

BHUTAN

Ready Packages 2026–27

TRADE EDITION

THIMPHU · PUNAKHA · PARO · HAA

VALID FOR TRAVEL TILL 31 MARCH 2027

Nett per person, in Indian Rupees, including GST at 5%. TCS where applicable.

For travel trade only — not for onward circulation to travellers.



BEST FOR A second visit, or a first visit with eight days and an appetite for the high passes

HY-BT-03 with a third Paro night, and that night buys Chele La — the highest motorable pass in Bhutan at 3,988 m — and the Haa valley beyond it. It also gives Taktsang a spare day, which matters more than clients expect when the weather turns.

The Itinerary

DAY 01 Paro Airport to Thimphu

65 km · approx. 2 hrs · Thimphu 2,350 m

Met at Paro airport and driven up to Thimphu via Chuzom. Evening free. Overnight in Thimphu.

DAY 02 Thimphu sightseeing

Full day · approx. 6 hrs with the guide

Kuensel Phodrang and the Buddha Dordenma, the National Memorial Chorten, the Folk Heritage Museum, Changangkha Lhakhang and the Takin Reserve, with Tashichho Dzong in the evening. Overnight in Thimphu.

DAY 03 Thimphu to Punakha

77 km · approx. 2 hrs · Dochula 3,100 m · Punakha 1,310 m

Over Dochula and down to Punakha for Chimi Lhakhang and Punakha Dzong. Overnight in Punakha.

DAY 04 Gangtey & Phobjikha, or Punakha at leisure

78 km one way · approx. 3 hrs · Gangtey 2,900 m

Up to the Phobjikha valley for Gangtey Goemba and the Black-Necked Crane Information Centre, or a slower day in Punakha instead. Overnight in Punakha.

DAY 05 Punakha to Paro

140 km · approx. 4 hrs · Paro 2,280 m

Back over Dochula, the Royal Botanical Park at Lamperi, and Tamchog Lhakhang. In Paro: Ta Dzong, Rinpung Dzong and the Nemi Zam bridge. Overnight in Paro.

DAY 06 Excursion to Taktsang Monastery

Tiger's Nest · 3,100 m · 5 – 6 hrs round trip

The hike to Taktsang, with Kyichu Lhakhang on the way back. Overnight in Paro.

DAY 07 Chele La Pass & the Haa valley

65 km one way · approx. 3 hrs · Chele La 3,988 m

Up through the blue pine and rhododendron to Chele La, the highest motorable pass in the country, with Jomolhari on the skyline in clear weather. Down into Haa for Lhakhang Karpo, Lhakhang Nagpo and the Wangchuk Lo Dzong. Overnight in Paro.

DAY 08 Paro to Airport

Hotel to airport · approx. 15 mins

After breakfast, transfer to Paro airport for the onward flight.

NOTES ON THIS ITINERARY

- The third Paro night buys Chele La and Haa, and gives Taktsang a spare day.
- Chele La is at 3,988 m and can close in snow without notice. Where it does, the day runs in the Paro valley instead.

Hotels & Rates

Accommodation

The listed hotel or a similar property in the same category, subject to availability. Base room category unless a room type is named.

DESTINATION	LUXURY	PREMIUM 4 STAR	DELUXE 4 STAR	STANDARD 4 STAR	PREMIUM 3 STAR
Thimphu	Yarkay, IHCL SeleQtions	Termalinca Resort & Spa / The Pema by Realm	Lemon Tree Resort / Access Suite	Hotel Changangkha / Bhutan Home	Cholay Khangzang
Punakha	Dhensa Boutique Resort	Lobesa Boutique	Khuru Resort / Meri Puensum / Zhingkham Resort	Khuru Resort / Meri Puensum / Zhingkham Resort	Hotel Vara / Punakha Residency
Paro	Dawa at Hilltop	Tenzinling Luxury Tents / Tiger Nest Camp / Kaachi Grand	Tashi Namgay Resort / Kichu Resort / Tenzinling Resort	Paro Grand Resort / Udumwara Resort / Rema Resort	Sinchula Villa / Tushita Eco Lodge

Hotel categories apply to the complete package. In destinations with limited hotel inventory, the same property may serve more than one category. The price difference primarily reflects upgraded accommodation in Thimphu, Paro and Punakha.

Cost per Person

Nett rate per person, including 5% GST. TCS where applicable.

PER PERSON	LUXURY	PREMIUM 4 STAR	DELUXE 4 STAR	STANDARD 4 STAR	PREMIUM 3 STAR
2 Pax	121,550	94,820	75,460	70,950	61,930
4 Pax	108,020	81,290	61,930	57,420	48,400
6 Pax	102,190	75,460	56,100	51,590	42,570
8 Pax	98,450	71,720	52,360	47,850	38,830
EPSR	74,140	52,800	36,850	33,660	28,490
CNB	31,790	25,960	14,850	14,190	12,980

Twin-sharing rates, including GST at 5%. TCS where applicable. EPSR means an extra person with bed; CNB a child sharing without an extra bed. Unlisted passenger counts, festival periods and peak-season travel are quoted separately.

Vehicle Supplement

GROUP SIZE	VEHICLE	SUPPLEMENT, PER VEHICLE
1 – 2 travellers	SUV	Inside the 2 Pax rate
3 – 5 travellers	Toyota Hiace / Hyundai H1	₹ 16,500
6 travellers	Toyota High Roof Hiace	₹ 11,000
7 – 8 travellers	Toyota High Roof Hiace	Inside the 8 Pax rate
9 – 12 travellers	Toyota Coaster	₹ 34,000

Supplements are per vehicle for the full itinerary, not per person. Capacity counts children of every age. Full inclusions, exclusions and the child policy are on page 16.

Rates, Inclusions & Child Policy

Rates are nett, non-commissionable and include GST at 5%. TCS, where applicable, will be charged as per prevailing Government regulations.

- Nett per person, twin-sharing, base-category rooms, for Indian nationals travelling till 31 March 2027.
- The pax slab is the largest lever: the vehicle, the guide and the fixed costs are shared across more heads. Counts of 3, 5, 7 or more than 8 are quoted separately.
- EPSR is an extra adult or child on an extra bed. CNB is a child sharing the parents' bed with no extra bed.
- Check-in 1400 hrs, check-out 1100 hrs. Festival and peak-period surcharges are advised before confirmation.

WHAT THE RATE INCLUDES

- Twin-sharing accommodation in base-category rooms, unless stated otherwise
- MAPAI meals — breakfast and dinner at the hotel
- Hotel taxes as applicable under the itinerary
- Sustainable Development Fee levied by the Government of Bhutan
- A licensed Bhutanese guide for the Bhutan sector
- Exclusive vehicle for every transfer and sightseeing leg
- Bhutan entry permit processing at the entry point
- GST at 5%, already inside the rate shown

WHAT IT DOES NOT

- TCS, where applicable, as per prevailing Government regulations
- Air and rail fare, and travel insurance
- Lunch, and any meal not named in the inclusions
- Entry fees at monuments, museums and attractions, optional tours, and activities such as rafting and archery
- Vehicle or room upgrades, and services outside the confirmed itinerary or scheduled hours
- Personal expenses — laundry, telephone, bar bills, water, tips and gratuities
- Costs arising from landslide, roadblock, strike or political disturbance
- Gala dinner on 24 and 31 December, paid directly at the hotel
- Any increase in government taxes, fuel prices or newly introduced fees
- Anything not listed as included

The Hotel Categories

UPPER TIERS

- Luxury — the landmark house in each valley: Yarkay IHCL SeleQtions, Dhensa, Dawa at Hilltop.
- Premium 4 Star — resort and boutique stock: Termalinca, The Pema, Lobesa, the Paro luxury tents.
- Deluxe 4 Star — established resorts: Lemon Tree, Khuru, Tashi Namgay, Kichu.

VALUE TIERS AND THE EXCEPTIONS

- Standard 4 Star — comfortable independents; simpler rooms, good locations.
- Premium 3 Star — the best of the value tier; clean, well placed, larger rooms.
- Punakha and Phuentsholing hold few properties, so one house there serves two tiers.

Child Policy

- SDF, set by the Royal Government: none below 6 years; ₹ 600 per night from 6 to under 12; ₹ 1,200 per night from 12 years.
- CNB and EPSR are accommodation bands set by the hotel and the operator, and do not line up with the SDF ages. Children of five to ten without an extra bed are charged as CNB; children above ten, and any extra adult, as EPSR.
- Children below five sharing the parents' bed are generally complimentary for accommodation. Transport, meal and mandatory charges are advised separately.
- Because the two sets of bands differ, send every child's age at enquiry. The SDF for each child is confirmed with the quotation, not assumed from the rate grid.
- Vehicle capacity counts children of every age. A third traveller of any age moves the party into the next vehicle band and its supplement.

Permits, Documents & the SDF

Indian nationals need no visa for Bhutan, but they do need the right document and a permit, and the wrong document turns a traveller back at the gate.

What Every Traveller Must Carry

- Indian nationals need a valid passport with at least six months' validity, or a Voter ID card.
- Aadhaar, PAN and driving licences are not accepted at the Bhutan entry point.
- No visa is required. An entry permit is issued at Paro airport or at the land border, or applied for online in advance, and we process it.
- Travellers under 18 may use a passport or a birth certificate, and must be accompanied by a legal guardian. A school photo ID is recommended as an additional supporting document.
- One recent passport-size photograph or digital image per traveller, depending on the permit process.

> Not accepted. Aadhaar, PAN and driving licences are not valid at the Bhutan entry point. A traveller who arrives with the wrong document does not cross, and the cost of that trip is not recoverable.

What We Process, and When

PERMIT OR FEE	WHEN	WHAT WE NEED
Bhutan entry permit	At the entry point	Issued at Paro airport or the land border, or applied for online in advance. One recent passport-size photograph or digital image per traveller.
Route permit	Not required	Not required for leisure travellers accompanied by a certified Bhutanese guide. Special permits may apply to restricted areas.
Sustainable Development Fee	Inside the rate	None below 6 years; ₹ 600 per night from 6 to under 12; ₹ 1,200 per night from 12 years. Inside every figure in this catalogue.
Licensed Bhutanese guide	Inside the rate	Included for all scheduled transfers and sightseeing. Services outside the confirmed itinerary or scheduled hours are chargeable.

SDF. The Sustainable Development Fee is set by the Royal Government by age: no SDF below 6 years; ₹ 600 per person per night from 6 to under 12; ₹ 1,200 per person per night from 12 years. It is inside every rate in this catalogue, and any revision notified during the validity period is passed on at actual.

Worth Saying to the Client

- Permits are issued against the named document. A mismatched name, or one that arrives late, is the commonest reason a Bhutan booking goes wrong.
- Foreign nationals and OCI holders follow a different regime with a higher SDF; these packages are costed for Indian nationals only.
- Indian SIM cards work near the border only. TashiCell and B-Mobile SIMs are sold locally and most hotels have Wi-Fi.
- Modest dress is required inside dzongs and temples — covered shoulders, long trousers or skirts, shoes and hats removed.

Seasons, Festivals & Closures

Bhutan has two clear high seasons and two quieter ones, and the festival calendar moves every year because it follows the lunar calendar. Both matter to the quote.

The Year

WHAT	WHEN	NOTES
Spring	March to May	Pleasant, rhododendron and jacaranda in flower, and the clearest valley light. Paro Tshechu falls in this window.
Autumn	September to November	Clear skies and the best trekking weather. Thimphu Tshechu and the Black-Necked Crane Festival fall here.
Winter	December to February	Cold but bright and uncrowded. Cranes at Phobjikha; Punakha Tshechu and Drubchen. High passes can close in snow.
Summer	June to August	Off season. Green valleys and few visitors, with rain and the occasional roadblock. Haa Summer Festival falls here.
Tshechu festivals	Lunar calendar	Dates shift each year. Hotels in the host valley sell out months ahead and a high-season surcharge applies.
Chele La and Dochula	Open most of the year	Snow closes them without notice in winter. Where that happens, the day is re-shaped in the valley below.
Black-necked cranes, Phobjikha	Late October to February	Outside that window the Gangtey excursion is the valley and the monastery, without the birds.
Gala dinner	24 and 31 December	Mandatory at most hotels, charged over and above the package and paid directly.

Sightseeing is subject to dzong and monastery timings, religious observances, public holidays, weather and permit clearance. Where a site is closed on the day, an alternative is arranged without reducing confirmed services.

Taktsang

The Taktsang hike is five to six hours round trip on a steep, stepped trail. It is moderately demanding and is not recommended for very elderly travellers or small children. Ponies are available to the halfway point only, and the final stretch of steps must be walked.

Festival Periods

- Tshechu dates are fixed by the Bhutanese lunar calendar and are published a year ahead. Send us the date and we will confirm the surcharge with the quote.
- Hotels in the host valley sell out months in advance. A Tshechu booking made late is a booking made in the next valley.
- A high-season surcharge applies through the notified festival windows, and is advised before confirmation, never after.
- Mandatory gala dinner charges apply on 24 and 31 December at most hotels, over and above the package.

Optional Experiences

None of the following sits inside the package rates. All are quotable — send us the itinerary code and the number of travellers and we will price them into the same invoice, which is cleaner than your client paying cash at a counter.

EXPERIENCE	WHERE	NOTES
Pony to the Taktsang halfway point	Paro	Booked at the trailhead the previous evening. Uphill only; the final steps must be walked.
Hot stone bath	Paro or Punakha	The traditional river-stone bath, usually at a farmhouse. Book a day ahead.
Farmhouse dinner	Thimphu or Paro	Dinner with a Bhutanese family, with or without the hot stone bath.
Traditional dress hire	Anywhere	Gho and kira for the day, which most clients want for the dzong photographs.
Archery session	Thimphu or Paro	The national sport, at a town ground with a coach.
River rafting, Mo Chhu	Punakha	Grade II–III, about two hours, water-level dependent.
Gangtey overnight	Phobjikha	A night in the crane valley instead of the day excursion. Limited stock; book early.
Bumthang extension	Central Bhutan	Two nights minimum, by road or the Bathpalathang flight. Quoted on request.
Chele La excursion	Paro	A half day to the pass, where it is not already in the itinerary.
Tshechu seating	Host valley	Festival access and hotel in the host valley, at a surcharge. Book months ahead.
Vehicle upgrade	Anywhere	A larger vehicle than the pax slab requires, on request.
Gala dinner	All destinations	Mandatory on 24 and 31 December, over and above the package.

Also available on request. Not printed here — the 5-night Thimphu 3N and Paro 2N shape, the 7-night overland circuit via Punakha, and Bumthang, Trongsa and Phobjikha extensions to any itinerary on this sheet.

How to Book, Payment & Cancellation

01	02	03	04
Select Package code and hotel category	Share Travel dates and passenger documents	Receive Availability confirmation and invoice	Pay The stated advance to secure services

What We Need, and What You Get Back

SEND US

- Package code and hotel category — HY-BT-03, Premium 4 Star.
- Travel dates, and the Paro flight or the NJP / Bagdogra arrival details.
- Passenger mix — adults sharing, extra beds, children without a bed, with every child's age.
- Scanned passport or Voter ID and one photograph for every traveller, children included.
- Special requests — bed type, adjoining rooms, diet, mobility limitations.

YOU RECEIVE

- A written confirmation naming the actual hotels, not just the category.
- A payment schedule against that confirmation.
- Hotel, transport and guide vouchers, and the permit, ahead of arrival.
- A single point of contact at our end for the length of the trip.
- Rates here are indicative contracted rates: a quotation does not block rooms or vehicles.

Payment

- An advance confirms the booking; the balance falls due before arrival, against the schedule issued with your confirmation.
- The SDF, the permit and the guide are inside the rate. TCS, where applicable, is added as per prevailing Government regulations.
- Festival periods, gala dinner dates and certain properties are payable in full at confirmation and carry stricter terms.
- Bhutan is billed in Indian Rupees. The Ngultrum is pegged at par and both are accepted in the country.

Cancellation

Vehicles and guides are blocked for the full duration, so cancellation applies to the whole package including transport — you cannot cancel the car and keep the rooms. Charges are calculated on the total confirmed package value.

NOTICE BEFORE ARRIVAL	CHARGE	NOTES
More than 30 days	Up to 10%	Depending on hotel and service-provider terms stated at confirmation
30 to 15 days	25%	
14 to 8 days	50%	
7 to 3 days	75%	
2 days or less, or no-show	100%	No refund, whatever the reason for the cancellation

Overrides. Festival-period bookings and certain properties are non-refundable from confirmation, and your confirmation says so. Force majeure: services required by flight disruption, road closure, landslide or strike are charged at actual cost, and we may re-order an itinerary to suit availability or road conditions without changing the number of nights or dropping a confirmed service.

Hotels & Transport

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE HOTELS

- Thimphu and Paro carry the branded and boutique stock. Punakha and Phuentsholing hold far fewer properties, and the categories are honest relative to what exists there.
- Air-conditioning is generally not operated in the hills. Its use is subject to the vehicle, terrain and local conditions.
- Heating is provided in the valleys in winter, by heater or bukhari, and is not always central.
- Check-in 1400, check-out 1100, at the hotel's discretion either side. A photo ID is mandatory for every guest.
- Twin beds are the norm; king beds and extra beds are on availability, and an extra bed is a mattress or roll-away.
- Meals are on MAPAI — breakfast and dinner at the hotel. Lunch is taken on the road and paid directly.

WHAT AN EXCLUSIVE VEHICLE MEANS

- Bhutan does not operate a disposal-vehicle system. The vehicle and the guide perform the confirmed itinerary; services outside it, or outside scheduled hours, are chargeable.
- Exclusive to your client, but it performs the voucher itinerary and then goes off duty.
- Allotted by passenger count and luggage: SUV to two, Hiace or H1 to five, High Roof Hiace to eight, Coaster above that.
- Capacity counts children of every age. A third traveller of any age moves the party into the next band and its supplement.
- The licensed Bhutanese guide is included for all scheduled transfers and sightseeing.
- Drivers are not guides. Services outside the confirmed itinerary or scheduled hours are chargeable.

Vehicle supplements are printed on each package's rate page, because they differ by itinerary length.

> One sentence that saves arguments. Bhutan has no disposal-vehicle system and no late-night driving culture. A client who expects a car waiting at 21:00 has been sold the wrong country, and saying so once at the point of sale prevents it.

Worth Telling the Client Before They Go

MONEY AND CONNECTIVITY

- The Indian Rupee and the Ngultrum are accepted at par, and ₹ 500 and ₹ 100 notes circulate freely.
- Card acceptance is patchy outside the larger hotels in Thimphu and Paro. Carry cash for entry fees, tips and small purchases.
- Indian SIM cards work near the border only. TashiCell and B-Mobile SIMs are sold locally, and most hotels have Wi-Fi.

HEALTH AND PACKING

- Basic healthcare is available in the towns. Anything serious means a transfer to Siliguri or Kolkata, so prescription medicines travel with the client.
- Warm layers all year — evenings are cold even in summer — with thermals from December to February.
- Walking shoes with grip for Taktsang, a rain shell in summer, and sunscreen and lip balm at altitude.

Questions We Get Asked

Which package if the client has not decided?
HY-BT-03. Two nights in each of the three valleys, the Gangtey excursion, Taktsang unhurried, and no transfer over four hours.

What document does an Indian traveller need?
A passport with at least six months' validity, or a Voter ID card. Aadhaar, PAN and driving licences are not accepted. Under-18s may use a passport or a birth certificate and must travel with a legal guardian.

Is a visa required, and what about the SDF?
No visa for Indian nationals — an entry permit is issued at the border or applied for online, which we process. SDF is inside every rate: none below 6 years, ₹ 600 per night from 6 to under 12, ₹ 1,200 per night from 12 years.

Are the rates commissionable? What about GST and TCS?
Rates are nett to you and non-commissionable, and GST at 5% is already inside them. TCS, where applicable, is charged as per prevailing Government regulations.

How hard is the Tiger's Nest hike?
Five to six hours round trip, steep and stepped. Moderately demanding, not advised for very elderly travellers or small children, and ponies go to the halfway point only.

Is the vehicle at the client's disposal?
No. Bhutan does not operate a disposal system: the vehicle and guide perform the itinerary between 09:00 and 17:00. Use outside those hours is chargeable.

What happens if a third traveller joins?
Vehicle capacity counts children of every age, so a third head of any age moves the party from the SUV to a Hiace and its supplement applies. The supplement is on each package's rate page.

How long are the rates valid?
For travel till 31 March 2027, for Indian nationals, on the categories and pax slabs shown. Quotations remain subject to availability and written reconfirmation.

Ready to quote your client?

Send us the package code, travel date, passenger count and preferred hotel category. We aim to respond with an availability update within the same working day.

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SCAN TO WHATSAPP US

Opens a chat with the package-code line ready to complete.

> Quote the package code when enquiring. HY-BT-01 to HY-BT-06, with the hotel category, travel dates and the passenger mix including children's ages. It is the fastest way to a firm answer, and it keeps the quotation, the confirmation and the voucher on the same reference.

Before You Send the Enquiry

- Package code and hotel category, travel dates, and the passenger mix with every child's age.
- The Paro flight, or the NJP / Bagdogra arrival and departure details.
- Scanned passport or Voter ID and one photograph for every traveller, children included.
- Anything the client has already been promised — a Tshechu date, a Gangtey night, a hot stone bath.

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