

Central Bhutan Grand Cultural Immersion

An 11-day loop from Thimphu to Bumthang and out to remote Haa Valley - the fullest cultural circuit we offer.

TRIP LENGTH

11 days / 10 nights

GROUP SIZE

Up to 10

STYLE

Cultural

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Easy

FROM

Nu. 99,000 per person

For travelers who want more than the highlights, this route adds Bumthang's sacred valleys and a day trip to little-visited Haa on top of the classic Thimphu-Punakha-Paro circuit. Expect long, scenic drives between destinations, a night in a restored royal-era palace guesthouse, and enough time in each valley to slow down.

Day by day

Day 1 - Arrival in Paro, transfer to Thimphu

Thimphu

Land in Paro and drive straight to the capital to begin acclimatizing to Bhutan's altitude.

Includes: Airport pickup, Scenic drive to Thimphu

Meals: Lunch, Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 2 - Thimphu heritage & craft day

Thimphu

A full day through the capital's museums, dzong, and weekend market culture.

Includes: National Folk Heritage Museum, Textile Museum, Memorial Chorten, Simtokha Dzong

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 3 - Over Dochula Pass to Punakha

Punakha

Cross the prayer-flag-strewn Dochula Pass before descending into Punakha's subtropical valley.

Includes: Dochula Pass viewpoint, Punakha Dzong

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 4 - Punakha to Bumthang via Trongsa

Bumthang

A long, dramatic drive through central Bhutan's mountain passes to the country's spiritual heartland.

Includes: Trongsa Dzong viewpoint, Mountain pass scenery

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 5 - Bumthang's sacred temples

Bumthang

Visit the valley's oldest and most revered temples, tied to Bhutan's founding legends.

Includes: Jambay Lhakhang, Kurjey Lhakhang, Tamshing Monastery, Jakar Dzong

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 6 - Tang Valley & a night in a royal palace

Bumthang

A quieter side valley leads to an overnight stay in a converted 19th-century palace guesthouse.

Includes: Membar Tsho (Burning Lake), Ugyen Choling Palace

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 7 - Return west toward Gangtey

Wangdue Phodrang

Retrace the route through Trongsa en route to the glacial Phobjikha Valley.

Includes: Trongsa Dzong

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 8 - Phobjikha Valley to Paro

Paro

Look for black-necked cranes in Bhutan's most scenic glacial valley before the drive to Paro.

Includes: Phobjikha Valley, Gangtey Monastery

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 9 - Paro Valley sightseeing

Paro

Explore the valley's dzong, museum, and the ruins of a dzong lost to fire.

Includes: Rinpung Dzong, National Museum, Drukgyal Dzong ruins

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 10 - Day trip to Haa Valley

Haa

Cross the high Chele La Pass into one of Bhutan's least-visited valleys, opened to tourism only in 2002.

Includes: Chele La Pass, Haa Valley villages

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 11 - Tiger's Nest hike and departure

Paro

Cap the trip with Bhutan's most iconic hike before your onward flight.

Includes: Paro Taktsang (Tiger's Nest), Kyichu Lhakhang

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: No overnight stay

What's included

Included in the price

- + Licensed guide
- + Private vehicle & driver
- + Hotel accommodation
- + All meals

Not included

- International flights
- Sustainable Development Fee (SDF)
- Visa fee
- Personal expenses

Scheduled departures

Prices are per person in Bhutanese ngultrum (BTN), sharing a twin room.

DEPARTS / RETURNS	PRICE	AVAILABILITY
12 Oct 2026 to 22 Oct 2026	Nu. 99,000	Available
15 Oct 2026 to 25 Oct 2026	Nu. 99,000	Available
6 Nov 2026 to 16 Nov 2026	Nu. 99,000	Available
17 Dec 2026 to 27 Dec 2026	Nu. 99,000	Limited space
9 Jan 2027 to 19 Jan 2027	Nu. 99,000	Available
8 Feb 2027 to 18 Feb 2027	Nu. 99,000	Available
9 Mar 2027 to 19 Mar 2027	Nu. 99,000	Available
3 Apr 2027 to 13 Apr 2027	Nu. 99,000	Available
8 May 2027 to 18 May 2027	Nu. 99,000	Available
8 Sep 2027 to 18 Sep 2027	Nu. 99,000	Available
10 Oct 2027 to 20 Oct 2027	Nu. 99,000	Available
20 Oct 2027 to 30 Oct 2027	Nu. 99,000	Available
12 Nov 2027 to 22 Nov 2027	Nu. 99,000	Available

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Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 17:00 (BST, UTC+6)

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