

## Your travel planner for Bhutan

### Introduction

We provide a comprehensive spectrum catering to all travel and tour segments including FIT, GIT, leisure, pre/post conference tours, incentives tours, adventure tours, nature tours and recreational outdoor activities. Our tours cover domestic's tour within Bhutan as well as outbound tour to Tibet, Nepal and India. All our packages are well planned and coupled with some special interest itineraries that are tailored to suit the varied lifestyle of our clients and meet their requirements fully. We are supported by a crew of committed, dynamic and responsible team. They are well trained with relevant experience between two to fifteen years so as to live up to our reputation of providing efficient services. On top of that, our tourist guides and tour leaders with impeccable interpersonal skills are conversant in various languages in which we believe are the important factors in enhancing our communications and relationship with our most-valued customers. Our conviction is to provide top quality tour products & services that eliminate hassles and worries to ensure your travel is smooth, truly enjoyable and becomes a memorable one throughout your life. We always serve you with 'Passion'.

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### Comfort and Safety

Prepare to immerse you, secure in your health and safety. Relax and enjoy the experiences of native culture and pristine wilderness environments confident of our exceptional accommodations, transportation, hygiene and security, and the support of our professional in-country outfitters.



### Local Escorts to Exploration

We are specialized in tours, trekking and recreational activities, which will lead you to know the unique culture and beautiful nature. We provide loyal and dedicated services with highly experienced tour manager and guides. Our guides are all trained and licensed by the Tourism Council of Bhutan and are experts in their given field and the direct involvement of professional indigenous guides in organizing and leading you assures you will have an exceptionally informative, well-executed, and authentic experience.

### Back In Native Hospitality

We seek out small, boutique hotels and lodges and even home stays where native culture is strong and we can enjoy regional cuisine and experience traditional lifestyle. Designed in indigenous style that fit into their environs naturally, our accommodations deliver charm, amenities and native warmth.

### Like-minded Travelers

By creating more personal, in-depth and meaningful life enhancing travel experiences us consistently attract active and inquisitive travelers of all ages who discover that we are not the stereotypical group experience. Participants on our very small group trips are frequently experienced world travelers who request our services for efficiency, economy, reliability, security and superior leadership.

### Journeys of Discovery

We will also incorporate with all your travel arrangements in a best way. Your stay in Bhutan will be made very wonderful, which will be your most unforgettable holidays of a lifetime. As some part of Bhutan is still isolated and untouched so we hope to explore with the world with our personal touch.

## Packages



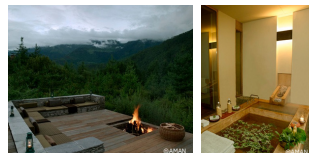
### Cultural Tour

Each season is unique and whilst the more popular months are just that, popular, the diversity of the kingdom allows for year round journeys in different regions. A great opportunity to ensure a journey of a lifetime with a visit to places of interest- local monasteries, stunning fortress/Dzong, experience local village life, handicraft and weaving displays, cooking classes for the avid gourmet and immersion into the Himalayan culture of the past, insight into the Buddhist religion, local culture and history.



### Festival Journey

Teschu festivals are held throughout most districts in Bhutan, dates vary according to the lunar calendar. Religious tales and mythology are told through a variety of spectacular dances, a majority of dances incorporating ornate hand carved masks and colorful ropes. Locals attend these annual social gatherings to watch tales of mythology unfold in spectacular dances.



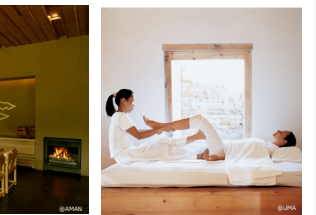
### Luxury Journey

A Luxury journey with us is much more than simply luxurious accommodation, your personal guide to anticipate your interest and needs, quality food on short hikes, road trips and for daily refreshment and in the house restaurants with international chefs. We have selected accommodation that provides a comfortable oasis at the end of each day throughout your journey –exceptional service, modern amenities and attention to detail.



### Trekking

A trekking tour through this kingdom of raw beauty is a rewarding and stunning experience. Treks are available to suit different levels of ability and interest. Trekking routes pass by 7000 meters high majestic mountains with permanently covered snow peaks, nomadic herders, hot spring, high altitude lakes and stunning landscape, each trek is a unique experience of discovery. Mountaineering with permanently covered snow peaks. We provide luxury tents and camping facilities.



## BHUTAN FESTIVALS

FESTIVAL	PLACE
TAKIN FESTIVAL	Damji, GASA
NOMAD FESTIVAL	Nagphel, BUMTHANG
Bhutan International Marathon	(Annual Event organized by BOC)
PUNAKHA DRUBCHEN	Punakha Dzong, PUNAKHA
PUNAKHA TSHECHU	Punakha Dzong, PUNAKHA
THARPALING THONGDROL	Tharpaling Lhakhang, Chummi, BUMTHANG
CHHORTEN KORA	Chorten Kora, TRASHIYANGTSE
GOMPHUKUQA	Gom Kora Lhakhang, TRASHIGANG
TALO TSHECHU	Talo Gompa, PUNAKHA
GASA TSHECHU	Gasa Dzong, GASA
ZHEMGANG TSHECHU	Zhemgang Dzong, ZHEMGANG
PARO TSHECHU	Rinpung Dzong, PARO
RHODOENDROM FESTIVAL	Lamperi Botanical Garden, Dochula, THIMPHU
DOMKHAR TSHECHU	Domkhar, Chummi, BUMTHANG
URA YAKCHOE	Ura Lhakhang, BUMTHANG
NIMALUNG TSHECHU	Nimalung Dratshang, Chummi, BUMTHANG
KURJYE TSHECHU	Kurjye Lhakhang, Choekhor, BUMTHANG Town
HAA SUMMER FESTIVAL	Festival Ground, HAA
URA, BUMTHANG	Ura, BUMTHANG
MASUTAKI MUSHROOM FESTIVAL	Bumthang to Thimphu
TOUR OF THE DRAGON (BICYCLE RACE)	Bumthang to Thimphu
THIMPHU DRUBCHEN	Tashi Chhodzong, THIMPHU
Wangdue Tshechu	Wangduephodrang Dzong
Gangthey Tshechu	Gangthey Gompa, Phobjikha, Wangduephodrang
Tamshing Phala Chhoepa	Tamshing Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang
Thimphu Tshechu	Tashi Chhodzong, Thimphu
Thangbu Mani	Tangbu Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang
Chhukha Tshechu	Chhukha Dzong, Chhukha
Jakar Tshechu	Jakar Dzong, Choekhor, Bumthang
Pemagatshel Tshechu	Pemagatshel Dzong, Pemagatshel
Jambay Lhakhang Drup	Jambay Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang
Prakhar Duchhoed	Prakar Lhakhang, Chummi, Bumthang
Black Necked Crane Festival	Gangthey Gompa, Phobjikha, Wangduephodrang
Mongar Tshechu	Mongar Dzong, Mongar
Trashigang Tshechu	Trashigang Dzong, Trashigang
Jambay Lhakhang Singye Cham	Jambay Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang
Nalakar Tshechu	Naga Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang
Druk Wangyel Tshechu	Dochula, Thimphu
Trongsa Tshechu	Trongsa Dzong, Trongsa
Lhuentse Tshechu	Lhuentse Dzong, Lhuentse
Nabi Lhakhang Drup	Nabi Lhakhang, Nabi, Trongsa

### Thimphu

The jewel in the nation's crown, the Thimphu district includes some of the most advanced and remotest parts of the kingdom. Besides its position as the seat of government, the district's many glittering monuments, temples, monasteries, and dzongs like the oldest fortress in Bhutan as well as premier museums, the National Library, and other key attractions make it an important stop for tourists and visiting heads of state.



### Wangdue Phodrang

This district covers a large area, from the northern snow capped mountains to the glacial valley of Phobjikha valley is the winter home of the black necked crane, this conservation area, and also known as Gantey is a broad and picturesque valley. Situated on the slopes of the Black Mountains, the centre of the valley is wetlands; viewing of the endangered cranes is facilitated from an observation centre from late October- mid March.

## Attractions

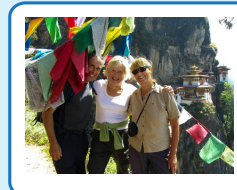
### Paro

An enchanting valley is home to the kingdoms only international airport situated at 2280mts. The National Museum of Bhutan and many of the oldest temples are found here. A picturesque terraced valley, red rice crops from a golden blanket throughout the valley in autumn. Taktsang or 'Tiger Nest' Monastery is located 800mts above the valley floor in upper Paro Valley.



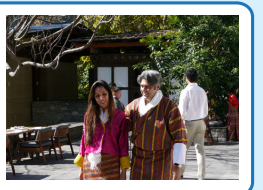
### Bumthang

This region is comprised of 4 major valleys: Chokhar, Tang, Ura and Chumey. Yathra or yak wool weaving is specific to the region. The main town of this region Jakar is situated at 2500mts, purple flowering buckwheat crops sweep the valley floor and apple orchards cling to the sides. Small industries produce apple juice, clover and buckwheat honey, cheese and local spirits. Numerous religious sites are scattered throughout and is renowned for having the greatest number of holy sites in the Kingdom, some dating back to the 7th century.



### Trashigang

Trashigang is the heart of eastern Bhutan, the journey to this eastern region is dramatic as it is beautiful. It was once the centre of important trade with Tibet and a trading centre for hill tribes and the gateway to eastern India. There are several goembas and villages that make a visit worthwhile, but a lot of driving is required to reach this remote region or an extra budget for domestic flight.



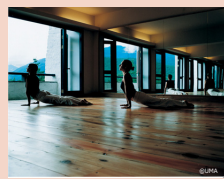
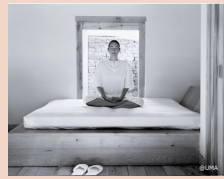
## Recreational Activities

Recreational & outdoor activities abound in Bhutan ranging from pleasant and scenic day hikes, awesome high altitude remote treks to an exhilarating mountain bike ride through the extraordinary landscape. Some of the listed recreational activities are already included in our itineraries some or all of these activities can be included in your Bhutan journey. Some of our activities are meditation, days hike, mountain biking, rafting & kayaking, Archery, bird watching, photography, textiles and weaving, food and drinks, honeymoon, etc.



### Meditation

Meditation is at the heart of the Buddhist way of life. It is basically a method for understanding and working on our own mind. Anyone can learn basic meditation techniques and experience great benefits, but to progress beyond basic meditation requires faith in the Three Jewels – Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. Usually people find this develops naturally as they experience the benefits of their meditation practice. We will give the opportunity to contemplate the driven and meditate at the campsite of Taktsang Monastery.

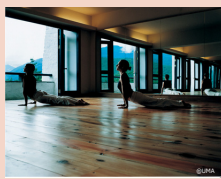
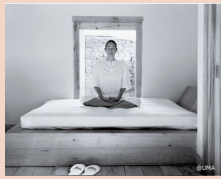


### Bird Watching

One of global endemic bird areas this extraordinary habit is heaven for over 650 species of birdlife many of which are globally threatened. With its extensive nature reserves, strict conservation policy and vast forest cover this rich and diverse natural habitat, offers numerous bird watching options. Spring and autumn are superb bird watching seasons with day hikes through valley of blooming rhododendron, broad leaved ever greened forests and pleasant weather, winter sees the internal migration from high altitudes into lower level altitude region, additionally the annual migration of the endangered black necked crane.

### Mountain Biking

For explorer and keen cyclist, there is no better way to view the kingdom than on two wheels. All biking tours are accompanied by experienced cyclist guides and full support vehicle- whether a leisurely cultural ride or a full biking tour. Mountain biking tours are available for groups or individuals. We supplies mountain bikes or you may choose to bring your own, explore this alpine setting through river valley circuits, off road trails and admire the magnificent views on the mountain descents.



### Rafting and Kayaking

Rafting is still in its infancy in Bhutan with the wider, stronger and infinitely more challenging rivers of the Eastern region remaining largely unexplored and uncharted. Those who have scouted the rivers feel that it has potential for some of the best rafting on earth. Rafting and kayaking is mainly done in Punakha region (Mo chhu & Pho chhu).



### Textile tour

Hand woven fabric is most traditional and useful items that you can buy in Bhutan. We can find hand woven cloth in the Khaling hand loop Project in eastern Bhutan, in handicraft shops and in ordinary fabric shops. You can also check out the National Textile Museum. Yatharas are lengths of rough woolen cloth that can be sewn together to make sweaters, scarves or blankets. The best place for shop for Yatharas is in Zungney in Bumthang's Chhume valley.

## How to Book your Bhutan trip us

Tours can be booked through us, with entire land arrangements.

For Cultural Tours, booking arrangements must be completed 90 days in advance, but for Cultural Tours during festivals, arrangements must be completed 120 days in advance. The spring and autumn festivals are our prime times for tourism; if booking is not done early, it can be difficult to confirm flights and hotels.

Booking arrangements should be completed at least 120 days in advance for Trekking groups, as this activity requires a lot of detailed.

### 3 easy steps to book your Bhutan tour:

**Step 1:** Email us, after choosing your itinerary from our Bhutan Tours and Bhutan Treks list. Do not forget to mention: Your name, your country, your choice of the itinerary, Exit & Entry port outside Bhutan, Exit & Entry date if fixed and Number of people traveling with you.

If our itineraries do not suite you, explain to us what you are looking for. We can tailor an itinerary to suit your needs and interests once you have enquired.

**Step 2:** We will inform you if we can accept your booking. We will also let you know how much your trip will cost you, and how you can pay us.

**Step 3:** Send us your payment, and your trip is confirmed. We get to work as soon as we get your former email. It is not unusual for people to book their trip with us 1 year in advance as well.

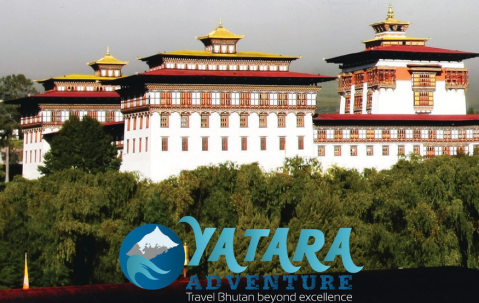
Your trip with us is confirmed only after we receive your full payment, in advance. After we receive your full payment, we will buy your Druk Air tickets and we will ask you more details information for Bhutan visa. We will also do all the hotel bookings, and get our guides, cars and drivers ready. If you are going on a trek, we will also get our trekking crew and equipment ready.

We will be in constant touch with you through email and phone, and we will keep you updated on the latest developments. After buying your Druk Air ticket, we will send you by email, a copy of the e-ticket, along with a copy of your Bhutan visa clearance letter. Upon showing your Bhutan visa clearance letter when you check-in your actual Bhutan visa will be stamp on your passport.



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**Legends**

Road		Mobile	
Feeder road		Airport	
Trek route		Dzong	
Pass		Monastery	
River		Manor House	
Lake		School	
Mountain		Police station	
Camp site		Hotspring	
Wireless station		District Hq	
BHU / Hospital		Town / Settlements	
Helipad		Army	

**Travel by Air**  
 Today, Bhutan's national air carrier, Druk Air, operates several flights per week from Singapore Bangkok, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai And Kathmandu to Paro. The modern Airbus A-319 jets carry passengers through one of the most spectacular flight paths in the world.

**Travel by Land**  
 The town of Phuentsholing in south-western Bhutan is currently the only land border access open for international tourists. Phuentsholing lies approximately 170 km east of the Indian airport town Bagdogra, close to Darjeeling.