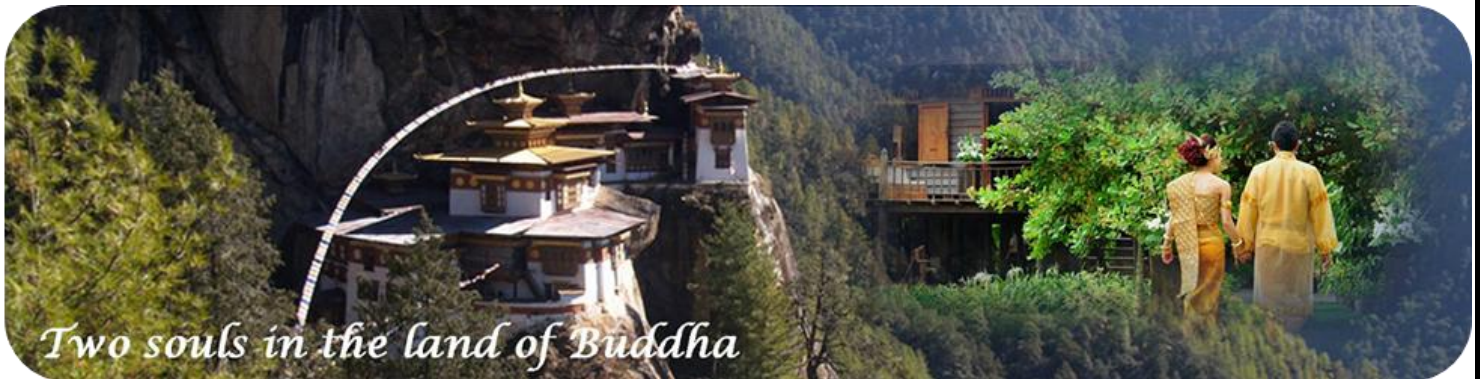


## HEAVENLY BHUTAN

**04 Nights & 05 Days**

**(Tour Code: HM201)**



### Tour Program

#### **Day 01: Arrive Paro (2134Mts / 7000Fts)**

On arrival at Paro by Druk air the only national carrier, the flight offers you beautiful view of mountains and landscapes. On arrival and after visa formalities you will meet and transfer to Paro. Visitors can enjoy relaxing walk in the valley at evening. Overnight at Hotel

#### **Day 02: Paro**

Go for Paro Sightseeing - visit the ruined fortress of **Drugyel Dzong** which still attracts visitors due to the strategic location of the fort. The fort defended the Paro valley from the Tibetan invasion from the north in the early 17th century. On clear weather Mount Chomolhari 7320 meters can be seen towering over the Dzong. Proceed through the beautiful valley to the watch tower or locally known as Ta-Dzong. Visit **Ta Dzong (National Museum) Opening Hours - whole week - 0900HRS TO 1600HRS & Closed on National Holidays**, which was built in 1651 as a watchtower. Since 1951 the Dzong has been re-established as the National museum and holds fascinating collections of art and religious Thankha paintings. Take a short walk along the downhill to visit **Rinpung Dzong** which serves as the Administrative Center and School for Monks. Walk further down crossing the traditional bridge into Paro Town. Overnight at Hotel

**Note:** *Kindly note that after September 2011 Earth quake, Ta Dzong (Paro Museum) had been closed and shifted to exhibition hall just above the museum. Now the present exhibition hall will be open throughout the week except for government holidays. All tourists visiting Dzongs and temples must be dressed appropriately. No half pant, sleeve less shirts, floaters, etc are allowed*

### Day 03: Paro - Thimphu - Paro (65 Kms / 02 Hrs, 2134Mts / 7000Fts - Each way)

After breakfast go for full day excursion to Thimphu - visit the **Indigenous hospital** where traditional old art of healing is still practiced, **Art & Craft school**, **National library**, **Royal goldsmith workshop** and **Memorial Chorten** built in the memory of the late King Jigme Dorji Wangchuk, 15 century. **Afternoon** - visit the **Changangkha monastery**, **Motithang mini zoo** to see the rare "Takin" national animal of Bhutan and drive further down with good view of the Thimphu valley. Visit the new **Drupthob nunnery temple** and **Kuensel Phodrang (Buddha Point)**, **Tashichho Dzong** and Handicraft centers. Return back to Paro and stay overnight

### Day 04: Paro

Breakfast and the day is free for personal activities. In the evening one can stroll at the Market. Overnight in Paro

### Day 05: Paro

After breakfast go for a day hike to the view point of **Taksang monastery**. The hike which is all the way uphill takes about 2 / 3 hours through pine forests. The monastery clings to a huge granite cliff 800 meters from the Paro valley. It is believed that the great saint Padmasambhava came in the 7th century on a flying tigress and meditated in a cave for 3 months. The demons were subdued who were trying to stop the spread of Buddhism and converted the Paro valley into Buddhism. During the end of the 17 century a monastery was built on the spot where the saint mediated and it is a pilgrimage site for every Bhutanese to visit once in their life time. Overnight at Hotel

### Day 056: Depart Paro

After breakfast take departure transfer to the airport for onward connection

### Tour Ends



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