



Cultural Tour & Wedding Ceremony Programme for 4N/5D

Day 1 – Bangkok to Paro

Paro (alt. 2200m/7218ft) - The beautiful valley of Paro encapsulates within itself a rich culture, scenic beauty and hundreds of myths and legends. It is home to many of Bhutan's oldest temples and monasteries, National Museum and country's only airport. The flight to Paro is considered one of the most spectacular flight experiences in the world. While flying in and out of Bhutan, one can see Mt. Everest, Kanchenjunga, Makula, and other high peaks such as Jumolhari and Jichu Drakey.



A representative from **Kidh-Chong Travels** will receive you at the airport.

Drive to Thimphu capital city for about 1 hour and visit following places:

Lunch at local restaurant

After Lunch you can go and visit the mesmerizing festival of Thimphu at Thimphu fortress.



Visit Thimphu tshechu (festival) which is one the most spectacular festival in Bhutan. Thimphu tshechu was initiated by the 4th Desi, Gyalse Tenzin Rabgay in 1867 and during the rule of Third King of Bhutan (Jigme Dorji Wangchuk), some changes were introduced in Thimphu tshechu during 1950s. People all over Bhutan come to witness the festival and before the festival is started a days and nights of ritual is done to invoke the Gods and Deities.

Take some time off and visit **Tashichhoe Dzong (fortress)**. Dates back to 17th century and built under the order of Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyel. And its summer residence of Dratshang (official monk body) and it houses the secretariat building, throne room and the office of King.

Overnight in Thimphu



Day 2 - Thimphu- Punakha Wedding Day

Breakfast at Hotel



Drive to Punakha Valley another district in Bhutan takes almost 3 hours drive to reach. While driving towards Punakha you will pass through a pass called **Dochula (3100m)** where almost all the northern high peaks can be seen in panoramic view but if climate favors the sky.

Visit following places:

Lunch at local restaurant

- 1) **Dochula**
Pass between Thimphu and Punakha, if the weather favors you can see splendid panoramic view of Himalayan Mountains covered with snow from Dochula and the 108 stupa.
- 2) **Chimi Lhakang (temple)**
It's a pleasant 20 minute walk across the fields and the yellowed roofed Chimi Lhakhang was built in 1499 by the cousin of Lama Drukpa Kuenley in his honor after he subdued the demoness of the nearby Dochula pass with his 'magic thunderbolt of wisdom'.
- 3) **Punakha Dzong (fortress)**
The heavenly fort on earth which is second oldest and largest fort in the Kingdom. It was established in 17th century under the order of Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyel fulfilling the prophecy of Guru Rimpoche. Zhabdrung established a monk body with 600 monks in Punakha Dzong and passed away in Punakha Dzong in 1651. The fort is used for winter residence for Dratshang (official monk body).



***** Wedding ceremony will be held either at CHIMI LHAKHANG or PUNAKHA DZONG, with arranged Photoshoot and video shoot and blessing from Lama*****

*****Overnight in Punakha*****

Day 3 - Punakha- Paro

*****Breakfast at Hotel*****



Drive to Paro is about 5 hours and after reaching **Paro** which is another district in Bhutan is widest valley compared to other valleys in Bhutan.

Visit following places in Paro:

*****Lunch at local restaurant*****

1) **Paro Taa Dzong (museum)**

At the top of the hill above Paro Ringpung Dzong is an old Watchtower which was built in 17th century to watch over the Paro Ringpung Dzong and now turned into national museum of Bhutan.

2) **Paro Kyichu Lhakhang (temple)**

Dates back to 7th century, built by Songtshen Gyongpo who is said to be the first great Tibetan Buddhist King. The two great renowned 7th century temple built by Songtshen Gyongpo can be found in Bhutan, Jambay Lhakhang in Bumthang (towards central part of Bhutan) and another one in Paro Kyichu Lhakhang.



Reaching up on Hotel and before dinner there will be small celebration of marriage ceremony.

Overnight in Paro

Day 4- Paro- Paro Tigers Nest

Breakfast at Hotel



Bhutan's most scenic icon or the most important landmark; Taktshang clings to the side of a steep cliff which is 800 meters above Paro valley. The landmark was first visited by great Indian saint know as Guru Rimpoche, founder of tantric form of Buddhism in Himalayan regions in 8th century. It is believed that he meditated there for three months and three days in order to overcome great evil forces. The original temple was built in 17th century but tragically, it was consumed by fire in 1998. Like a phoenix, the temple was rebuilt to its fullest glory in 2003. Taktshang is considered to be the 10th holiest place in the world.



Lunch at Taktshang Cafeteria

After a day hike Farm House visit and hot stone bath

Overnight in Paro

Day 5 - Paro to Bangkok

Breakfast at Hotel

Drive to airport for departure

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