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This Sustainable Tour catalogue is designed to curate a unique set of tour packages and list of tour operators and hotels from Bhutan selected under the sustainability certifications under SUSTOUR supported by ABTO, Switch Asia, ECEAT and Travelife. The project doesn't stop here, but will continue to add more Travelife trained tour operators and Bhutan Green Hotel Standard awarded hotels.

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WELCOME TO BHUTAN

Bhutan, renowned for its majestic landscapes and unique cultural experiences, is now more accessible than ever for travelers, thanks to several key improvements in travel procedures. We now have a simplified visa process, reduced the Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) to USD100 per day, and increased flight options to imporve travel convenience.

Simplified Visa Process:

Bhutan requires that all visitors have a visa, which can be applied for using a new online visa application system.

Typically, visas are processed within five working days, allowing for easier travel planning. The visas valid for up to 90 days. Visitors (except those from India, Bangladesh, and the Maldives*), must obtain a visa prior to arrival. The application includes the daily Sustainable Development Fee and a USD 40 visa processing fee. The process is flexible, allowing applicants to apply directly online or through a tour operator or hotel. There is no cap on visitor numbers to Bhutan, and everyone is welcome.

Self-application for a travel visa is convenient, requiring tourists to fill out an online form with essential documents:

- 1) A digital copy of a valid passport
- 2) A recent digital passport photo
- 3) Arrival and departure dates
- 4) Valid travel insurance for the duration of planned travel
- 5) Payment information





THE SUSTOUR PROJECT

The SUSTOUR Bhutan project is an innovative and practical approach to improving Sustainable Consumption and Production in Bhutan's tourism sector. Including all of the tourism value chain: tour operators, hotels, restaurants, guides and transportation, the project has introduced international standards of awards and certification as well as developed low carbon and carbon neutral tourism packages with strong international market appeal.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, tourism was the most significant source of foreign income and a key economic driver in Bhutan. In the first two years of the implementation SUSTOUR Bhutan project, the COVID-19 pandemic influenced the implementation of the project tremendously. In 2021 no foreign tourists visited the country. For most of the initial two years of the project Bhutan had been closed for visitors, and most Tour Operators had to close their businesses, and staff stayed home. By spring 2022, tourism was on the brink of collapse in the country, and desperately needed a comprehensive recovery pathway. Based on Bhutan's sustainable and green country image, one of the main pathways for Bhutan tourism industry is to become even greener, to benefit wider communities and be more resilient. The goal is for Bhutan to brand itself as the world's greenest and most responsible travel destination.

The project's aim is to contribute to a sustainable, inclusive and resilient tourism development in Bhutan. The SUSTOUR Bhutan project supports Bhutan's transformation towards a green economy by enhancing the sustainability and competitiveness of tourism as a key sector. At national level the project supports an enabling environment to improve Bhutan's Sustainable Consumption and Production policies, by supporting the development and implementation of Green Standards, training courses and tools. The project supports a Green Financing scheme supporting hotels, suppliers and small projects.

At district level the SUSTOUR project supports the development of sustainable inclusive and resilient destinations through 16 low-carbon tourism products, like the Taktsang monastery area in Paro and the areas around the Dzongs in Thimphu, Paro and Punakha, the Cheri and Tango monasteries and the Paro airport. At this level 100 hotels have been trained to go green. Around 200 of their suppliers are being trained as well. Besides the hotels, almost 100 tour operators are trained to become greener. At the project best practices will be shared in the South Asia region.

During the first year, a large part of the project focus was on the conditions, criteria and tools at national, destination and individual enterprise levels. This needed further development and strengthening in the second year. The second year involved establishing networks, internet data bases, and informing stakeholders, as well as establishing documentation protocols. In the third and fourth year, the focus was on strengthening stakeholders, at all three levels in Bhutan (national, destination and individual enterprise level), and initiating work at the international regional level. In a Green Financing Scheme for micro and small enterprises initial reviews have been conducted for Bhutan specifically, but also other countries in the region. In 2022, several organizations and people were met to discuss a Green Financing Roundtable. These roundtable meetings have been organized successfully in 2022 and 2023.

In the first years of the project, an EU and regional market assessment was conducted. Additionally, a comprehensive outbound and inbound tour operator survey (100+ companies) assists in understanding Bhutan's competitive landscape and brand proposition positioning. In 2022, several possible travel package carbon management and compensation tools have been reviewed, and a thorough and implementable system for Bhutan is almost finalized. It supports the 16 low-carbon products in Paro, Thimphu and Punakha valleys, and calculates their carbon footprint as part this project.

Finally at the national level, the SUSTOUR project and DOT have been reviewing the Green Destinations approach, together with the Green Destinations organization. A mixed team of government and private sector SUSTOUR related organizations visited the Green Destination Days in Athens, Greece in September 2022.

In the first years of the project (2020/2021), an initial Value Chain Analysis was conducted online. When the team could visit the districts in 2022, value chain data from almost 50 tour operators and 30 hotels, and about their main suppliers in Paro, Thimphu and Punakha valleys was gathered and compiled. During all the visits to the districts meetings were organized to study the waste management situation in the three valleys, Paro, Thimphu and Punakha and improvement plans were proposed.

SUSTOUR aims to replicate and scale-up the successful project practices to the wider South Asian region. Exchange of experiences and trainings are part of the work packages. Through the international networks of ECEAT and the project partners, lessons learned and standard and (training) tools developed will be disseminated in South Asian countries. These dissemination activities are planned for the second half of 2024 and the beginning of 2025.

By combining international and local expertise with an extensive stakeholder engagement process, the SUS-TOUR project ensures broad support for three worldclass initiatives, as examples of the current results of the project:

1. Tour Operator Awards!

Since 2021, more than 90 tour operators have participated in SUSTOUR Travelife workshops to prepare their sustainability reports, strengthening their business operations and become better travel businesses. We are proud to announce that the first 16 companies have successfully been awarded Travelife PARTNER status!

2. Bhutan Green Hotels Standard

An amazing World First, the SUSTOUR project has developed Bhutan Green Hotel standard, which will be applied to every accommodation in Bhutan! Aligned with international standards and developed since 2017 through extensive stakeholder engagement and testing, this will make Bhutan the first country in the world to have a country-wide sustainability assessment system for hotels.

3. Low Carbon and Carbon Neutral Tourism Packages

In recognition of Bhutan's unique and extensive approach to sustainability, the SUSTOUR project is piloting a Greenhouse Gas calculation system that can be applied to business operations and tourism packages. The first output is the assessment of 16 tourism products, for example, Taktsang, Punakha Tshechu, Haa homestays and the Paro International Airport.

Sustainability and Net Zero Carbon tourism products are the hottest topic in international tourism, the SUSTOUR project has introduced world-class practices and tools to Bhutan. The launch of these initiatives is expected to generate strong interest in Bhutan's tourism products by travel media, online travel agents and traditional operators.







TOUR PACKAGES

Embark on an eco-conscious adventure with our Sustainable Bhutan Tour Package, designed to immerse you in the Kingdom's rich culture while minimizing your environmental footprint. Traverse serene landscapes, visit traditional villages, and experience mindful interactions with locals. Stay in eco-friendly accommodations that prioritize sustainable practices, from waste reduction to energy conservation.

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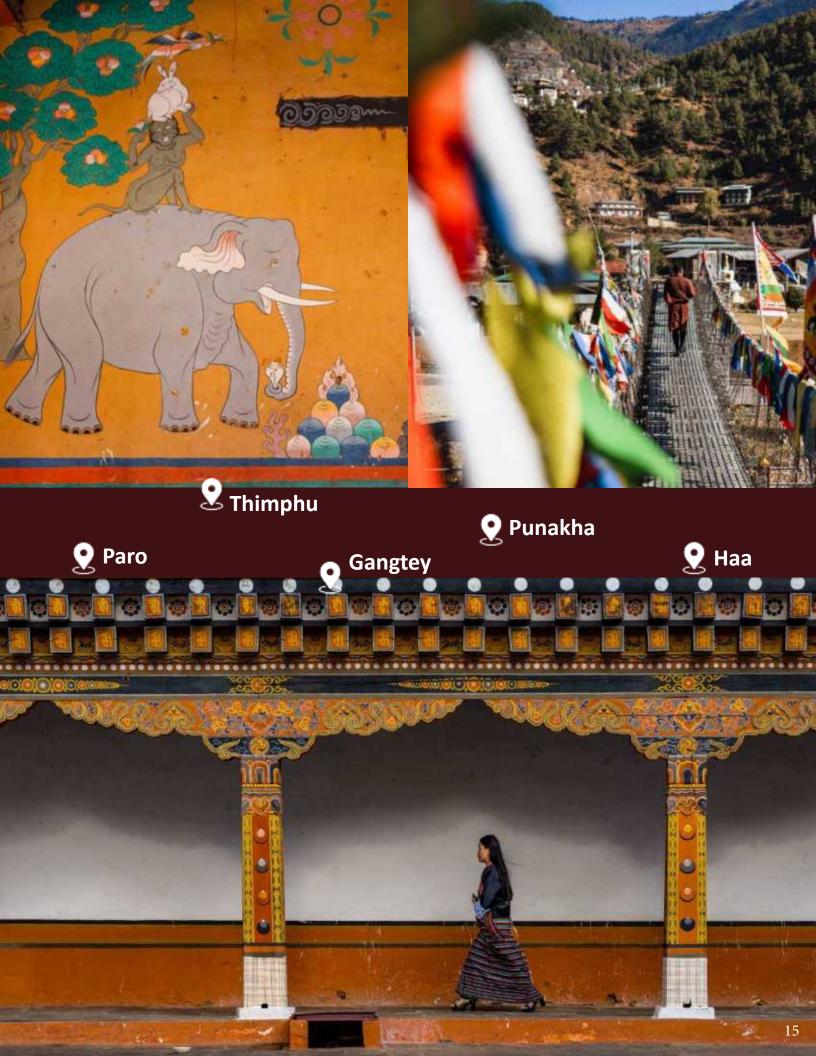


CLASSIC BHUTAN Tour Package

Embark on a timeless journey with our Classic Bhutan Tour Package, showcasing the best of the Land of the Thunder Dragon. Begin in Paro, where the iconic Tiger's Nest Monastery perches dramatically on a cliff. Explore Thimphu, Bhutan's vibrant capital, blending modernity with tradition as you visit the majestic Tashichho Dzong and the lively local markets. Journey to Punakha, a valley adorned with terraced fields and the impressive Punakha Dzong, a symbol of Bhutanese architecture. Immerse yourself in the spiritual and cultural heritage, witness traditional festivals, and savor the scenic beauty of Bhutan's valleys. This classic itinerary offers an unforgettable glimpse into Bhutan's enchanting landscapes and timeless traditions.

SUSTOUR recommended Low Carbon Tour Operation

Tour: Classic Bhutan Total In-country Carbon Footprint per person =176kgCO2e Reduction since 2019 average tour operation = -63%





DRUK PATH TREK *Tour Package*

Walk the trails on the mesmerizing Druk Path Trek in Bhutan, a journey that unfolds like a living painting. As you ascend through pristine forests of rhododendrons and alpine meadows, each step reveals breathtaking panoramas of the majestic Himalayas. The trail leads to shimmering mountain lakes, like the tranquil Jimilang Tsho, reflecting the azure sky and snow-capped peaks. En route, ancient dzongs and monasteries whisper tales of Bhutanese history, adding cultural richness to the scenic tapestry. The climax awaits at the iconic Taktsang Monastery, perched dramatically on a cliff, rewarding trekkers with a sense of accomplishment and awe-inspiring views. Druk Path Trek epitomizes Bhutan's natural grandeur, weaving spirituality, and adventure into an unforgettable high-altitude odyssey.

SUSTOUR recommended Low Carbon Tour Operation

Tour: Druk Path Trek Total In-country Carbon Footprint per person =118kgCO2e Reduction since 2019 average tour operation = -65%

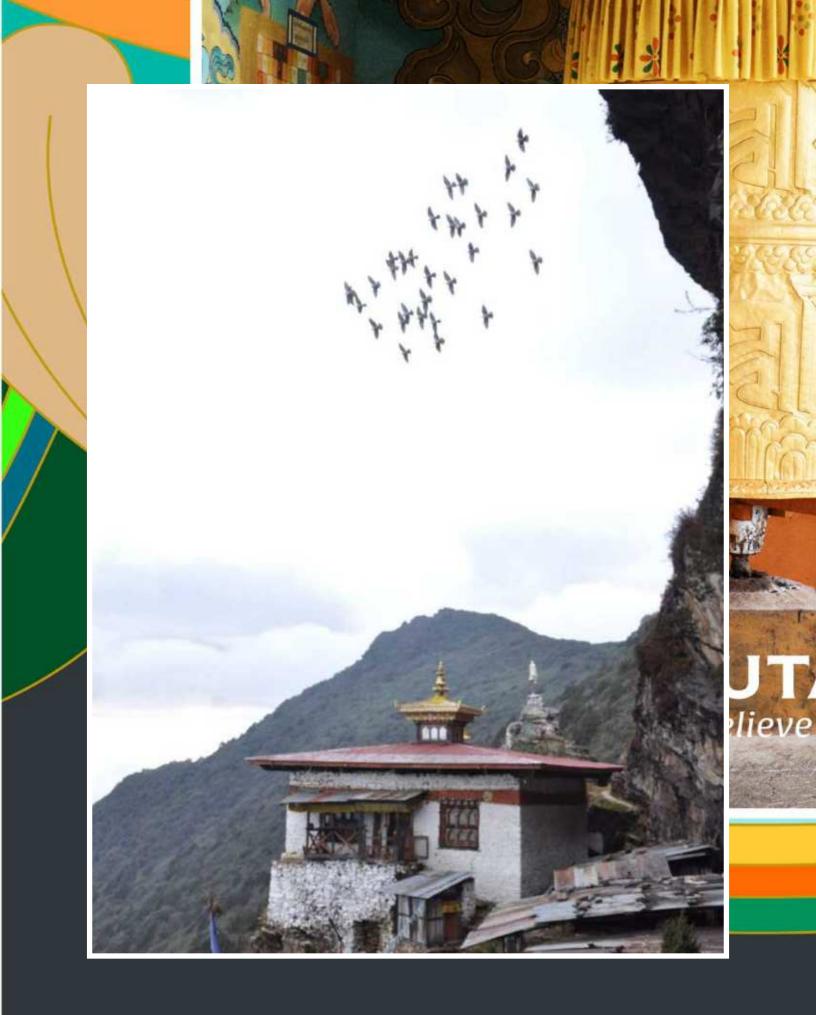






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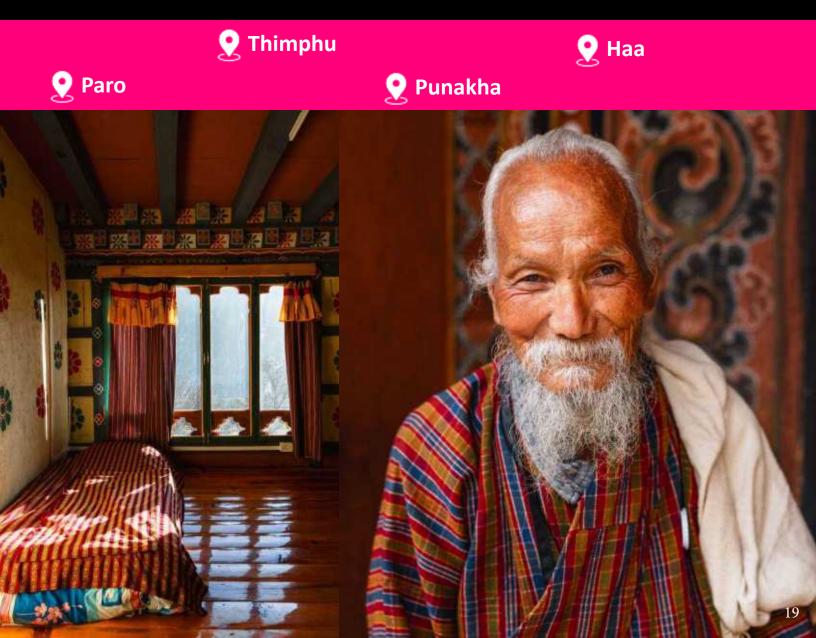
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DISCOVER BHUTAN *Tour Package*

Embark on an enriching journey discovering the authetic side to Bhutan, delving into the heart of this Himalayan kingdom through its distinct flavors, heritage, and community spirit. Immerse yourself in gastronomic delights during immersive food tours, savoring Bhutanese cuisine in local eateries. Uncover the kingdom's rich history through curated museum visits, exploring artifacts that narrate Bhutan's unique cultural evolution. Engage with local communities, participating in traditional activities, and forging meaningful connections. This holistic itinerary promises an authentic exploration of Bhutan, blending culinary discoveries, museum insights, and community engagement to unveil a unique tapestry of the kingdom's charm. Join us for an unforgettable voyage into Bhutan's vibrant culture and hospitality.

SUSTOUR recommended Low Carbon Tour Operation

Tour: Discover Bhutan Total In-country Carbon Footprint per person =116kgCO2e Reduction since 2019 average tour operation = -56%



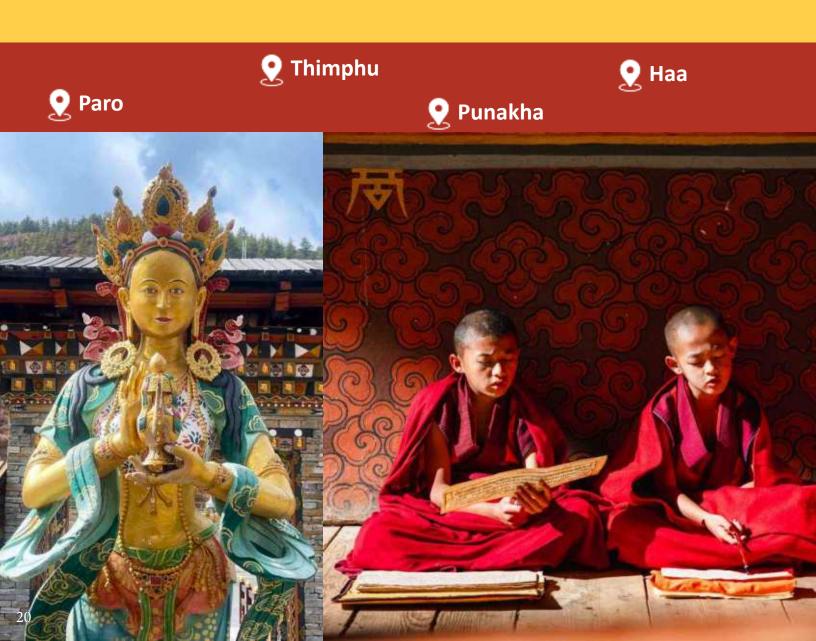
Betieve HEART OF THE HIMALAYAS *Tour Package*

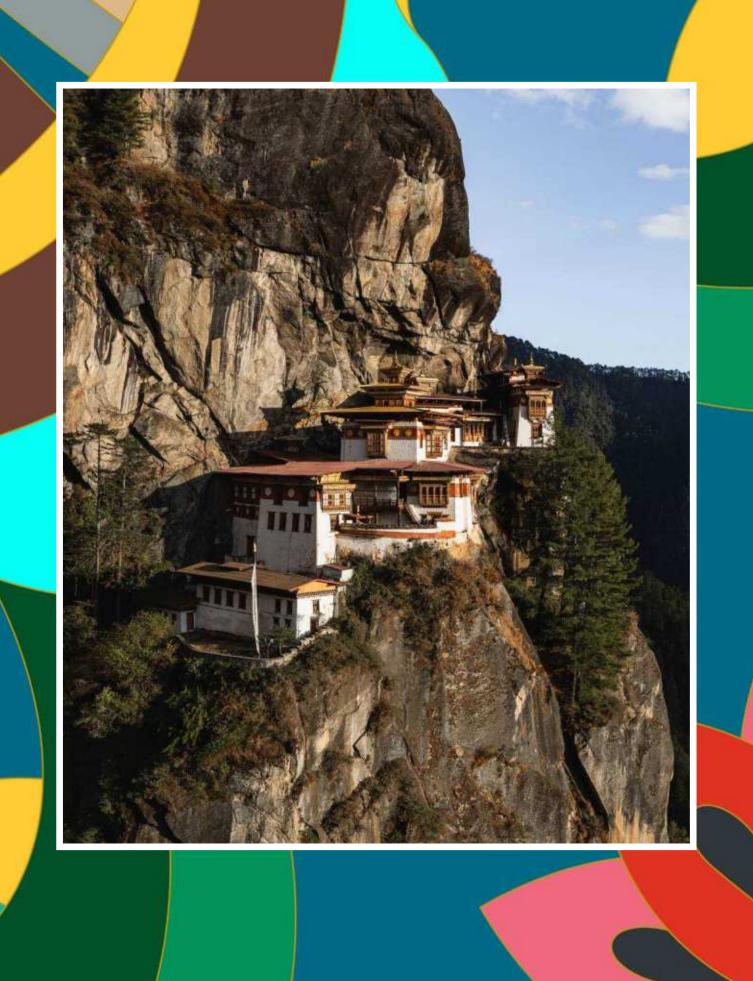
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Embark on a soul-enriching spiritual sojourn in Bhutan. Traverse the serene landscapes of Paro, Thimphu, and Punakha to discover ancient temples and monasteries nestled amidst the Himalayas. Explore the iconic Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched dramatically on a cliff, and feel the spiritual energy of Kyichu Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's oldest temples. Dive into the cultural heart of Thimphu with visits to Tashichho Dzong and the revered Changangkha Lhakhang. In Punakha, absorb the tranquility of Chimi Lhakhang and the grandeur of Punakha Dzong. This curated journey promises a harmonious blend of breathtaking landscapes and divine spirituality, offering a fulfilling and transformative experience in the mystical kingdom of Bhutan.

SUSTOUR recommended Low Carbon Tour Operation

Tour: Heart of the Himalaya Total In-country Carbon Footprint per person =104kgCO2e Reduction since 2019 average tour operation = -60%





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BHUTAN IN STYLE *Tour Package*

Enjoy a vibrant exploration of Bhutan's Textile Tapestry tour package, delving into the kingdom's rich artistic heritage. Immerse yourself in the intricate world of Bhutanese textiles with visits to traditional weaving centers and local artisans. Witness the creation of Kishuthara and other exquisite fabrics, connecting with the skilled hands preserving centuries-old techniques. Dive into Thimphu's emerging fashion scene, discovering contemporary expressions rooted in tradition. Engage with local artists in their ateliers, unveiling Bhutan's dynamic artistry. This curated journey blends cultural immersion with a celebration of Bhutanese craftsmanship, offering an enchanting tapestry of textiles, fashion, and artistry that defines the kingdom's unique creative spirit.

SUSTOUR recommended Low Carbon Tour Operation Tour: Bhutan in Style Total In-country Carbon Footprint per person =144kgCO2e Reduction since 2019 average tour operation = -62%

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SUSTOUR's Selected Best Products

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THIMPHU

Nestled in the heart of the Himalayas, Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan, captivates tourists with its unique blend of tradition and modernity. Surrounded by lush hills, the cityscape is adorned with colorful traditional architecture, including the iconic Tashichho Dzong. Here are SUSTOUR's selected products for Thimphu.

1. NORTHERN CITY CENTRE

FOLK HERITAGE MUSEUM

Set in a traditional farmhouse, it displays artifacts, tools, and exhibits depicting Bhutanese daily life, offering visitors an immersive journey into the kingdom's rich cultural heritage.

TASHICHHODZONG

Tashichhodzong, Thimphu's fortress-monastery, exemplifies Bhutanese architecture. A sacred site, it houses government offices, monks, and the king's throne.

ROYAL TEXTILE MUSEUM

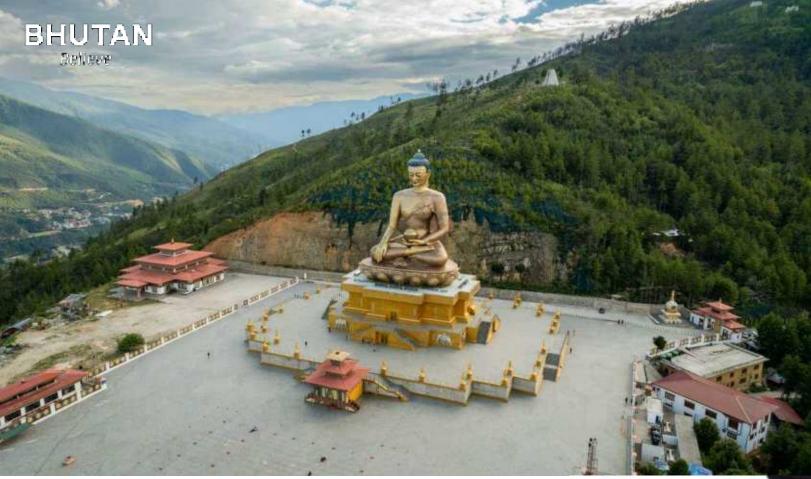
The Royal Textile Museum in Thimphu, Bhutan, showcases the kingdom's rich textile heritage. The museum exhibits an extensive collection of textiles, garments, and artifacts, providing visitors insight into the intricate artistry and cultural significance of Bhutanese weaving.

ZORIG CHUSUM

The Traditional School of 13 Arts and Crafts in Thimphu, Bhutan, preserves and imparts traditional Bhutanese arts. Students learn a range of skills, from painting and sculpture to woodworking and weaving.







2. Kuenselphodrang - The Buddha Dordenma Statue

The Buddha Dordenma statue in Thimphu, Bhutan, stands at 169 feet, symbolizing peace and happiness. Adorned in gold and overlooking the valley, it is a majestic embodiment of Bhutan's devotion to Buddhism and spiritual prosperity.

3. DRUK PATH/PHOJODING MONASTERY

The Druk Path Trail explores ancient paths above Paro and Thimphu Valleys. Crossing alpine lakes and sacred mountain temples, the trail arrives at Phojoding Monastery right above the capital city.

4. ТНІМРНИ ТЅНЕСНИ

Thimphu Tshechu festival features lively masked dances, religious rituals, and the unfurling of sacred Thongdrels, fostering spiritual devotion and community unity

5. TANGO & CHARI MONASTERIES

These two monasteries perched on the mountains of northern Thimphu takes guest on beautiful pine and fir forest hikes.





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PUNAKHA

Amid Bhutan's verdant hills, Punakha Valley captivates with its stunning beauty. Lush rice fields, meandering rivers, and ancient monasteries like Punakha Dzong paint a picturesque landscape. Known for its cultural richness and tranquil ambiance, the valley beckons travelers to immerse in Bhutan's timeless charm.

6. DOCHULA PASS

Dochula Pass, situated at 3,100 meters in Bhutan, offers breathtaking panoramic views of the Himalayas. Adorned with 108 chortens, it is a serene mountain pass and a popular stopover.

7. PUNAKHA DZONG

Punakha Dzong, a majestic fortress in Bhutan, stands at the confluence of the Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers. Adorned with intricate Bhutanese architecture, vibrant frescoes, and housing sacred relics, it is a spiritual and cultural centerpiece, echoing the nation's rich heritage.

8. Chhimi Lhakhang

Chimi Lhakhang, known as the "Fertility Temple," is a quaint Bhutanese shrine dedicated to Drukpa Kunley.

9. PUNAKHA DOMCHHEN

This festival also showcases a unique warrior festival during its first day. Local Bhutanese take part dressed as ancient Pazaps.

PARO

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Paro, Bhutan's historic town, is nestled in a lush valley. With its iconic Tiger's Nest Monastery perched on a cliff, traditional architecture, and vibrant markets, Paro offers a perfect blend of cultural richness and natural beauty, inviting tourists into the heart of Bhutan's charm.

10. PARO TOUR (DZONG, MUSUEM, TOWN)

Begin at Paro Dzong, an architectural marvel housing sacred relics. Immerse in Bhutanese history at the Paro Museum, showcasing artifacts and traditions. Wander through the charming Paro town, discovering vibrant markets and traditional Bhutanese architecture. This curated journey blends spiritual richness, cultural exploration, and the warmth of local hospitality, offering a glimpse into the soul of Bhutan. Join us for an enchanting experience in the heart of Paro's cultural tapestry.

11. PARO TSHECHU

Paro Tshechu Festival that takes place in spring is one of those unique festivals in Bhutan that has a ceremony unfurling an ancient Thongdrel (Tapestry) of Guru Rinpochhe for the public only once every year.

12. CHELELA & KILA GOENPA

Enjoy breathtaking mountain views from Chelela Pass & visit the ancient nunnery on the cliff.





13. PARO TAKTSHANG

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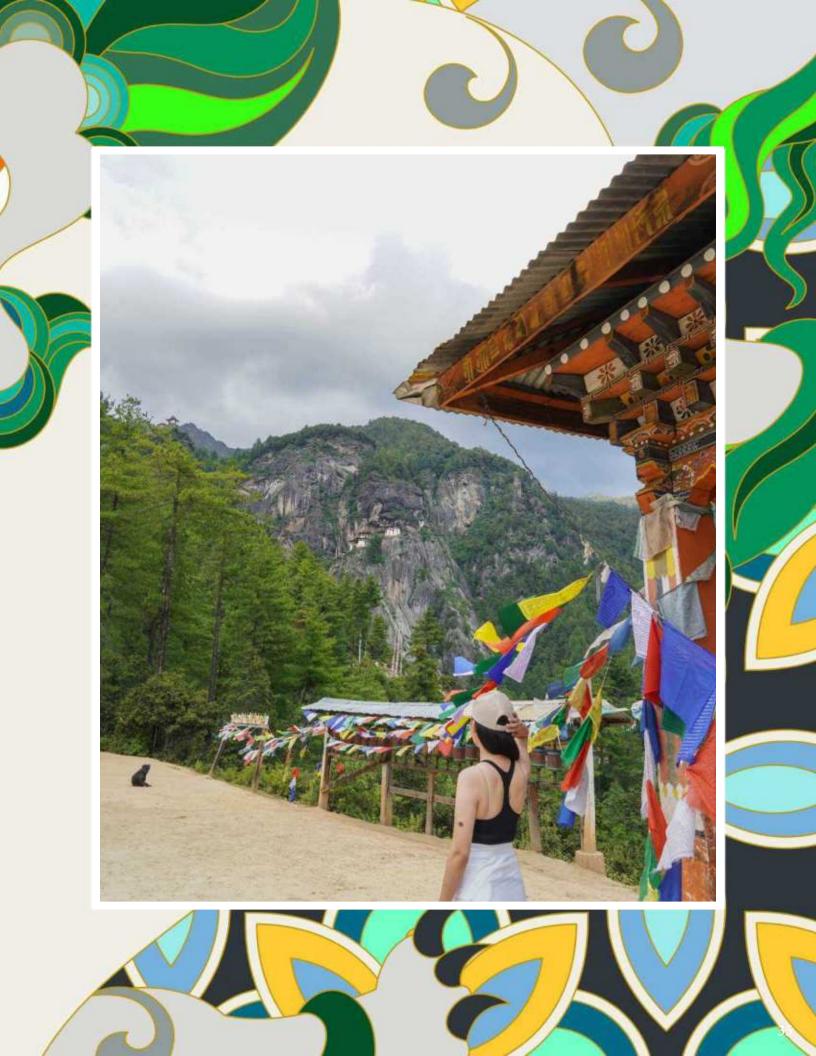
Paro Taktshang, or Tiger's Nest Monastery, clings daringly to a cliff in Bhutan. A sacred pilgrimage site, the monastery offers breathtaking views of Paro Valley. Legend tells of Guru Rinpoche's flight on a tiger to meditate here, infusing the site with spiritual significance.

14. PARO AIRPORT

Paro International Airport, Bhutan's sole international airport, is nestled between mountains. Renowned for its challenging approach, it offers a unique landing experience, surrounded by stunning Himalayan landscapes

15. HAA HOMESTAYS

Nestled in the serene community of Haa, the traditional homestays offer an authentic Bhutanese experience. Immerse yourself in local culture, savoring homecooked meals, and sharing stories with warm hosts. This is not just accommodation; it's a doorway to genuine Bhutanese living.







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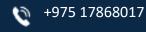
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Company Bio:

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Equipped with a team of dedicated professionals and supported by an excellent infrastructure, we are committed to offering you the very best. We will guide you to all that is special about Bhutan, whether it is gazing at beautiful snowcapped mountains, attending the Kingdom's colorful festivals or simply the charm and gracious hospitality of the people. Mindful of the fragility of the natural environment, our aim is to "take nothing but photographs and leave nothing but footprints" when introducing our visitors to this small, green Himalayan jewel – Bhutan. Let us help you begin your journey into an enchanted realm.





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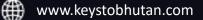








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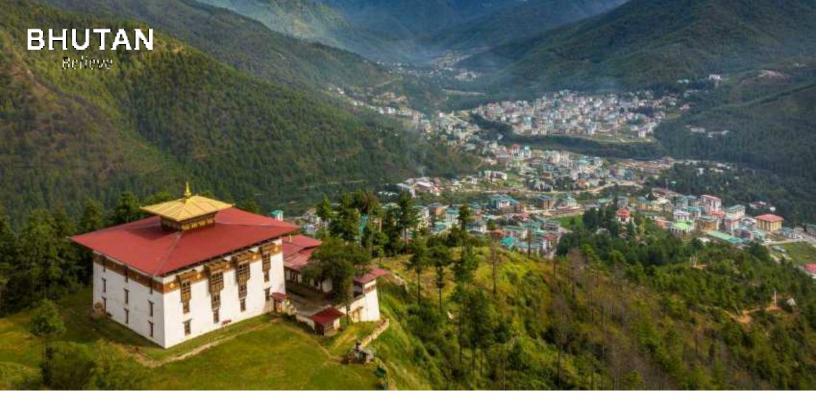


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Windhorse Tours, Treks & Expeditions

Established in 1999, Wind Horse Tours, Treks & Expeditions has become a leading adventure travel outftter. Specializing in small group journeys and personalized private trips to Bhutan, we pride ourselves on being a trusted inbound travel partner. Our diverse range of activities encompasses Culture Tours, Trekking Tours, Adventure Tours, and Festival Tours. As a company, we are locally owned and managed by partners. deeply connected to the region.

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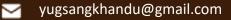




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Additionally, helps to explore Bhutan's ubique form of Buddhism and its culture through the awe-inspiring Dzongs (Fortresses), Tsechus (religious festivals), and interactions with locals.

We strive to create meaningful and authentic experiences that allow our clients to comment with the country and its people on a deeper level.

We provide our clients with guides who are specialized and knowledgeable in a wide range of languages and different cultures and backgrounds, ensuring that our guests have a comfortable and enjoyable stay in Bhutan.



Authentic Bhutan Tours

Authentic Bhutan Tours is a premier travel company specializing in both inbound travel experiences witin Bhutan. Our expertise spans diverse realms, including adventure travel, family holidays, luxury getaways, wellness retreats, festivals and religious pilgrimages, and cultural explorations.We cater to a wide range of clients especially European and Americans, offering personalized services that resonate with their unique preferences and interests.

With a commitment to providing exceptional experiences, our curated tours showcase Bhutan's rich cultural heritage, pristine landscapes, and spiritual traditions. Our team of knowledgeable guides ensures an immersive journey, emphasizing authenticity and sustainability tours.

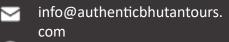


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The long experience of the team and the passion for travel combined with care of your needs, enables us to deliver trips that imbues the magical nature of Bhutan, world class comfort and life changing interactions. These interactions with the locals have been woven into the spirit of our trips that not only enriches the journey but also simultaneously gives back holistically to these places and their people. This is our speciality – the essence of our originality





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REDUCING YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

How SUSTOURS achieves a low carbon footprint and sustainable tourism practice through their unique approach to tours in Bhutan

Sustainable Driving Practices in Bhutan

By mandating a lower speed limit, Bhutan effectively reduces vehicular emissions, contributing to cleaner air and a reduction in noise pollution. This creates a more pleasant and healthy environment for both residents and visitors, preserving the tranquility and purity that Bhutan is known for.

EV Fleets on all Tours

Using Electric Vehicles (EVs) during tours in Bhutan offers significant benefits aligned with the nation's sustainability ethos. EVs reduce carbon emissions, supporting Bhutan's commitment to remaining carbon neutral and preserving its pristine environment. This is crucial for maintaining the clean air and natural beauty that attract tourists.

Stay at Certified Bhutan Green Hotels

Staying in certified green hotels in Bhutan supports environmental conservation through energy efficiency and use of renewable resources, enriches your travel experience by immersing you in authentic Bhutanese culture, and promotes local economies by sourcing locally. It also encourages sustainable travel practices, aligning your visit with Bhutan's commitment to sustainability and Gross National Happiness.

Human Powered Activity per day for a minimum of 1.5 hours

Human-powered activities during tours in

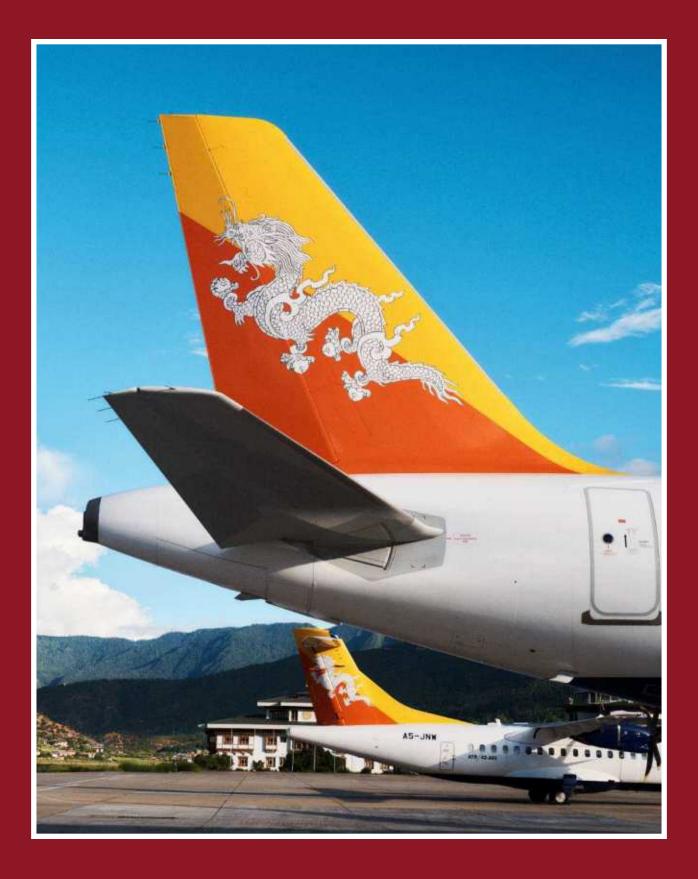
Bhutan, such as hiking and biking, directly contribute to sustainable tourism by minimizing carbon emissions and environmental impact. These activities promote health and wellness, offer immersive cultural and natural experiences, and support local economies by engaging with community-based services, embodying Bhutan's principles of environmental conservation and Gross National Happiness.

Locally Owned Accommodations & Restaurants

Staying in local hotels and dining at local restaurants in Bhutan enriches the tourism experience by fostering authentic cultural exchanges and providing insights into Bhutanese lifestyle and cuisine. It supports local economies, sustains traditional crafts and culinary heritage, and promotes sustainable tourism practices by reducing the carbon footprint associated with international chains.

For more infomation regarding the Bhutan Low Carbon Tours, please contact SUSTOUR.





A DESTINATION LIKE NO OTHER

Bhutan Believe

Bhutan's new national brand: "Bhutan Believe", underscores our nation's belief in a better future, led by wisdom from our past. The national tagline for Bhutan – Believe – is about believing in the future of Bhutan, as well as the potential, possibilities and opportunities that Bhutan offers in a rapidly evolving world. It's also about believing in the values, the capabilities, the contributions and the potential of our citizens. Our visitor manifesto sums up this optimism with the message: "We see a bright future. And we believe in our ability and responsibility to realise it together, and shine as a beacon of possibility in the world." The hope is we become what we believe in. We are asked to believe in ourselves, in our worth, in Bhutan's future, with hope and conviction.



Reduced Sustainable Development Fee

The Sustainable Development Fee (SDF), serves as a daily contribution by tourists towards the nation's development. The SDF is utilized transparently and responsibly by the Royal Government of Bhutan. This fund aids various sectors such as healthcare, education, environment, culture, and economy, fostering long-term sustainable opportunities for Bhutanese citizens.

As a carbon-neutral nation, Bhutan leverages the SDF to uphold its exceptional forest cover and carbon neutrality, ensuring a serene experience for visitors. Last September, Bhutan introduced a 50% reduction in the SDF rate, effective until August 31, 2027, with incentives for children. The new rates are USD 100 per adult per night; while children between the ages of 6 and who have not yet turned 12 pay a reduced rate of USD 50 per night. Children who have not yet turned six years old do not pay any SDF fee. The revised fee structure enhances Bhutan's appeal as an environmentally conscious and welcoming destination.

Increased Flight Options

Bhutan's airlines, Drukair and Bhutan Airlines, have expanded their flight options, providing increased accessibility to the kingdom with non-stop/transit flights connecting India, Singapore, Thailand, Nepal and Bangladesh to Paro International Airport. Soon, Bhutan Airlines will also start flights to Paro from Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. It was also recently announced that Bhutan has signed an Air Service Agreement with the Government of the State of Kuwait. The expansion of connectivity aligns with Bhutan's dedication to accommodating the escalating demand from travelers, ensuring a seamless and enriching experience for all.

For more information about Bhutan, visit www.bhutan.travel *Guests from India can obtain a permit online or on arrival. Guests from Maldives and Bangladesh can get a visa on arrival.