

Bhutan – The Last Shangri-La (8 days / 7 nights)

Based on standard hotels (Land only)

Day 01	Arrive Paro: On arrival at Paro Airport, you will be transferred to the capital of Thimpu. The rest of the evening is at leisure.
Day 02	Thimpu (B. L. D.): A full day of sightseeing in Thimpu, including the Chorten monasteries (Chortens - known as 'stupas' in India - are quite common in the countryside of Bhutan. Serene and peaceful, chortens are religious monuments that are built in a precise way and are a receptacle for worship or offering. Thousands of chortens can be found all over the country...even on high mountain passes), and much more.
Day 03	Thimpu – Punaka (B. L. D.): By road (about 70km...approx 3 hours) to Punakha, via Dochula Pass (3,100m). Explore Punakha. Characteristic of the region is a type of castle fortress known as the dzong. Since ancient times, the dzongs have served as the religious and secular administration centres for their respective districts.
Day 04	Punakha – Gangtey (B. L. D.): Today, travelling via Wangdi Phodrang (capital of Wangdue Phodrang District in central Bhutan.) drive to Gangtey...known for its great monastery, established in the 17th century. This remote valley is the chosen winter home of rare black necked cranes, which migrate here annually from the Tibetan plateau. Visit fascinating historical sites, with lunch en route...and a lovely Bhutanese dinner.
Day 05	Gangtey Phodrang – Wangdi Phodrang (B. L. D.): Today, sweeping vistas as you pass through the beautiful valley of Phobjikha (located at an altitude of 2900 metres, is the largest and most significant of all wetlands in the Bhutan), enjoying a delicious lunch, and then back to Wangdi Phodrang, where dinner awaits.
Day 06	Wangdi Phodrang – Paro (B. L. D.): After breakfast, drive to Paro, with visits to Simtokha Dzong...Later to Ta Dzong, the National Museum of Bhutan, housing some of the finest specimens of Bhutanese art, including masterpieces of bronze statues and paintings. About 3,000 works of Bhutanese art cover more than 1,500 years of Bhutan's cultural heritage.
Day 07	Paro (B. L. D.): A visit to Paro Taktsang, also called The Tiger's Nest and locally known as the Taktsang Dzong...is one of the most famous holy and religious monasteries in the upper Paro valley. Later to Kila Goemba...a truly spectacular Goemba nestled in a craggy patch on the mountain side below the Chele la pass, and surrounded by numerous huts, perched precariously along the rock face.
Day 08	Depart Paro (B.): After a final hearty breakfast, transfer to the airport for a departure flight.

Cost: From USD 2,400 per person sharing, USD 600 for single supplement