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Thimphu Tsechu/Bhutan Cultural Tour

Duration: 11 Nights/ 12 Days
Season/Dates: September 26 to October 6 2009
Cost: Groups of 3 pax or less US\$ 2642 per person
Groups of 4 pax or more US\$ 2210 per person
Cost includes hotel room, all 3 meals, English speaking guide, driver/vehicle, visa fee/processing and all taxes.
Does not include airfare and personal expenses

September 26 - Day 1 - Paro

- BTT representative will be there to greet you at the Paro International Airport
- Check into hotel

Sightseeing of Paro valley:

- Visit Rinpung Dzong built in 1646 and is the seat of the district administration of Paro as well as the monk body.
- Ta Dzong, an ancient watchtower, which now houses the National Museum.
- Explore Paro town

September 27 - Day 2 – Paro

- Drukgyal Dzong the Dzong of the victorious Drukpas was built in 1650 to commemorate a victory over the Tibetan invasions. It caught fire in 1951 and was never repaired.
- Kyichu Temple, one of the oldest temples in Bhutan dated back to the 7th century
- Leave for Thimphu (one hour drive)
- Check in hotel
- Visit the Centenary and Coronation Park and the open handicraft market

September 28 - Day 3 – Thimphu

- The 1st day of Thimphu Tsechu – Go to the festival grounds early in the morning to get good seats. The annual religious mask dance festival at the Thimphu Dzong, the seat of the royal government and the central monastic body.
- After lunch visit the National Memorial Chorten built in honour of our late King Jigme Dorji Wangchuk
- Visit the Changangkha Lhakgang
- Drive to Sangaygang Hill for panoramic view of Thimphu Valley
- Visit the Takin (national animal of Bhutan) zoo

September 29 - Day 4 – Thimphu

- Early morning attend Tsechu
- After lunch visit the Textile Museum and other weaving shops- where there are textiles for sale and weavers weaving on site.
- The Folk Heritage Museum
- The National Library of Bhutan
- Dechenphodrang Monastery – A monastic school for young to middle aged monks

September 30 - Day 5 – Thimphu

- Last day of Thimphu tsechu
- After early lunch hike to Tango Monastery - It is on the outskirts of Thimphu and around 1 hour hike uphill to each monastery. It is a beautiful hike and it is also a Buddhist College for Monks.
- Walk around Thimphu town – including weekend market, good time for shopping for souvenirs

October 1 - Day 6 – Punakha

- Depart to Punakha via Dochula pass (3050 metres). The pass offers panoramic views of Himalayan ranges and also has the beautifully constructed 108 stupas
- Visit Punakha Dzong, winter seat of Je Khenpo (chief abbot) of Bhutan and ancient capital of Bhutan, remarkably located between the rivers of Pho Chu (Male) and Mo Chu (female)
- Visit Nobgang Lhakagang and village
- Walk around Kuruthang town

October 2 - Day 7 – Punakha/Phobjikha

- Visit Chime Lhakhang walking through rice fields. This temple dedicated to the god of fertility and is one of the main monasteries of the famous saint the Divine Madma
- Drive onto Wangdi and visit the Dzong and Wangdi town
- Stop for lunch in Wangdi town
- Drive onto Phobjikha
- Halt in Phobjikha – beautiful valley of nature and the roosting ground for the Black Necked Cranes who migrate here in November.

October 3 - Day 8 – Phobjikha/Bumthang

- Leave for Bumthang
- On the stop at Chumey where beautiful yatra textiles are on display and sale
- Evening at leisure

October 4 - Day 9 - Bumthang

- Visit Kurje Lhakgang
- Visit Jakar Dzong
- Visit cheese and beer shop
- Walk around Bumthang town

October 5 - Day 10

- Leave for Paro

October 6 - Day 11

- Hike to Taktsang Monastery view point –a moderate hike up hill, and it takes about 3 to 5 hours
- Explore Paro town.
- Shopping in Paro

October 7 – Day 12 – Departure

Depart Paro for your next destination

For more information:

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