

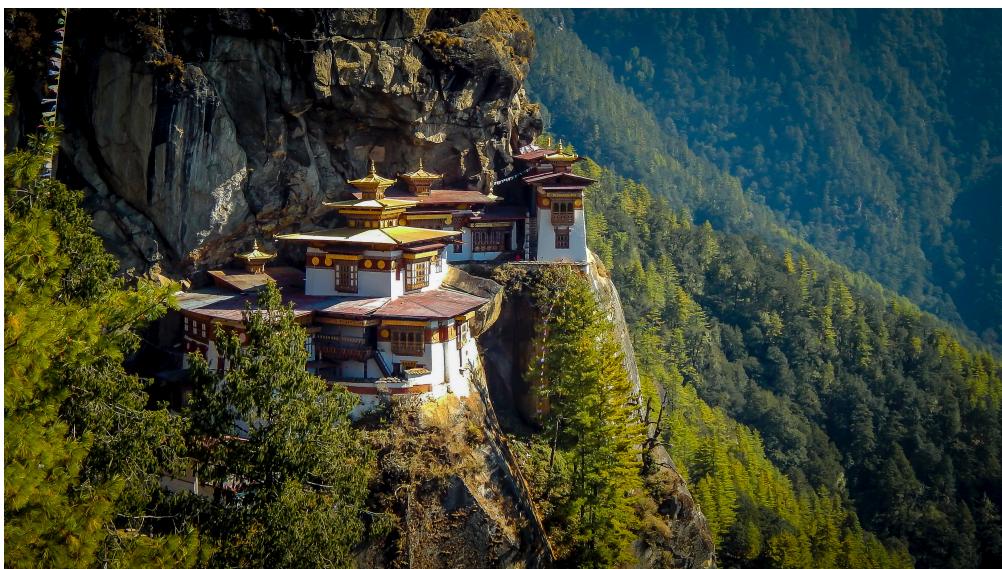


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Red Rice Package

Bhutan has received a lot of praise lately in the travel journals and press. Enchanting, Last Shangri-la, Gross National Happiness Kingdom are some of the words that best describes Bhutan. The Red Rice Package tour is made for our valued clients to experience the western part of Bhutan, where culture and nature are rich and folks live a life cherished with happiness. This tour centers around the Red Rice growing region of Bhutan. We will visit some of the country's most scenic and picturesque valleys-Paro, Thimphu, Punakha, and Wangduephodrang enjoying Bhutanese architectural structures, capturing blooming wildflowers and rhododendrons in the spring, and enjoying weather perfect for soul searching in the autumn and winter. Our spring and fall itineraries will differ somewhat to take advantage of seasonal wonderments. Early spring and late fall, and winters are normally marked with crisp blue skies and sunny days. Temperatures will vary.

Price:

Trip Start:

Trip Ends:

Duration: 7 Days

Grade: Easy

Altitude:

Destination:

Trip Style:

Transport:

Group Size: 1 - 40+

Best Time: Whole Year

Itinerary

Day	Title	Description
1	:	Fly into Paro valley, a short drive to the hotel. Welcome tea, introduction of team and a small talk about Bhutan. Lunch. After lunch visit to the Rinpung Dzong built in 1645. To the national museum to get an insight of the Bhutanese culture, religion and tradition. Evening walk through the paddy fields and see the farmers going about with their daily lives. Evening at the hotel.
2	:	Drive to Thimphu, on the way stop at the Tamchoe Lhakang built in 1433 by the great iron chain Master, before reaching Thimphu city, a visit to the oldest Dzong in the country Simtokha Dzong built in 1629. Afternoon check in the hotel. After lunch visit the textile museum, folk heritage museum, National Library, and the institute of 13 crafts for which Bhutan is Very Famous for. Evening to the Takin zoo(Bhutan's National Animal). Evening walk around the city, Dinner . as after dinner visit to the Local Bar and enjoy Bhutan's Red Panda beer with the Local rock band performing.
3	:	Drive to Punakha, on the way stop at Dochula and enjoy the 108 Chortens perched on the mountain side with the breathtaking view of the Himalayas. Tea break, drive down to the valley floor. Have lunch at the Village restaurant. After lunch walk to the famous Chimelhakang through the paddy fields, It is a fertility monastery, get blessed with a giant Phallus. Return back to the bus. Evening at the hotel, relax and time on your own. Dinner.
4	:	After breakfast, visit the Punakha Dzong which was built in 1637, it is one of the most magnificent dzong in Bhutan. Walk inside the dzong. Afternoon picnic lunch by the river side near a village. After lunch walk to Khamsum yodling Namgyal Lhakang. a nice easy walk and from the top you'll enjoy the view of the Punakha Valley. Back to the hotel.
5	:	Morning visit the Wangduephodrang Dzong, walk through the town and see the villagers selling their home grown vegetables and dairy products. Return back to Thimphu. Lunch at Thimphu. After lunch short drive to Paro. Evening at the hotel, enjoy the traditional hot stone bath.

6 : Morning after breakfast drive to the base of the Tiger's nest. Enjoy the walk to the monastery, lunch at the cafeteria with the view of the monastery. After lunch walk back to Base. Evening at the town for last minute shopping . Evening dinner with family. talk about the tour.

7 : Drive to airport. Wish you a safe journey.