

**NHB – 26 (8 Nights / 9 Days) Drive In & Drive Out
(Phuentsholing 2N – Thimphu 2N – Wangdue / Punakha 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. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at Thimphu.

Day 03: Thimphu Sightseeing

After breakfast visit **Kuensel Phodrang** (Buddha Statue) a place for refreshing with a huge statue of Buddha on the top of the Kuensel Phodrang, **National Memorial Chorten** (Monument) & **Folk Heritage Museum**. Afternoon visit **Sangaygang View Point, Changangkha Monastery, Takin Preserve Centre**, the national animal of Bhutan can be seen. In the evening, visit the **Tashichho Dzong** (Fortress of the Glorious Religion). Overnight stay at Thimphu.

Day 04: Thimphu – Punakha/Wangdue Sightseeing

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

After breakfast drive to Punakha / Wangdue, On the way Stop at **Dochu-La-Pass** (3150 mts.). to view the higher Himalayas. Arrival at Punakha check in at hotel. After noon visit **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 and easy hike to visit the **Chhimi Lhakhang** - The Temple, also known as “The Temple of Fertility” was built by Lama Drukpa Kuenley, “The Devine Mad Man”. Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

Day 05: Excursion to Gangtey (Phobjikha) OR Punakha Sightseeing

(Excursion to Gangtey - Distance: 78 kms. One way / Driving Time: 3 hrs.)

After breakfast, start for full day excursion trip to Gangtey (9,840 ft.). Gangtey is the home of Black Necked Crane which migrates from the arid plains of Tibet in the north. It is a beautiful valley of Bhutan. You can also visit Gangtey Gompha. Evening return back. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

Alternatively, instead of going to Gangtey (Phobjikha), you also have an option spending the day in Punakha Valley itself. After breakfast hike **Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten** which is about 45 Mins easy hike to the top of the hill. It offers a breathtaking view of the Punakha Valley. Also visit **Punakha Suspension Bridge** and **Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Nunnery**. Rest of the day free for leisure. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

Day 06: Punakha/Wangdue – Paro Sightseeing

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

After breakfast drive to Paro (7,483 ft.). On the way stop at Lamperi to visit **Royal Botanical Park**. On arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon visit **Ta Dzong** - National Museum with an excellent collection of arts, relics, religious thangkha, etc. **Rinpung Dzong** - Meaning "fortress of the heap of jewels". The dzong now serves as the administrative and judicial seat of Paro. Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay at Paro.

Day 07: Paro Sightseeing

After breakfast hike to the famous **Taksang Monastery** - called “Tiger’s Nest” (2hrs hike from the base camp). Later visit **Drukgyel Dzong & Kyichu Monastery**. Overnight stay at Paro.

Day 08: 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 09: 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+ (MAP)	PREMIUM (MAP)	CLASSY (MAP)	LUXURY (MAP)	SUPERIOR (MAP)	DELUXE (MAP)
02 PAX	105100	89900	78700	61500	55600	52200
04 PAX	92900	77700	66500	49300	43300	40000
06 PAX	88300	73100	61900	44700	38700	35400
08 PAX	85500	70200	59100	41800	35900	32600
EPSR	58400	46700	37500	25800	20100	16000
CNB	21600	22000	19700	12500	11000	9600

About Vehicle:

For tour Starting or ending from India Packages, we provide exclusive Indian Vehicle in India Part and Bhutan vehicle in Bhutan part. All the vehicles provided, unless other wise specified will be Non-A/C Vehicles. Supplement Charges will be applicable for A/C vehicles.

VEHICLE CAPACITY & DETAILS		
CAPACITY	BHUTAN PART	INDIA PART
1 – 2 Pax including Child	SUV like Santa Fee / Tucson	Wagon R / Indica
3 – 6 Pax including Child	Toyota Hiace / Hyundai H1	Innova / Xylo / Scorpio
7 – 8 Pax including Child	Toyota High Roof Hiace	2 Innova / Xylo / Scorpio

Note - In case the number of heads including child increases, then the guest will have to take bigger vehicle with an additional cost. For instance, for 3rd adult or child traveling together with 02 Pax, the guests would have to pay supplement charges for Toyota Hiace/ Hundai H1 instead of SUV. The details of supplement costs are given below:

SUPPLEMENT VEHICLE COSTS		
VEHICLE	PARTICLARS	SUPPLEMENT AMOUNT
Toyota Hiace / Hyundai H1	Instead of SUV	12200
Toyoto High Roof Hiace	Instead of Toyota Hiace / Hyundai H1	14900
Toyota Coaster	Instead of Toyoto High Roof Hiace	23900

ACCOMMODATION						
DESTINATIONS	PREMIUM+ (MAP)	PREMIUM (MAP)	CLASSY (MAP)	LUXURY (MAP)	SUPERIOR (MAP)	DELUXE (MAP)
<u>Phuentsholing</u>	The Druk Hotel / Tashi Namgay Grand / Similar	The Druk Hotel / Tashi Namgay Grand / Similar	Bhutan Ga Me Ga / The Druk Hotel / Tashi Namgay Grand / Similar	Bhutan Ga Me Ga / The Orchid Hotel / Similar	Hotel Park / Lhaki Hotel / Hotel Gadhen / Similar	Hotel Damchen / Namgay / Bhutan Residence / Similar
<u>Thimphu</u>	Le Meridien (Classic)/ Similar	Le Meridien (Classic)/ Similar	Hotel Ariya / Ramada / Hotel Osel / Similar	Namgey Heritage / Tara Phendeyling (Veg) / City Hotel / Similar	Dorjee Elements / Pedling / Migmar / Gakyil / Similar	Bhutan Kubera / Om Tara / Amodhara / River Side / Similar
<u>Punakha / Wangdue</u>	Dhensa Boutique Resort / Kunzang Zhing Resort/ Similar	RKPO Green Resort / Similar	Drubchhu Resort / Khuru Resort / Kichu Resort (Pure Veg) / Zhingkham / Similar	Drubchhu Resort / Khuru Resort / Kichu Resort (Pure Veg) / Zhingkham / Similar	Kingaling Hotel & Spa (Dlx New) / Punatsangchhu Cottage / Punakha Residency / Similar	Hotel Y.T. / Kingaling (Dlx) / Similar
<u>Paro</u>	Le Meridien (Deluxe) / Similar	Le Meridien (Classic) / Similar	Le Meridien (Classic) / Naksel / Similar	Tashi Namgay Resort / Tenzinling (Balcony Room) / Metta Resort / Olathang (Dlx Cottege) / Similar	Hotel Olathang / Dewachen Resort / Drukchen / Tashi Phuenshok / Similar	Namsay Choling Resort / Taktsang Paradise / Yanki Resort / Similar

Hotel Category Details:

Premium+ Packages : 5* High-end Resorts with Breakfast & Dinner.

Premium Packages : 5* Equivalent hotel with Breakfast & Dinner.

Classy Packages : 4* Prime hotel with Breakfast & Dinner.

Luxury Packages : 3* Prime hotel with Breakfast & Dinner.

Superior Packages : 3* Deluxe hotel with Breakfast & Dinner.

Deluxe Packages : 3* Equivalent hotel with Breakfast & Dinner.

Please note Elite & 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.

Cost Include:	Cost Exclude:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Accommodation on twin Sharing Basis. ✓ Meal Plan (as per mentioned above). ✓ 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. ○ GST & Travel Insurance. ○ Anything which is not include in the inclusion.

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.

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 **01st Sep 2018 to 5th Jan 2019** (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.

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 and other packings as per seasons and personal requirements (including hiking shoes)
- ✓ Please check with your mobile service provider for charges related to Bhutan.

DON'TS:

- 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.
- Usage of Drones is strictly prohibited in Bhutan.
- Photography is not allowed inside temples and Dzongs.