

## TOUR CODE- SH-07

### ITINERARY 06 NIGHTS / 07 DAYS PHUENTSHOLLING(01 NTS)-THIMPHU(02 NTS)-PUNAKHA(01NTS)-PARO(02NTS)

#### DAY 01 – ARRIVAL AND TRANSFER TO PHUENTSHOLLING

Arrival at New Jalpaiguri Railway Station (NJP) / Bagdogra Airport (IXB) / transfer to Phuentsholling/Jaigaon is 170 kilometres and 6 hours drive from Siliguri-Phuentsholling is in India and Bhutan border-The Indian side is called Jaigaon and the Bhutanese side is called Phuentsholling- Indian Nationals don't require visa or passport to visit rest of Bhutan but any identity document like election commission I.D card is required-Permit is not required for visiting Phuentsholling only but other parts of Bhutan-Check into the hotel. Evening free at leisure -Overnight stay in Phuentsholling

#### DAY 02 PHUENTSHOLLING- THIMPHU

After breakfast, proceed to Thimphu, (7875ft /170kms /06 -07hrs) After two hour drive through light mountain jungle, displaying lianas and orchids, we pass over the first ridge and begin a long and gradual decent to the river which is the source of energy for the massive Chukha Hydel hydroelectric power project. We cross the river and rise up the mountainside ever further into the hills, leaving Chukha and the small town of Chimakothi behind us. Lunch is served en route. On arrival in Thimphu, check in hotel.Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Thimphu

#### DAY 03 THIMPHU

Thimphu, perhaps the most unusual capital city in the world, is the seat of government. This bustling town is home to Bhutan's royal family. Morning visit to Tashichhodzong, the main secretariat building which houses the throne room of His Majesty, the King. Tashichhodzong is also the summer residence of the Je Khenpo (Chief Abbot) Visit the nearby Institute for Zorig Chusum (commonly known as painting school), where a six year training course is given in the 13 traditional arts and crafts of Bhutan. After lunch, visit the National Memorial Chorten. The building of this landmark was originally envisaged by Bhutan's third king, His Majesty Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, Proceed to the national Library, which houses an extensive collection of Buddhist literature, with some works dating back several hundred years, Also visit the Folk Heritage and National Textile Museums, opened in 2001. Overnight at Thimphu.

#### DAY 04 THIMPHU – WANGDUEPHODRANG – PUNAKHA

After break fast drive over Dochu-la pass (10,130ft) to Punakha. Punakha served as the capital of Bhutan until 1955, when the seat of government moved to Thimphu. Originally situated on the riverbank and dominated by the towering walls of Punakha Dzong, Although four catastrophic fires and an earthquake in past time destroyed many historic documents, Punukha Dzong still houses many scared and historic artifacts and also the embalmed body of Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. Later drive to Wangduephodrang, the last town on the highway before entering central Bhutan. Situated on a ridge overlooking a river junction, the formidable Wangduephodrang Dzong is the town's most visible feature. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Also visit the local market. Overnight at the hotel in Punakha.

#### DAY 05 PUNAKHA – PARO

After lunch drive to Paro, visiting Simtokha Dzong en route. This Dzong, built in 1627 is the oldest in Bhutan. The valley of Paro contains a wealth of attractions. In the morning, visit Ta Dzong. Once a watchtower, built to defend Rinpung Dzong during inter-valley wars of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Ta Dzong was inaugurated as Bhutan's' National Museum in 1968. Arrive Paro and check into the hotel. Afterwards, walk down a hillside trail to visit Rinpung Dzong, which has a long and fascinating history. Overnight at the hotel in Paro.

#### DAY 06 PARO- PHUENTSHOLLING

The valley of Paro contains a wealth of attractions. In the morning, visit Ta Dzong. Once a watchtower, built to defend Rinpung Dzong during inter-valley wars of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Ta Dzong was inaugurated as Bhutans' National Museum in 1968. After Breakfast, drive ups the valley to view the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong, 18 km. From Paro town on the north side of the valley. It was from here that the Bhutanese repelled several invading Tibetan armies during the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Also visit Kyichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest and most sacred shrines of the kingdom. After early lunch to drive to Phuentsholling(190kms / 06 – 07 hrs). Night stay at hotel.

#### DAY 07 PHUENTSHOLLING/- BAGDOGRA / NJP

After breakfast transfer to New Jalpaiguri Railway Station (NJP) / Bagdogra Airport (IXB) - Nearly 170 kilometers 4 -4½ hours drive – onward Journey

#### TOUR COST: Per Person (In INR)

CATEGORY	02 PAX	04 PAX	06 PAX	08 PAX	EXTRA BED	CHILD WITHOUT BED
PREMIUM (EP)	24200	19900	17900	16800	5400	3600
DELUXE (EP)	20600	16400	14300	13300	4800	3000
STANDARD(EP)	17000	12300	10700	9600	4200	2400

Note: One Tata Indica /Maruti Wagonr Only 04 pax One Tata Sumo Only 08 Pax are Allowed Including Child, If No Of Pax Traveling More Than 08, then Extra Car Cost will Be INR 24000/- Extra.As per above Itinerary Supplement/Up gradation Cost of AC Innova/Xylo/Similar (06 Pax are Allowed Including Child in a vehicle) @ INR 6000/-EXTRA.

## PROPERTIES USED IN THE PACKAGE

CATEGORY	PHUENTSHOLING	THIMPU	PARO	PUNAKHA /WANGDI
PREMIUM	HOTEL DRUK / HOTEL LAKHI	HOTEL MIGMAR / HOTEL RIVER VIEW / HOTEL PHUNTSO PELRI	BHUTAN MANDALA RESORT /HOTEL DRUKCHEN / HOTEL OLATHANG / KICHU RESORT / BHUTAN METTA READRT	DRAGON NEST RESORT / KICHU RESORT / HOTEL LOBESA / PUNA CHU COTTAGE / DRUBCHU RESORT
DELUXE	HOTEL ORCHID / HOTEL PARK / PELLING RESORT	HOTEL SHAMBHAV / PEACEFUL RESORT / HOTEL GALINGKHA / HOTEL PEDLING / HOTEL AMODHARA	GALLING RESORT / NAMSECHOLING RESORT / REMA RESORT / HOTEL SILVERPINE / HOTEL DORJELING	DAMCHEN RESORT / MERI PHUNSUM RESORT /ZANTHO PELRI /HOTEL VARA
STANDARD	HOTEL CENTENNIAL / HOTEL NAMGEY / HOTEL SENGONE /HOTEL KASTURI / HOTEL SATYAM	HOTEL TAKTSHANG / BHUTAN CENTENNIAL / HOTEL DHAENSA	HOTEL LHAKHI YANGCHAK / HOTEL SAMDEN NORZIN / HOTEL PARO / HOTEL JIGMILING	HOTEL PHINSUM DEGOLING / HOTEL KINGALING / HOTEL PEMA KARPO

## IMPORTANT POINTS

NO. OF PAX	VEHICLE PARTICULARS
02 – 04PAX	<b>ALL Transfer &amp; Sightseeing by 01 NON A/C Maruti Wagonr / Tata Indica</b>
04 – 08 PAX	<b>ALL Transfer &amp; Sightseeing by 01 NON A/C Tata Sumo / Maxx / Hard Top</b>

### The Cost does not include:

- Airfare, Train fare, Insurance Premium, etc.
- Optional Tours & Sightseeing entry fee.
- Payment for service provided on a personal basis
- Expenses incurred due to mishaps, landslide, strike, political unrest etc. In such case extra will be charged as per actual.
- Cost for service not mentioned under the "Cost Includes" Head
- Personal expenses on items such as laundry, soft drinks, bottles water, incidentals, porter age, bell-boy charge, tips or any other service.

### The following points are to be noted for Child Rate

- Children above 05 + years will be charged 100% as per Adult Rate (EPRS)
- Children below 5 years Complimentary.

### Few Words of Operation

- Check in & Check out time of the hotel mentioned is 1200 hrs
- The vehicle used will be exclusive for that group but will not be at disposal. It will be as per contract.
- The area is upcoming but rich in Nature and the facilities available cannot be matched to those available in the INDIAN Plains and other developed destination. Please inform your.Client about this.
- Bhutan is a hilly area & change is weather is a regular happening. It is advisable that light layer clothing should be carried always. In winter it is advisable to carry heavy woolen.

### Entry Formalities:

People traveling to Bhutan should carry their Passport or Voter Identity card to proof their Identity as an Indian National. These documents along with Passport size Photographs (4 copies each) are required for the entry formalities in Phuentsholing and Paro. Childern accompanying their parents may producer their School Identity card or birth certificate in case of non availability of Passport or Voter Identity card.

The Inner Line Permit for Bhutan is issued on producing these documents. To visit Punakha, Wangdi, Bumthang visitors needs one restricted area permit which is available one day in

advance from Thimphu. People entering Bhutan by surface are advised to stay one night in Phuentsholing for the entry formalities. The Govt offices in Bhutan are closed on Sunday and Saturday. The visitors are hereby request to plan there trip in such a way that they are not stuck up for permits due to holidays

**Important notes:**

Indian currency is accepted in Bhutan but Currency notes of 500 and 1000 are not accepted.

Credit card like Master Card and Visa are only accepted.