

## Suggested Itineraries Using BTCL Tourist Class Hotels... in Bhutan

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Our Bhutan packages can easily be tailored to suit personal interests and any package can also have a structured trekking component included. You can stay any length of time subject to fitting in with Drukair flight schedules, and have a fully pre-paid tour package and pre-approved visa authority letter.

The costs and packages below are for land arrangements only and do not include airfares. They are based on a minimum of 3 persons travelling together and are shown in US Dollars. Surcharges apply if there are less than 3 persons travelling in the party. Please use these prices as a guide only. **Low Season:** July and August ... **High Season:** Rest Of The Year.

### Bhutan land packages include:

- ✦ Personal guide & driver with car/4WD or minibus depending on size of the party
- ✦ All touring & transfers throughout your journey
- ✦ Hotel accommodation with private bathrooms
- ✦ All meals
- ✦ Entrance fees & sightseeing
- ✦ When trekking tented campsites replace hotels
- ✦ When trekking the services of additional support crew and ponies are included
- ✦ Visa fees, Paro Airport taxes, Government Levies and taxes

**\*\*Luxury Hotel upgrades available on request\*\***

Prices Quoted in US Dollars.

### 1. A Taste of Bhutan... 7days/6nights

Prices from US\$ 1,275.00pp high season. Valid to 30 June 2009

Prices from US\$1,302.00pp low season & from US\$1,500.00pp high season. Effective from 01 July 2009.

- ^ 2 night Thimphu with sightseeing, hiking and shopping options
- ^ 2 night Punakha Valley with monastery & Dzong visits
- ^ 2 nights Paro Valley with Taksang Monastery hike and sightseeing

### 2. Bhutan Mini-Explorer... 10days/9nights

Prices from US\$1,912 high season. Valid to 30 June 2009

Prices from US\$1,953.00pp low season & from US\$2,583.00pp high season. Effective from 01 July 2009

- ^ 2 nights Thimphu with sightseeing, hiking and shopping options
- ^ 1 night Punakha with sightseeing and wildlife viewing
- ^ 2 nights Phobjikha Valley for hiking and exploring
- ^ 2 nights Punakha Valley with monastery & Dzong visits
- ^ 2 nights Paro Valley with Taksang Monastery hike and sightseeing

### 3. Focus On Bhutan... 12days/11nights **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Prices from US\$2,337.00pp high season. Valid to 30 June 2009.

Prices from A\$2,387.00pp low season & from US\$ 2,750.00pp high season. Effective from 01 July 2009.

An itinerary similar to 'Bhutan Mini Explorer' and also featuring the central Bumthang Valley region. See the traditional weavings of Yathra, the woolen fabric in numerous colours and patterns. Visit the Tamshing Monastery, where 200 monks reside, the Wangdicholing Palace and the 'Burning Lake' a sacred Buddhist site. Also visit a Swiss Farm to sample cheeses, apple brandy and local wine & beer. Time permitting, visit Ura, with its cobblestone streets where the old women wear traditional sheepskin shawls, lending a delightful medieval feel to the village. Stop at some local houses in Ura village to view the daily ways of the villagers.

- ^ 2 nights Thimphu with sightseeing, hiking and shopping options
- ^ 1 night Punakha Valley with sightseeing and wildlife excursion
- ^ 1 night Trongsa with Dzong visit and rural lifestyle
- ^ 2 nights Bumthang Valley exploring Jakar and Ura areas
- ^ 2 nights Phobjikha Valley or hiking and exploring
- ^ 1 night Punakha Valley with monastery & Dzong visits (except Winter months)
- ^ 2 nights Paro Valley with Taktsang Monastery hike and sightseeing

#### 4. Traversing Bhutan West to East... 14days/13nights **THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE**

Pricing from US\$2762.00pp high season. Valid to 30 June 2009.

Prices from A\$2,821.00pp low season & from US\$ 3,250.00pp high season. Effective from 01 July 2009.

This unique tour allows you to travel from west to east through Bhutan experiencing both the the differing sides of Bhutan. The hill top location of towns in the east and the valley located towns of the west. Eastern Bhutan is well known for it's textile and silk weaving. Most visitors to Bhutan do not venture into eastern Bhutan and staying mainly in the west and central regions. This is not to be missed for the traveller who wants to combine the more layback and lesser traveled regions of the east with the faster developing west.

- ^ 2 nights Paro Valley with Drugyel Dzong, Taktsang Monastery hike & sightseeing
- ^ 2 nights Thimphu Valley with sightseeing, shopping & hiking
- ^ 2 nights Punakha Valley with hikes, Dzong & monastery visits
- ^ 1 night Phobjikha Valley sightseeing Gangtey Goemba, hiking or view black necked cranes (winter months only)
- ^ 2 nights Bumthang Valley with sightseeing, hiking, visit Ura and Jakar
- ^ 1 night Mongar Eastern Bhutan- sightseeing, view Shonghar Dzong
- ^ 2 nights Trashigang visit Guru Lhakhang experience rural lifestyle, day trip to Lhuntse
- ^ 1 night Samdrup Jongkhar visit Handloom centre and see Zangtopelri Lhakhang & painting of Guru Rinpoche

#### **Birding, Mountain Biking, Kayaking and Motorcycling In Bhutan**

Packages can be tailored to include or focus on these adventure options. Bhutan is considered one of the world's 10 global biodiversity 'hot spots' and offers over 620 species of bird.

#### **The Weavers Trail**

We can offer a range comprehensive programs focusing on all aspects of this traditional Bhutanese art form.

#### **Golf at the 'Top of the World'**

You can add a round of golf to your itinerary, played at one of the world's highest golf courses in Thimphu. A great little course designed by a Japanese professional. Green fees US\$50 & club hire US\$20.

#### **Botanists Paradise**

Bhutan is famous for its wide variety of orchids and rhododendrons. The Rhododendrons flower between March and April. Please advise us your botanic interests and we will tailor make a package to suit your needs.

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