

Druk Path Trek

Itinerary:

Day 1 Arrival in Paro, Bhutan

Welcome to Bhutan, the Land of the Thunder Dragon. Touching down at Paro International Airport, you will be greeted by your guide upon exiting the arrival hall. Today, we will take it easy to acclimatize to the altitude.

Day 2 paro

Hike to [Taksang Monastery](#) (Tiger's Nest) in the elevation of 3150 m, is one of the highlights of the tour as well as good acclimatization exercise. While the hike seems to be hard, it's very rewarding. Trip including the visit of temples takes about 4 to 5 hours. After a sumptuous local lunch, we will retrace our steps to visit [Kyichu Lhakhang](#), one of the oldest temples in Bhutan. Evening exploring the Paro town and get ready for next day's trekking!

Day 3 Ta Dzong to Jele Dzong

Distance 7 km
Time 4-5 hours
Ascent Ascent 1,090 m
Camp Altitude 3,480 m

Drive to [Ta-Dzong](#), and at the **National Museum** you will meet your trekking staff, the horsemen and the pack animals. From here our treks begin continuously and steeply ascending over 1068m /4hours through blue pine forest, several farm houses and apple orchards. This area is called **Tsachhugang** and along the way we

pass **Kuenga Lhakhag(temple)**. Then we will come across nice views over the paro valley and visible **Jele Dzong**. The trail continues steeply up through mixed alpine forest with firs, pines, hemlocks and scrubs. Finally, you will reach **Jele Dzong**, small castle-monastery guarding the trail. **Overnight at our campsite**

Day 4 Jele Dzong to Tsokam

Distance 10 km
Time 4-5 hours
Ascent Ascent 310 m, descent 50 m
Camp Altitude 3962 m

We will Visit **Jele dzong** in the morning and leaving the dzong we walk north for about 10 mins on the ridge with beautiful views for a while before entering into the forests. During a day you will be gradually climbing with some opportunities of views back to Paro valley and to the south, the Dagala range is possible. Finally, after a 4 hours trek we reach our campsite for the day at Tsokam (3962 m).

Day 5 Tsokam to Jimilang Tsho

Distance 11 km
Time 4 hours
Ascent Ascent 330 m
Camp Altitude 3,870 m

Our trek starts with gentle ascend to small pass and then we descend about 2 hours longer and reach another pass from which Jomolhari peak (7315 m) can be seen and a grand view down into valley. We will reach junction where you can decide to go upper or lower trail and both way lead to **Jimilang Tsho**, but upper one is preferable due to nice views and lower one is for shorter trail. Finally we reach to **Jimilang Tsho** and we will camp on its shores in the elevation of 3870 m.

Day 6 Jimilang Tsho to Simkotra Tsho

Distance 11 km
Time 4 hours
Ascent Ascent 820 m
Camp Altitude 4,110 m

We will start hiking up from the lake to the north-east through the bushes and later good views opens up. We are heading to Dungshto Lake, half surrounded by rock cliff and considered holy by local people and we pass through a wide stone path between rhododendron bushes. We will continue walking on the ridge with some ups and downs; finally we reach to **Simkotra Tsho** which will be our campsite.

Day 7 Simkotra tsho to Thimphu

Distance 4-5 km
Time 7-8 hours
Ascent descent 1,130 m

We will start from **Simkotra tsho**, first walking gently and then we finally reach to the pass marked with white chorten where we can see the **Gangkhar Puensum** the highest mountain in Bhutan to the east and Thimphu valley just in front of you. We descend down to **Phajoding Monastery** and then to Thimphu is an easy trek down the mountain through dense forests. After 7-8 hours, we reach the road above the Takin Sanctuary from where our driver will take us to our hotel in Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan.

Day 8 Thimphu to Paro

Our day begins with a visit to the beautiful sacred site, **Buddha Dordenma (Buddha Point)** in Kuenselphodrang Nature Park, overlooking Thimphu City. Its' awesome focal point, one of the largest statues of Buddha Shakyamuni in the world (completed in 2015), was built to emanate an aura of peace and happiness to the entire world. We join the cheerful throng of local worshippers who gather at **National Memorial Chorten (stupa)** to circumambulate and socialize at the end of the day. This Thimphu landmark and sacred site was built in 1974 in honor of Bhutan's visionary Third King, Jigme Dorje Wangchuck. We visit Thimphu's famous Textile Museum, where both ancient and modern examples of this traditional craft are on view. After lunch we proceed to Paro and en route we take the opportunity to stretch our legs with an easy 10 minute walk to **Tachog Lhakhang** (temple) reached by crossing Paro Chhu (river) on one of the few remaining ancient iron chain bridges, both built circa 1420 by the Tibetan master Tangtong Gyelpo (aka the Bridge Builder). We enjoy a relaxing evening with time to stroll around the town, visit its cafes, eateries and art and craft shops in Paro. In the evening we gather for our farewell dinner.

Day 9 Departure from Paro

Today is your last morning in this mystical and memorable country of Bhutan. We will have breakfast and proceed to check in for your flight. We hope you have enjoyed your trip immensely and will bring your friends to Bhutan in the future.