



BEAUTIFUL GASA HOT SPRING TREK

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DAY 01: Arrival at PARO

The flight from Kathmandu or Delhi can see a majestic mountains view of the Himalayas including

Mount Everest, Kanchenjunga, and other Himalayan peaks. Paro at the elevation of 2280mts is one of the most beautiful valleys in Bhutan. On arrival at the Airport, representatives of the Tour Company will receive and escort to the Hotel. After lunch visit Ta Dzong, once the watchtower for the Dzong, it's now the National Museum of Bhutan. You can walk from Ta Dzong or drive for a few minutes to the Dzong. Paro Dzong is one of Bhutan's most impressive and well-known Dzongs and the finest example of Bhutanese architecture. Walk down to the old traditional wooden bridge where your car will pick you.

Overnight in Olathang Hotel. Built at the small hilltop in the middle of the pine trees overlooking the beautiful view of Paro valley. Built in 1974 for guest invited for Coronation of the present king, it's Bhutan largest Hotel

DAY 02: PARO-THIMPHU

After breakfast drive to Thimphu. The 61km drive from Paro to Thimphu is 2 hours along the bank of Pa Chu (river) and Wang chu. After lunch, visit Memorial Chorten (stupa) built in the memory of third king of Bhutan. National Library where ancient manuscripts are preserved. Also visit Handicraft Emporium to see and purchase the beautifully Bhutanese textiles and other high qualities of textiles from different part of Bhutan are available. Afternoon free and walk around the town of your own. Dinner at restaurant and a reception by your host. Overnight in Hotel.

DAY 03: THIMPHU- SIGHTSEEING

Full day sightseeing in Thimphu valley. Thimphu at the elevation of 2320mts with the population of about 40,000 people is the recent developed town. The days sightseeing starts with the visit to Dechen Phodrang monastery, the site of Thimphu's original Dzong (fortress). It is now the state monastic school where you will see lot of small little monks and Zilukha nunnery monastery. Then drive up to the broadcasting tower to view the whole Thimphu town and on the way back see the endangered rare species of animal in the world known as Takin, the National animal of Bhutan. Visit the Painting School where traditional art is still practiced through the instructions in the art of painting Thangkas (sacred Buddhist scrolls). Afternoon, visit Simtokha Dzong, the oldest Dzong in the country (built in 1629 AD). Opportunity to visit with some of the monks and observe life within the monastery. In the old days, the oldest son of every family was offered to a monastery where the child grew up as a monk. Even now, it is not uncommon for some families to continue the practice. And in the evening visit Tashichhodzong, the main secretariat building. This massive structure houses part of the Ministries, the offices of the King and the Throne Room. It also houses the State Monastic Body.

Dinner at the hotel and free evening

DAY 04: THIMPHU-TASHITHANG

A drive from Thimphu to Tashithang takes about 5hours. After an early breakfast, set out for Tashithang. On the way, stop at Dochula Pass (10,00 ft) for a hot cup of tea/coffee and to enjoy a spectacular view of the eastern Himalayan mountain ranges (on a clear day). After lunch, visit the Punakha Dzong which houses the district administration offices. It is also the winter residence of the State Monastic Body and its Chief Abbot, the Je Khenpo. Punakha was the former capital of Bhutan. The Dzong lies between two rivers, the Pho Chhu (Male River) and the Mo Chhu (Female River). This Dzong was built in 1637 AD.

Lunch at Hotel Zando Pelri. Continue drive to Tashithang. Overnight in camp.

DAY 05: TASHITHANG-GEON DAMJI

Today en-route through the high agriculture benches above the Mo Chu (Mo Chu means female river) into a lush semi-tropical gorge filled with banana trees and occasionally Takin (Bhutan's National Animal), Blue Sheep and monkey can be seen. Overnight in camp. Alt. 2,280m. Distance 17Kms.

DAY 06: GEON DAMJI-GASA TSACHHU (HOT SPRING)

The trail through villages, oak and pine forests. Gasa Dzong will be visible. The hot spring are by the bank of the stream with the pools and the shower rooms. The water temperature is 40 degree C. which is comfortably warm. Overnight in camp. Alt. 2,350m. Distance 21Kms.

DAY 07: GASA HOT SPRING [Halt]

After late breakfast relax take hot spring bath or scroll around the Gasa village and the Dzong. Overnight in camp.

DAY 08: GASA HOT SPRING-GEON DAMJI

After climb away from Gasa hot spring the trail winds through villages and fields. Distance 21Kms. Overnight in camp.

DAY 09: GEON DAMJI-TASHITHANG-ZOMLINGTHANG

The trail descends from the high agriculture fields to banana trees, creepers and an occasional you can see Blue Sheep. A short drives to Zomlingthang from Tashithang. Overnight in camp.

DAY 10: ZOMLINGTHANG-THIMPHU

Drive to Thimphu takes about 4hours. En-route across Dochula pass. From the pass if the weather is clear you will see beautiful views of the snow capped mountains. Rest at Dochula cafe for a cup of hot tea/coffee and snacks. Continue drive to Thimphu for lunch. Afternoon, sightseeing and shopping. Overnight in hotel.

DAY 11: THIMPHU-PARO [Departure]

Early breakfast and drive to Paro Airport for your onward departure flight.

Alternative Itinerary.

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DAY 01: ARRIVAL at PARO

Arrival at Paro Airport. Meet our representative and transfer to hotel. Overnight in hotel.

DAY 02: PARO – THIMPHU

Morning visit Drugyel Dzong, Satsam Chorten Monastery, Kyichu lhakhang and National Museum. Late evening drive to Thimphu. Overnight in hotel.

DAY 03: THIMPHU-TASHITHANG [Trekking]

Drive to Punakha takes about 3hours. On the way view the great Himalayan ranges from the Dochula pass. After lunch visit Punakha Dzong and continue drive to Tashithang. Overnight in camp.

DAY 04: TASHITHANG - GEON DAMJI [Trekking]

To day's hike is through the village of Geon above the Mo Chu river into a lush semi-tropical gorge filled with banana trees and occasionally encounters Takin, the national animal of Bhutan. Overnight in camp. Alt. 2,280m. Distance 15Kms.

DAY 05: GEON DAMJI - GASA HOT SPRING [Trekking]

The trail runs through the villages, fields, oak and pine forests. Overnight in camp. Alt. 2,350m. Distance 15Kms.

DAY 06: GASA HOT SPRING – HALT

Late breakfast and rest of the day relax in the Hot spring or walk around the Gasa village. Overnight in camp.

DAY 07: GASA HOT SPRING - GEON DAMJI [Trekking]

After short climb from Gasa Hot spring the trail winds through hillsides and villages. Distance 16Kms. Overnight in camp.

DAY 08: GEON DAMJI TASHITHANG / ZOMLINGTHANG [Trekking]

The trail descends from the village above the river into a lush semi-tropical gorge till Tashithang. Drive down to Zomling than. Overnight in camp.

DAY 09: ZOMLINGTHANG – THIMPHU

Drive to Thimphu takes about 4hours via Dochula pass. From the pass if the weather is clear you will see beautiful views of the snow capped mountains. Continue drive to Thimphu. Afternoon visit the Memorial Chorten, Nunnery Monastery, and Handicraft Emporium. Overnight in hotel.

DAY 10: THIMPHU - PARO [Departure]

Early breakfast and drive to Paro Airport for your onward departure flight.

Important: Before you travel please check your **Tour Voucher** and **Arrival Information** for the latest joining instructions. This will be sent to you upon receipt of final payment.

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