

How to get there... there are only two ways to enter Bhutan!

By Air

The national carrier of Bhutan is Drukair (Royal Bhutan Airlines). Drukair fly regularly to Paro, Bhutan's only airport, from Bangkok via India (daily) and from Delhi via Kathmandu (2-3 x per week). No other airlines currently fly into Bhutan so Drukair is your sole air option.

Drukair operates Airbus A319 jets, offering economy and business class seating. These aircraft are extremely well suited for the alpine environment and your descent in to the Paro Valley will be among the highlights of your visit, particularly if you travel from Delhi via Kathmandu and fly parallel with the Himalayas for much of the journey.

It is not possible to purchase Drukair tickets independently from Australia. These will be arranged on your behalf and you will be issued with an e-ticket which you will need to show along with your Bhutan visa authority letter at check-in at the Drukair counter.

Important Note: Drukair only operates 2 aircraft and delays can occur due to weather or other operational requirements. We strongly advise visitors to Bhutan to factor in at least a 24 hour before connecting from other airline services to or from a Drukair flight.

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By Road

There is only one authorised **entry** point by road for foreign tourists. This is from West Bengal in Northern India via the border town of Phuentsholing in Bhutan's Southwest. The Indian town opposite Phuentsholing is Jaigaon. Travellers from Sikkim find this land entry point of most convenience although it is a 6 to 7 hour drive up to the capital Thimphu and most visitors prefer the Drukair option in and out of Paro Airport.

As at September 2006 it has become possible to **exit only** via a second road access point at Samdrup Jongkhar in the far Southeast of Bhutan. This option, bordering the Indian State of Assam, is useful for visitors who travel to the more remote Eastern side of the country (particularly for those interested in traditional Bhutanese weaving) and prefer to avoid the long drive back westwards to Paro.

Important Note: Driving in Bhutan, the roads are narrow and the driving speed in Bhutan is generally 35 kms per hour, courtesy of the high number of bends per kilometre (reputed to average 13).

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