

# Paro Short Escape: Taktshang Tiger's Nest & Paro Valley

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Destination  
**Bhutan**



Duration  
**3 Nights 4 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 22,000 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

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## Overview

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A specially curated 3 nights / 4 days Bhutan tour package ideal for couples and honeymooners. This compact Bhutan Honeymoon tour package blends gentle adventure, spiritual immersion, and intimate cultural experiences centered in Paro Valley. Highlights include the iconic Taktshang (Tiger's Nest) monastery, panoramic valley viewpoints, and authentic Bhutanese hospitality.

Highlights:

- Taktshang (Tiger's Nest) – iconic cliffside monastery
- Paro Town & Rinpung Dzong – cultural heart of the valley
- Kyichu Lhakhang & Drukgyal Dzong – ancient temples and ruins
- Scenic hikes, farmhouse lunch & cultural experiences

Perfect for travelers searching for a 3 and 4 Bhutan Honeymoon tour package or a concise Bhutan Honeymoon package, this itinerary maximizes Paro's signature sights while keeping travel relaxed and romantic.

Important note: Travel to Bhutan requires permits/visa processing and altitude awareness. Comfortable hiking shoes and layered clothing are recommended.

### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 3 nights accommodation in Paro (breakfast included)
- ✓ All airport transfers (Paro International Airport)
- ✓ Guided sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✓ English-speaking local guide
- ✓ Meals as specified (B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner where indicated)
- ✓ Bhutan visa/permits arranged (processing handled by the operator)
- ✓ Local taxes and service charges
- ✓ 24/7 local support and emergency assistance
- ✓ This package is tailored for the Bhutan tour package and Bhutan Honeymoon package market – ask about optional romantic add-ons (private candlelight dinner, couples' spa).

### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International flights to/from Bhutan
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Personal expenses (phone calls, laundry, extra snacks)
- ✗ Tips/gratuities for guides and drivers
- ✗ Optional activities and seasonal supplements (e.g., horse rental on the Taktshang trail, Chele La access fees if applicable)
- ✗ Bhutan Sustainable Development Fee or daily tariff if required by government policy (confirm at booking)
- ✗ Note: Peak season surcharges and special event fees may apply and will be advised at time of booking.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

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### **Arrival & Paro Town Orientation**

Arrive at Paro International Airport, one of the world's most scenic airports. Meet your local guide and transfer to your hotel in Paro. After check-in and a short rest, enjoy a guided orientation walk through Paro Town, visiting Rinpung Dzong (fortress-monastery) and the nearby Ta Dzong (National Museum) which houses artifacts, textiles and historical exhibits. Evening briefing about the hike to Taktshang and a relaxing traditional Bhutanese dinner.

Tip: Flights into Paro are weather-dependent — arrive with flexible connection plans. Allow time to acclimatize.

Day

2

### **Taktshang (Tiger's Nest) Monastery Hike**

Today's highlight is the hike to Taktshang (Tiger's Nest) — Bhutan's most iconic monastery perched on a cliff. Begin after breakfast and drive a short distance to the trailhead. The uphill hike (approx. 2–3 hours one way depending on pace) takes you through pine forests and scenic viewpoints. Pause at the cafeteria viewpoint for panoramic photos, then continue to the monastery complex. Explore the sacred cave and prayer rooms with your guide. Descend in the afternoon and enjoy a soothing massage or a leisurely couples' time at your hotel.

Important: Modest clothing is required inside the monastery. The hike involves steep sections; horses are available for hire for part of the ascent (seasonal/subject to availability).

Day

3

### **Paro Valley Exploration & Cultural Immersion**

After breakfast, explore deeper into Paro Valley. Visit the ancient Kyichu Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's oldest and most venerated temples. Continue to the Drukgyal Dzong viewpoint for panoramic valley vistas and learn about the area's history. Experience a traditional Bhutanese farmhouse lunch in a nearby village — enjoy local cuisine and interact with villagers to learn about rural life. Optional activities include a visit to a local weaving center, archery demonstration, or a gentle scenic drive to Chele La Pass (seasonal) for sweeping Himalayan views.

Tip: Chele La can be windy and cool; carry warm layers. Farmhouse lunches must be pre-arranged.

Day

4

## Leisure Morning & Departure

Enjoy a relaxed morning — stroll through Paro town, visit souvenir shops for Bhutanese handicrafts, or enjoy a final spa treatment. Depending on your flight time, transfer to Paro International Airport for your onward flight. Your guide will assist with departure formalities and a farewell.

Travel note: Confirm flight times the evening before. Bhutan's weather can affect schedules — allow flexibility for international connections.

## 🔍 Frequently Asked Questions

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### 🔍 What is the best time to visit Bhutan?

The best time to visit Bhutan is during spring (March–May) and autumn (September–November). Spring offers blooming rhododendrons, wildflowers, and pleasant temperatures (12–24°C), making it perfect for trekking and photography. Autumn provides crystal-clear skies with stunning Himalayan views, major festivals like Thimphu and Paro Tshechus, and excellent weather for sightseeing. Winter (December–February) is ideal for those seeking snow-capped landscapes, fewer crowds, and cozy lodge stays, though temperatures can drop to -2°C in valleys. Monsoon season (June–August) brings lush greenery and better hotel rates but frequent rainfall. For first-time visitors, autumn is recommended for clear mountain views and cultural festivals.

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### 🔍 How can Indian travelers reach Bhutan?

Indian travelers can reach Bhutan by road or air. By road (most popular): Enter at Phuentsholing border (adjacent to Jaigaon, West Bengal). From there, it's 5–6 hours to Thimphu or Paro. Take train to Hasimara (17km from border), New Alipurduar, or New Jalpaiguri, then taxi to the border. By air: Fly into Paro International Airport from Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati, or Bagdogra via Drukair or Bhutan Airlines (seasonal schedules). Other road entry points include Gelephu and Samdrup Jongkhar from Assam. The road journey offers scenic mountain views, while flying provides dramatic Himalayan aerial views during the approach to Paro's challenging runway.

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## ❓ **Do Indian citizens need a visa for Bhutan?**

Indian citizens don't need a visa but require permits and pay a Sustainable Development Fee (SDF). Required documents: valid passport or voter ID and recent passport photos. Minors need birth certificates. Entry permits cover Thimphu and Paro, while route permits are needed for other areas like Punakha, Phobjikha, or Bumthang. Permits can be arranged at entry points or through the official online system via licensed operators. The SDF is charged per person per night (rates vary – check latest official guidelines). Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Carry multiple photocopies of documents and permits for smooth checkpoint processing throughout your journey.

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## ❓ **What are the local transportation options in Bhutan?**

Local transportation in Bhutan includes taxis (readily available in major towns with point-to-point fares), city and intercity buses (budget-friendly with fixed schedules), and private cars with drivers (most comfortable for multi-stop itineraries). Shared taxis are common for intercity routes. Limited domestic flights operate seasonally to places like Bumthang, weather permitting. Self-drive is possible but less common due to challenging mountain roads requiring experience. For tourists, hiring a private vehicle with driver is recommended for flexibility and comfort, especially when traveling between valleys. Mountain roads are winding with stunning views but require buffer time for transfers.

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## ❓ **Where should I stay in Bhutan and what accommodation options are available?**

Bhutan offers accommodations across all budgets. Luxury options include Six Senses (eco-chic in multiple valleys), COMO Uma (boutique luxury in Paro/Punakha), Amankora lodges, and Taj Tashi Thimphu. Mid-range choices include Le Méridien properties, Naksel Boutique Hotel Paro, and Dewachen Hotel Phobjikha. Budget travelers can choose Hotel Norbuling Thimphu or local guesthouses. Stay in Paro for Tiger's Nest access, Thimphu for urban experiences, Punakha for riverside tranquility, and Phobjikha for nature immersion. Many properties offer traditional architecture, valley views, and cultural experiences. Book advance during peak seasons (spring/autumn) and festivals. Most hotels provide heating in winter and arrange cultural programs.

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## 🔍 What are the must-visit attractions in Bhutan?

Must-visit attractions include Paro Taktsang (Tiger's Nest) – the iconic cliffside monastery requiring a scenic half-day hike. Punakha Dzong is a stunning fortress at river confluence, while Dochula Pass offers 108 chortens and Himalayan panoramas. Buddha Dordenma in Thimphu provides valley views, and Phobjikha Valley is perfect for black-necked crane spotting (winter) and tranquil walks. Don't miss Chimi Lhakhang fertility temple via village walks, Chele La Pass (highest motorable pass), and Tashichho Dzong in Thimphu. Bumthang valleys offer spiritual sites and traditional culture. The National Museum in Paro showcases Bhutanese heritage. Plan 7-10 days for a classic Paro-Thimphu-Punakha-Phobjikha circuit.

## 🔍 What local food should I try in Bhutan?

Bhutanese cuisine is known for its spiciness and cheese-based dishes. Must-try dishes include Ema Datshi (chilies with cheese – the national dish), Kewa Datshi (potatoes with cheese), and Shamu Datshi (mushrooms with cheese). Try Phaksha Paa (pork with chilies), Jasha Maru (spicy minced chicken), and regional specialties like Hoentay buckwheat dumplings from Haa and Puta buckwheat noodles from Bumthang. Enjoy red rice, suja (butter tea), and local ara (spirit). Bumthang is famous for cheese and honey. Note that Bhutanese food is quite spicy – chilies are considered vegetables, not just spices. Most restaurants also serve Indian, Chinese, and continental options for those preferring milder flavors.

## ★ Traveller Reviews



**Nisha Awasthi**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Discovering the Spirit of Bhutan

Exploring the monasteries and learning about Buddhism here was enlightening. This package offers a great spiritual experience.



**Vikas Bansal**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### Serene Himalayan Escape

The tranquility and beauty of Bhutan was such a peaceful escape from the hustle of daily life. It's truly a gem!



**Radha Shetty**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **A Fantastic Discover of Bhutanese Culture**

This was a fantastic tour that let us discover Bhutanese culture in depth. We participated in a local festival—unforgettable!



**Vinay Malhotra**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Bhutan: Truly the Land of the Thunder Dragon**

I was captivated by Bhutan's rugged beauty and rich traditions. Each experience was enriched by our guide's storytelling. Loved it!



**Chaitanya Joshi**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### **Well-Structured Travel Itinerary**

The itinerary was perfect, balancing sightseeing and relaxation. With so much to explore, this package was excellent value.

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