Wangdue from Home Ministry of Bhutan. No charge will be applicable for this permit. Please bring 02 passport size photographs and Voter ID card or Passport of each person including child. This special permit is given only after guest has entered Bhutan. Permits are not issued on Saturday, Sunday & Govt. holidays.

Cost Include:	Cost Exclude:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Accommodation on twin sharing with Breakfast. ✓ Exclusive Non a/c vehicle for transfers & sightseeing as per itinerary. ✓ All permit fees & hotel taxes (as per itinerary). ✓ Guide charges (Only Bhutan Portion). ✓ Rates are valid for INDIAN NATIONALS only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Air Fare/Train fare. ○ Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips & gratuity, mineral water, soft & hard drinks, rafting, rock climbing, paragliding, portorage. ○ Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary. ○ Entrance Fees. ○ Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, which is directly payable on the spot). ○ Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation & land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure. ○ Service Tax & Travel Insurance. ○ Anything which is not include in the inclusion.

NOTE:

- The above mentioned hotels will be confirmed as per the room availability. Otherwise we will confirm similar category.
- The rates quoted in the packages are on per person basis & valid for Indian nationals from 15th Sep 2014 to 15th Mar 2015 (High seasons surcharge will be applicable during the Festivals & Peak season).
- We believe in giving value for money and we believe that quality comes with a price tag. We at Neptune promise to provide the best of our services and keep by our commitments towards quality and the sensitivity of the services.

About Vehicle:

Tour Starting and Ending both from India (Drv In & Drv Out) Packages

We provide exclusive Indian Vehicle only for 2-5 Pax throughout the tour.

And above 5 pax exclusive Indian vehicle in India Part and Bhutan vehicle in Bhutan part for all drive in and drive out packages.

- Non Ac Wagon R / Indica / for 2-3 Pax
- Innova / Xylo / Scorpio for 4-5 Pax Pax
- 2 Innova / Xylo / Scorpio for 6 & above Pax. in India part
- 1 Toyota Hi Roof Hiace (Non AC) for 6 & above Pax. In Bhutan part

Child Policy: Hotels are very strict with the child policy. Please carry the age proof so that it can be produced when asked.

- Child Below 5 yrs complimentary
- Child 5 -10 yrs without extra bed as mention in cost column (CNB = Child no Bed)
- Above 10 years / Extra adult with an extra bed sharing room are same & charged as per (EPSR)

DO'S:

- ✓ Adults must carry original & valid Passport or original Voter ID card. Children must carry original & valid Passport or original birth certificate & school photo ID card.
- ✓ Remember to carry sufficient woolens including hand gloves.
- ✓ Please check with your mobile service provider for charges related to Bhutan.

DON'TS:

- Do not carry Indian Rs. 500/- or Rs. 1000/- currency notes. It is illegal.
- Tobacco & Tobacco products are banned in Bhutan.
- Do not bring any plant or agricultural product out of Bhutan. It is illegal.
- Credit cards are accepted in selected establishments in Bhutan.

Important:

1. Check-in 12:00 hrs. / Check-out time is 11:00 hrs.
2. The guest should always keep cool with the drivers as they are not tourism educated and come from different remote villages.
3. On arrival of guests we will provide them with local contact numbers of our executive, who will handle the entire operation.
4. If any tourist spot do not complete for closing day & if they want to do the same on next day then they have to pay the extra cost for the vehicle.

5. Please inform your guest to maintain the timing for the sightseeing / transfers which will be advisable by our executive. Once our vehicle will leave the hotel area without picking up the guests & come back at parking stand then guest must have to arrange their own to reach at the parking stand.
6. Room Heater available with an extra cost borne by the guest directly (Except at Premium & Luxury Packages)
7. Due to shortage of power the guest sometimes, may have to bear it with candle light.
8. Category of Rooms in the packages normally remains to deluxe / super deluxe rooms.
9. For Extra adult in the room we will provide an extra bed (wherever possible), but some hotels only provide a roll out bed and have no provision of an extra bed
10. Operator reserves the right to re-arrange itinerary to suit hotel availability without changing the total number of days in each destination and without compromising any services
11. Child sharing parent's room will not be provided an extra bed.