

**NHB – 28 (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), **National 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 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.

* Please note that the road condition after Punakha/Wangdue is poor due to road widening work going on. Travel time may be more than the standard time mentioned above.

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 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”. 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+ (MAP)	PREMIUM (MAP)	CLASSY (MAP)	LUXURY (MAP)	SUPERIOR (MAP)	DELUXE (MAP)
02 PAX	110900	95700	88300	69400	64400	60400
04 PAX	97100	81900	74500	55600	50600	46600
06 PAX	91600	76300	69000	50100	45100	41100
08 PAX	88400	73200	65800	46900	41900	37900
EPSR	57500	45900	40600	27500	23500	19800
CNB	23000	23400	21200	13900	12900	11100

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	14300
Toyoto High Roof Hiace	Instead of Toyota Hiace / Hyundai H1	16000
Toyota Coaster	Instead of Toyoto High Roof Hiace	28400

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>Bumthang</u>	Yu-Gharling Resort / Jakar Village Lodge / Similar	Yu-Gharling Resort / Jakar Village Lodge / Similar	Yu-Gharling Resort / Jakar Village Lodge / Similar	Samyae Resort / Village Lodge / River lodge / Valley Resort / Similar	Samyae Resort / Village Lodge / River lodge / Valley Resort / Similar	Ugyenling / Lhasa Guest House / Hotel Peling / 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 Nona/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.