

Misty Travel Diaries

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Travel Itinerary BHUTAN

2019: THIMPHU, PUNAKHA, PARO

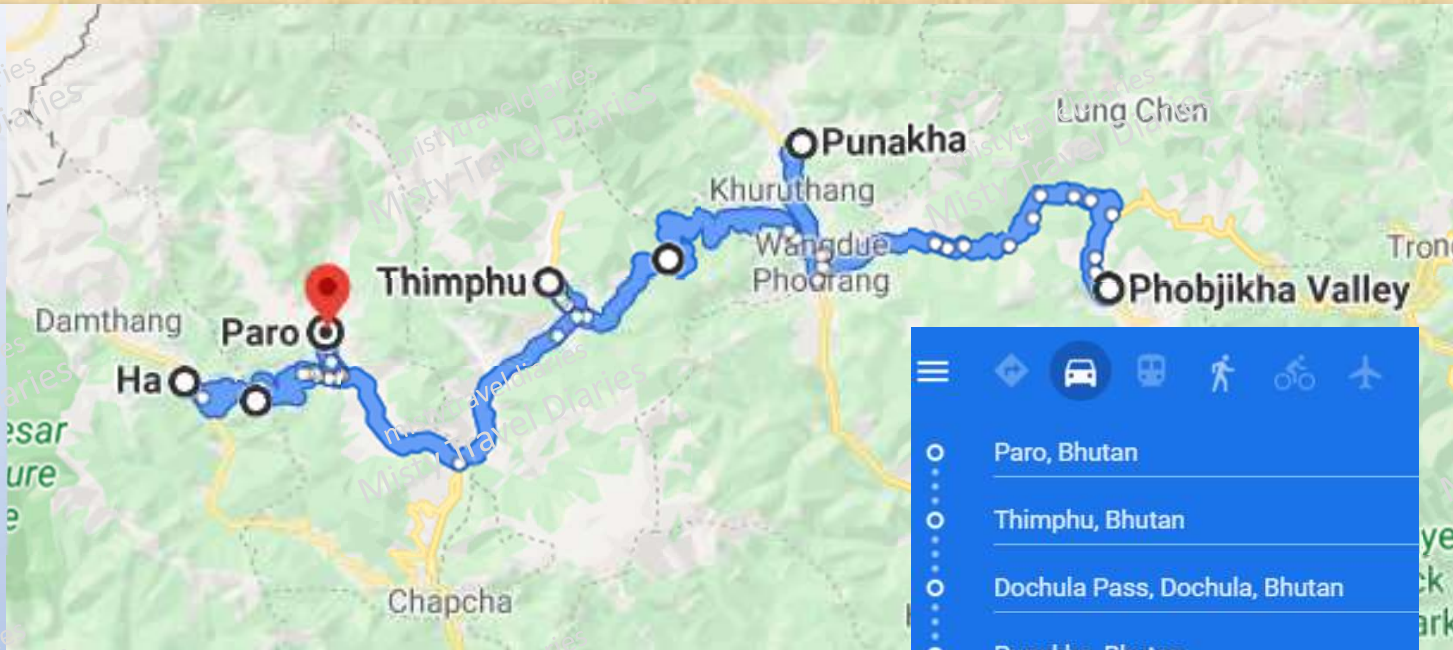
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Night Stay	Day-wise plan	Sight seeing planned	Skipped
Thimphu	Day-1 Paro -> Thimphu (1 hr)	☑ Paro International airport to Thimphu	
	Day-2 Thimphu	☑ Buddha Dordenma and Kuensel Phodrang Park (Rating: 5/5) ☑ Sangaygang View Point (Rating: 3/5) ☑ Memorial Chorten/Stupa (Rating: 4/5) ☑ Simply Bhutan Museum - Bhutanese Village replica (Rating: 4/5) ☑ Centenary Farmers Market & Craft Bazaar (Rating: 3/5) ☑ Institute for Zorig Chusum - 13 Art and craft (Rating: 3/5) ☑ Changlimithang Archery Ground	☑ Royal Takin Preserve, Motithang ☑ The folk heritage museum ☑ Changangkha Lhakhang ☑ Bhutan Postal Museum
	Day-3 Thimphu	☑ National Library (Rating: 3/5) ☑ Ludrong Memorial Garden (Rating: 5/5) ☑ Visit local bazaars (Rating: 3/5) ☑ Tashi Chho Dzong - Fortress of Splendid Religion (Rating: 3/5)	☑ Textile museum ☑ Junghi Handmade Paper Factory
Punakha	Day-4 Thimphu -> Punakha (2.5 hrs)	☑ Simtokha (=Semtokha) Dzong (Rating: 3/5) ☑ Dochula Pass (Rating: 4/5) 108 chortens/stupa + Gangkar Puensum peak view (fog) ☑ Botanical Gardens & Valley, Serbithang (Rating: 5/5) ☑ Chimi Lhakhang (Fertility Temple) - short hike (Rating: 3/5)	
	Day-5 Punakha & Wangdue	City of Mo Chhu and Po Chhu rivers ☑ Khamsum Yulley Namgyel Chorten - 2 hours hike (Rating: 4/5) ☑ Punakha Dzong (Rating: 5/5) ☑ Punakha Dzong river front (Rating: 5/5)	☑ Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Nunnery ☑ Punakha Suspension Bridge ☑ Nalanda Buddhist College ☑ River Rafting
	Day-6 Phobjikha (2.5 hrs*2)	☑ Walking around the valley - spend atleast 3 hrs (Rating: 5/5) ☑ Crane muesum (Rating: 2/5)	☑ Jigme Dorji National Park (far) ☑ Bumthang Valley (far)
Paro	Day-7 Punakha -> Paro (3.5 hr)	☑ Shopping @ Paro market - handicraft shops (Rating: 4/5)	
	Day-8 Paro	☑ Tiger's Nest - 3 hrs tough trek but avoid ponnies (Rating: 5/5) ☑ Rinpung Dzong (Paro Dzong) seen from outside (Rating: 3/5) ☑ Rinpung Dzong riverside (Rating: 3/5) ☑ Gangtey Palace Hotel - third King's palace (Rating: 4/5) ☑ Airport / Paro valley view (Rating: 3/5)	☑ Ta Dzong = National Museum ☑ Kyichu Lhakhang ☑ Drukgyel Dzong ☑ Ugyen Pelri Palace ☑ Jangsarbu Lhakhang
	Day-9 Chelela pass & Haa Valley (2.5 hrs*2)	☑ Chelela pass - spend 1 hr (Rating: 4/5) ☑ Ha Valley - spend 2-3 hrs (Rating: 4/5)	☑ Druk Choeding & Dungtse Lhakhang ☑ Zuri Dzong Hike
	Day-10 End of Tour	☑ Paro International Airport	

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- Paro, Bhutan
- Thimphu, Bhutan
- Dochula Pass, Dochula, Bhutan
- Punakha, Bhutan
- Phobjikha Valley, Wangdue Phodrang,
- Punakha, Bhutan
- Paro, Bhutan
- Chele La, Bhutan
- Ha, Bhutan
- Paro, Bhutan

Total Travel Duration: 16 h, 35 min

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Travel Period	June, 2019
Currency	1 INR = 1 Bhutanese currency ; INR easily acceptable
Visa process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Visa on arrival available at Paro international Airport for Indian citizens ☑ Indian citizens also get visa based on Adhaar Card (passport not mandatory) ☑ If coming via road, visa not available everyday at entry checkpoint
Travel agency	Mr. Tashi Dorji @ Bhutan Dyang Adventure
Vehicle	<p>10 passengers + Driver + Guide</p> <p>Mandatory to hire a Guide besides the Driver</p>
Budget	<p>Range: INR 45K - 55K</p> <p>Travel cost saved in a larger group. We spent INR 3.1 Lakhs (USD 4.1 K) for 6 adults + 2 children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Included: Travel Package (Hotels / Local Travel + guide / Breakfast + Dinner) + Entry Fees + Lunch ☑ Excluded: Airfare + Shopping
Tips & Information	Better to engage with a local travel agency and plan the journey in advance including hotels & vehicles
Food	<p>Datshi is famous food - veggies in cheese sauce, eaten with rice</p> <p>The little meat that is consumed is imported from India; no slaughterhouses exist in Bhutan</p>
History & Culture	<p>King of Bhutan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk - The 5th Dragon King ☑ The Druk Gyalpo (Dragon King) is the head of state of the Kingdom of Bhutan. In the Dzongkha language, Bhutan is known as Drukpa which translates as "The Land of the Thunder Dragon". The Bhutanese people call themselves the Drukpa, meaning "Dragon people".
	<p>The Government of Bhutan</p> <p>Bhutan has been a constitutional monarchy since 18 July 2008. The King of Bhutan is the head of state. The executive power is exercised by the Lhengye Zhungtshog, or council of ministers, headed by the Prime Minister.</p>
	<p>Matriarchal Society</p> <p>Traditional society in Bhutan, which lies in the Eastern Himalayas between China and India, is matriarchal, and Bhutanese women do not have to contend with any institutionalized forms of discrimination. Women account for nearly half 50% of land owners, a figure that increases to 60% in rural regions.</p>
	<p>Gross National Happiness (GNH)</p> <p>Bhutan measures its success in GNH rather than in GDP.</p>