

## Trek Mt Chomolhari - 03 - 16 October 2008

### 13 night Package (From/To Bangkok)

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#### Bhutan Land Arrangements & Package Inclusions:

- ✦ Drukair economy return airfares to Bangkok/Paro, Bhutan including taxes.
- ✦ Visa fees, Government Royalties and Paro Airport Taxes.
- ✦ Personal guide & driver with minibus.
- ✦ All touring & transfers throughout your journey.
- ✦ Hotel accommodation with private bathrooms.
- ✦ All meals.
- ✦ Entrance Fees and sightseeing.
- ✦ Professionally Operated by Bhutan Tourism Corporation - BTCL
- ✦ Chomolhari Trek 10 days/ 9 nights
- ✦ When trekking tented campsites replace hotels.
- ✦ When trekking the services of additional support crew and ponies are included.



All Inclusive Package Price US\$ 3733.00 (per person twin share)

✦ *Prices are quoted in US dollars.*

#### Available On Request:

- Single Room Supplements
- Upgrade to Business Class on Drukair
- Ex-Australia Flight Arrangements
- Bangkok Stopovers & Additional Asian Arrangements

#### Saturday 03 October:

Early morning departure from your hotel for your Drukair flight to Bhutan.

After clearing immigration and customs you will be greeted by your BTCL guide and driver and transferred by mini bus to Paro. Enjoy an orientation tour of the major features visit the Paro Dzong with its cantilever bridge. If time permits visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum housed in an ancient watchtower and view the fine collection of ancient Thangkha paintings, textiles, weapons and other artifacts.

**Overnight Paro Valley - Traditional Bhutanese Hotel**



**Sunday 04 October:**

**At leisure in the Paro Valley**

This afternoon hike to the Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) viewpoint.(2 hrs) or up to and enter the monastery (5hrs). The monastery clings impossibly to a cliff of rock at 3000 ft above the valley floor. At leisure to explore Paro this afternoon.

**Overnight Paro Valley - Traditional Bhutanese Hotel**

**Monday 05 October:**

**Day 01: Chomolhari Trek:**

Paro (Drukgyel Dzong) to Shana Zampa (distance – 17 km, time – 5/6 hours).

The trek starts from Paro valley (Drukgyel Dzong, 2580m), traverses through swaying paddy fields, village houses and small chhortens (stupas) along the route. The Pa Chhu (Paro River) snakes in the valley like a placid ribbon of silver. Its banks covered with cascade of wild pink and white roses in full bloom. Campsite is at an altitude of 2,870m on the outskirts of the rustic village of Shana Zampa located in spectacular meadow surrounded by trees.

**Overnight tented campsite.**

**Tuesday 06 October:**

**Day 02: Chomolhari Trek.**

Shana Zampa to Soi Thangthangkha (distance – 22 km, time – 7/8 hours).

The trail continues gradual climb alongside the Pa Chhu (Paro River) through forests of oaks, rhododendrons and ferns amidst breathtaking vistas. The campsite (3,630m) is surrounded with beautiful views and lulled by the sound of the Paro River.

**Overnight tented campsite.**

**Wednesday 07 October:**

**Day 03: Chomolhari Trek.**

Soi Thangthangkha to Jangothang (distance – 19 km, time – 6/7 hours).

This day begins with beautiful landscape all round and summer pastures of yaks. The herdsmen would gladly offer cheese, butter, meat and thick waterproof hair for making tents, caps and blankets. The approach to Jangothang (4,090m) campsite is heralded by prayer walls, chhortens, prayer flags fluttering in the wind and a spectacular view of Mount. Chomolhari (7,314m).

**Overnight tented campsite.**

**Thursday 08 October:**

**Day 04: Chomolhari Trek.**

Exploring Jangothang. The itinerary of day four is generally advised to be used in leisurely activities including fishing expedition to Tshophu, a high altitude lake rich spotted trout. Landscape all round is breathtaking and offers splendid opportunities for nature spotting and photography.

**Overnight tented campsite.**

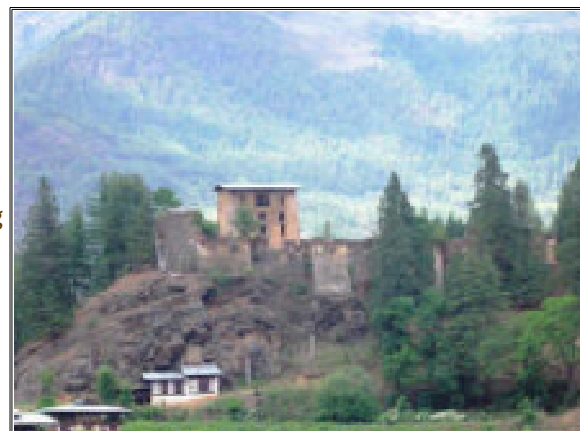
**Friday 09 October:**

**Day 05: Chomolhari Trek.**

Jangothang to Lingshi (distance – 18 km, time – 6/7 hours).

Jangothang is the last settlement in the valley. A mere ten minutes walk from it presents spectacular views of Mount. Jichu Drake (6,989m) and further ahead Mount Tserim Kang (6,789m). Enroute is Nyile la pass (4,890m) at about 4 hours travel from Jangothang. The trail ascends along a tributary of Mo Chhu River and gradually descends to the altitude of 4,010m, to the site of Lingshi camp. There is an alternate excursion from Lingshi to base camp of Mount Tserim Kang where they can enjoy fishing or may encounter enroute blue sheep and musk deer, if lucky enough.

**Overnight tented campsite.**



**Saturday 10 October:**

**Day 06: Chomolhari Trek.**

Lingshi Halt. Spend the day with an excursion to Tsokha, the base camp of Mount Jichu Drake.

**Overnight tented campsite.**

**Sunday 11 October:**

**Day 07: Chomolhari Trek.**

Lingshi to Sodhu (distance – 22 km, time – 8/9 hours).

The trek trails across Yele la pass (4,820m) leading to fascinating views of Mount Chomolhari (7,314m), Gangchhenta (6,840m), Tserim Kang (6,789m) and Masang Gang (7,165m). Campsites located near a stream in a meadow at an altitude of 4,110m, too offers dramatic mountain scene all around.

**Overnight tented campsite.**



**Monday 12 October:**

**Day 08: Chomolhari Trek.**

Shodu to Barshong (distance – 16 km, time – 5/6 hours). The trek winds up and down along the Thimphu Chhu River through a steep-walled canyon with cliffs to the north and rich cypress forest to the south. One of the interesting aspects of the day is crossing Thimphu River as many as six times before reaching the campsite located at Barshong (3,680m).

**Overnight tented campsite.**

**Tuesday 13 October:**

**Day 09: Chomolhari Trek.**

Barshong to Dolam Kencho (distance – 15 km, time – 5/6 hours).

The trail descends gently through dense forest of rhododendron, birch and conifers and latter on drops steeply to meet Thimphu Chhu (river). After traversing a steep cliff it finally reaches to Dolam Kencho, the camp among pasture land at 3,430m amid a beautiful meadow.

**Overnight tented campsite.**

**Wednesday 14 October:**

**Day 10: Chomolhari Trek.**

Dolam Kencho to Dodena – Thimphu (distance – 8 km, time - 3 hours).

Initially ascending through conifer and high altitude broadleaf forests to a pass at 3,510m and then drops steeply to Thimphu River, following it southward till Dodena (2,600m), the terminating point of the ten day trek.

On completion of trek you will be transferred by road to Thimphu, remainder of the day to explore Thimphu by car or on foot. Drive up to the telecom tower via the Takin preserve to enjoy a stunning view of the valley, perhaps visit to the national textile museum or handicraft centre.

**Overnight Thimphu - Traditional Bhutanese Hotel.**

**Thursday 15 October:**

**Thimphu to Paro Valley (1hr 30mins)**

This morning travel up the Thimphu and hike to Cheri & Tango Goemba's. This after is free to wander through the streets of Thimphu for some last minute handicrafts or visit the national library which holds a vast collection of ancient Buddhist manuscripts and the School of Thangka where you can see young children learning the ancient craft of paintings. Late afternoon transfer to the Paro Valley.

Enjoy your farewell dinner tonight.

**Overnight Paro - Traditional Bhutanese Hotel.**

**Friday 16 October:**

Early morning departure from your hotel to Paro Airport for your onward journey.

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