

Grand Bhutan Cultural Circuit

An 8-day loop through Paro, Thimphu, Punakha, and the glacial Phobjikha Valley - the fullest introduction to western Bhutan.

TRIP LENGTH

8 days / 7 nights

GROUP SIZE

Up to 10

STYLE

Cultural

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Moderate

FROM

Nu. 68,000 per person

For travelers who want more than a quick taste of Bhutan, this circuit adds the Phobjikha Valley and a slower pace in each town, with time built in for markets, museums, and unhurried walks alongside the major sights.

Day by day

Day 1 - Arrive in Paro

Paro

Land at Bhutan's only international airport and settle in.

Includes: Airport pickup, Rinpung Dzong visit, National Museum of Bhutan

Meals: Dinner | Stay: No overnight stay

Day 2 - Hike to Tiger's Nest

Paro

A half-day hike to Bhutan's most iconic monastery, perched on a cliffside.

Includes: Hike to Paro Taktsang (Tiger's Nest)

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

Day 3 - Drive to Thimphu

Thimphu

Explore the capital city's landmarks at an easy pace.

Includes: Buddha Dordenma statue, Tashichho Dzong, Memorial Chorten

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

Day 4 - Thimphu markets & crafts

Thimphu

A second day in the capital focused on local life and traditional craftsmanship.

Includes: Weekend Market (seasonal), Folk Heritage Museum, Handicrafts workshops

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

Day 5 - Drive to Punakha via Dochula Pass

Punakha

Stop at the 108-chorten pass before descending to the fertile Punakha valley.

Includes: Dochula Pass, Punakha Dzong, Punakha Suspension Bridge

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

Day 6 - Punakha to Phobjikha Valley

Wangdue Phodrang

A glacial valley where black-necked cranes winter each year, and home to Gangtey Monastery.

Includes: Gangtey Monastery, Phobjikha nature trail

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

Day 7 - Return to Paro

Paro

A scenic drive back with a stop at Wangdue Dzong ruins and free time for shopping.

Includes: Wangdue Dzong ruins viewpoint, Free time / shopping

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

Day 8 - Departure

Paro

Transfer to Paro International Airport for your onward flight.

Includes: Transfer to airport

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: No overnight stay

What's included

Included in the price

- + Licensed English-speaking guide
- + Private vehicle & driver
- + 3-star hotel accommodation
- + All meals as specified
- + Entrance fees to listed sites

Not included

- International/domestic flights
- Sustainable Development Fee (SDF)
- Visa fee
- Personal expenses & tips

Scheduled departures

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

DEPARTS / RETURNS	PRICE	AVAILABILITY
5 Oct 2026 to 12 Oct 2026	Nu. 68,000	Limited space
13 Oct 2026 to 20 Oct 2026	Nu. 68,000	Available
15 Oct 2026 to 22 Oct 2026	Nu. 68,000	Limited space
22 Oct 2026 to 29 Oct 2026	Nu. 68,000	Available
4 Nov 2026 to 11 Nov 2026	Nu. 68,000	Available
19 Nov 2026 to 26 Nov 2026	Nu. 68,000	Available
11 Dec 2026 to 18 Dec 2026	Nu. 68,000	Available
11 Jan 2027 to 18 Jan 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available

5 Feb 2027 to 12 Feb 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
6 Mar 2027 to 13 Mar 2027	Nu. 68,000	Sold out
11 Mar 2027 to 18 Mar 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
24 Mar 2027 to 31 Mar 2027	Nu. 68,000	Sold out
7 Apr 2027 to 14 Apr 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
12 Apr 2027 to 19 Apr 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
21 Apr 2027 to 28 Apr 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
9 May 2027 to 16 May 2027	Nu. 68,000	Limited space
18 May 2027 to 25 May 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
3 Sep 2027 to 10 Sep 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
12 Sep 2027 to 19 Sep 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
23 Sep 2027 to 30 Sep 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
7 Oct 2027 to 14 Oct 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
10 Oct 2027 to 17 Oct 2027	Nu. 68,000	Available
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