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Land of Thunder Dragon



*“...of gross national happiness
and thunder dragons...”*

*Bhutan is a land where the
past and the contemporary
co-exist in harmony, a recipe
that makes a journey
undeniably amazing.*

*It is a country with a
different face, a different story
to tell, and where gross
national happiness is more
important than gross national
product.*





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- 4000
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- 2000
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- 400
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- Capital City
- Town / City
- National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary
- Major Airport
- Minor Airport
- Road
- River
- State Boundary
- International Boundary

Bhutan

Not to Scale





Thimphu

THE ENRICHING CAPITAL CITY

Established as the capital in 1961, Thimphu has a youthful exuberance that constantly challenges the country's conservatism and proud tradition. The ever-present juxtaposition of old and new is just one of its appealing qualities. Crimson-robed monks, Indian labourers, gho- and kira-clad professionals and camera-wielding tourists all ply the pot-holed pavements, skirt packs of sleeping dogs, and spin the prayer wheels of Clock tower Square, and nobody, it seems, is in a hurry.

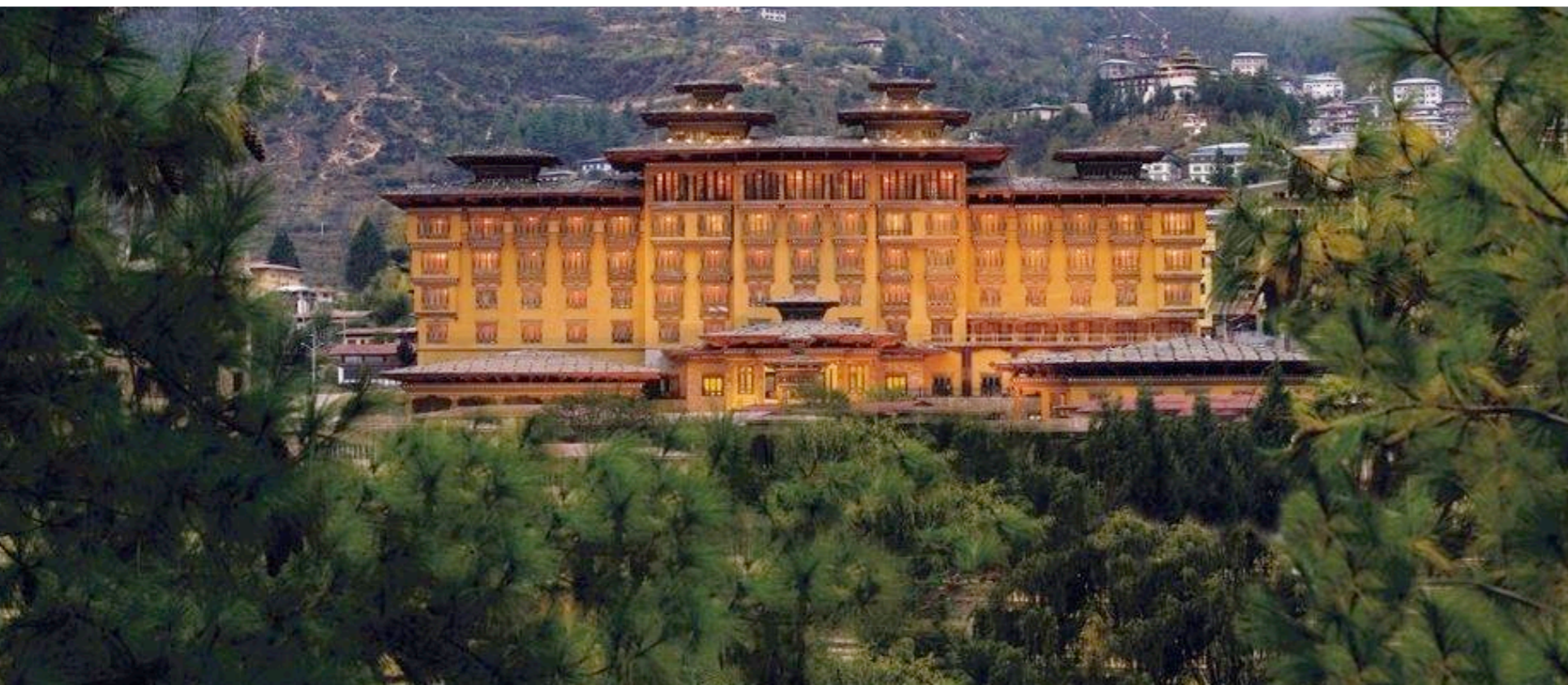
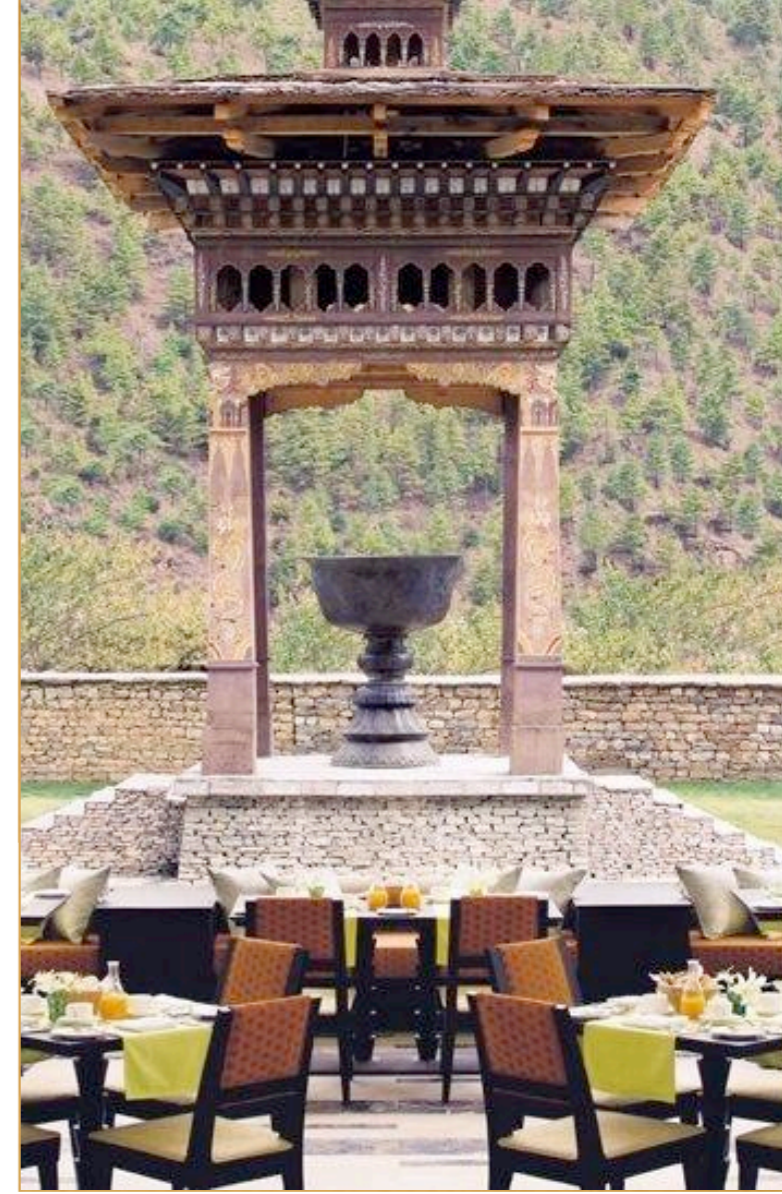


DISCOVER

•**Visit the Tashichhodzong Dzong** – Built in 1641, this Dzong to this day, is the seat of the government and is home to about 300 monks during summer.

•**The memorial Chorten**, with its sun-catching golden finial, is one of the most visible religious structures in Thimphu, and for many people is the focus of their daily worship.

The national stadium occupies the site of the 1885 battle that helped establish the political supremacy of Ugyen Wangchuk, Bhutan's first king. It is now the site of the national archery ground, a large football stadium and parade ground, basketball, tennis and squash courts, as well as the headquarters of the Bhutan Olympic committee.



Stay at

TAJ TASHI THIMPU

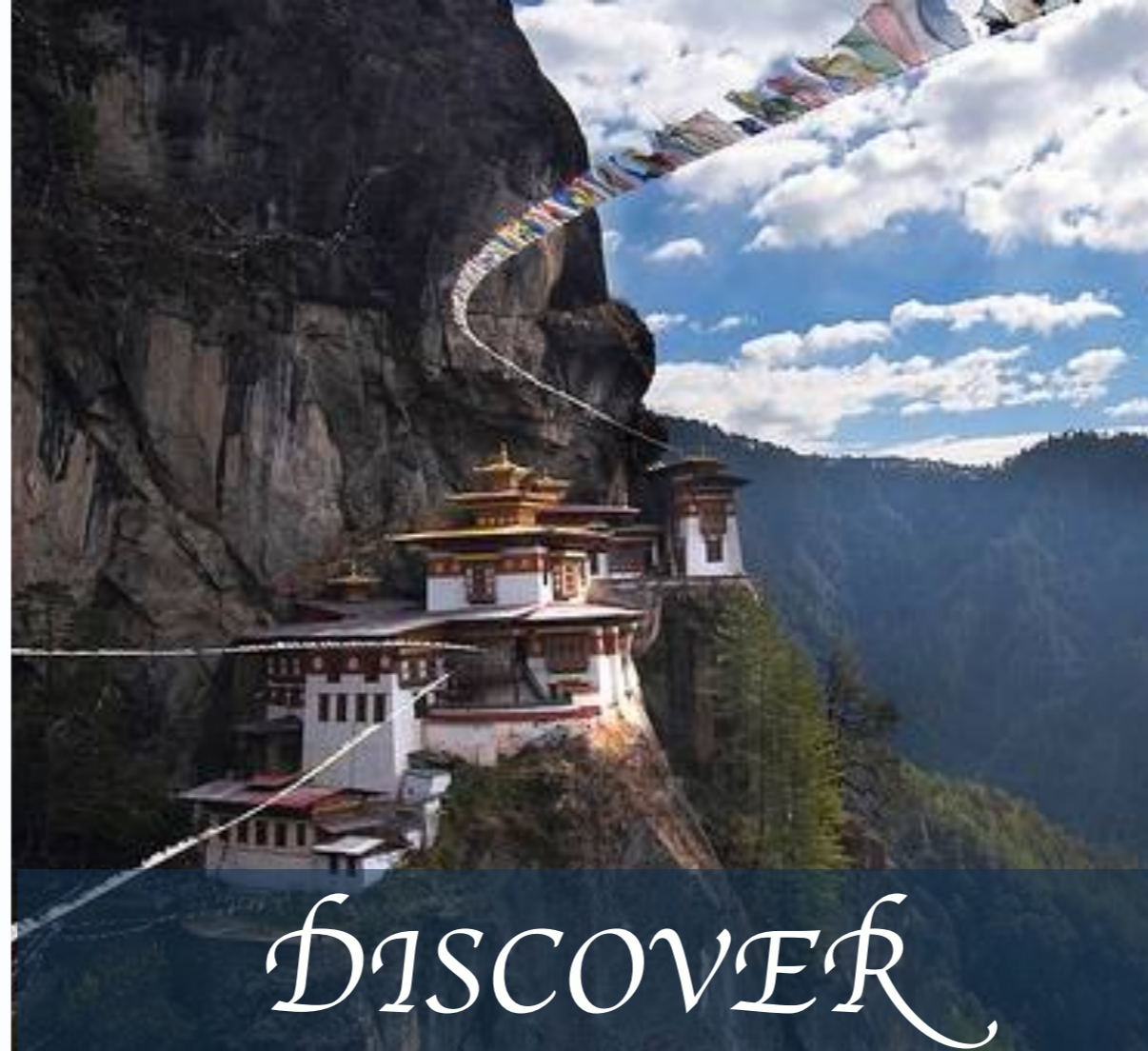
Nestled deep within the Himalayas is the Taj Tashi Thimphu, Bhutan, where spectacular views of majestic mountains combine with the sights and sounds of centuries-old Dzong temples.



Paro Valley

There are few places more charming than the Paro Valley





- **TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY:** The Tiger's' Nest' or 'Taktsang' Monastery, which clings to a vertical granite cliff 2,000 feet above the valley floor, according to legend, is the site where, in 747 AD, Guru Rinpoche arrived on the back of a tiger, and subdued the evil spirits in the region.
- **THE PARO DZONG:** Also known as the Rinpung Dzong which means a "fortress that sits on a heap of jewels", this imposing Dzong located above the Paro River, is a fine example of Bhutanese architecture. It was built in the 16th century on the foundation of a monastery built by Guru Rinpoche.
- **THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF BHUTAN:** Built originally as a watchtower, the Taa Dzong, unlike the rectangular shape of other Dzongs, is round like European castles. It holds a fascinating collection of art, relics, religious Thangka paintings and the country's exquisite postage stamps.



Stay at

UMA PARO

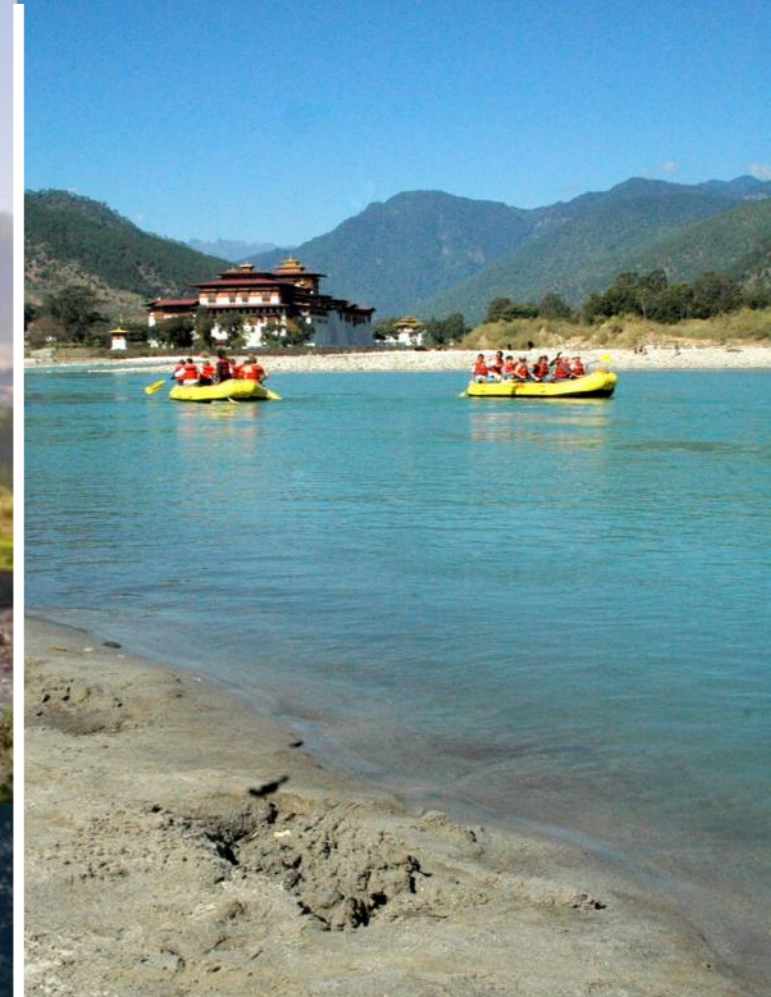
A boutique hotel in dedicated to understated philosophy of **quiet comfort** in culturally rich locations.



Punakha

Home to the country's most beautiful Dzong, Punakha offers its visitors the first glimpse of the mesmerizing central – eastern Himalayan range





- Majestically standing on an island between the confluence of the Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers, the city's Dzong serves as the winter home of the monastic body.
- Row your way to the Dzong in river rafts, and enjoy a picnic style lunch by the banks. Visit the temple of the 'Divine mad man'
- Interact with the locals



Stay at

AMANKORA

High up in the Himalayas, Amankora is a luxurious lodge where you can explore the mountains of Bhutan, then rejuvenate with spa treatments and gourmet local cuisine.

DAY-01 : AUSTRALIA – DELHI – PARO – THIMPHU

You will arrive Paro from Australia via Delhi. Drive to Thimphu (65 km / 2 hrs drive approx.)

Overnight – Thimphu.

DAY-02 : THIMPHU

Visit National Memorial Chorten, Tashichhodzong, National Library, Institute for Zorig Chusum, Folk Heritage & National Textiles Museum and Handicrafts shops.

Overnight – Thimphu.

DAY-03 : THIMPHU – PUNAKHA

Drive to Punakha, the old capital of Bhutan.

Overnight – Punakha.

DAY-04 : PUNAKHA

Visit the Punakha Dzong and the Chimi Lakhang (Temple of the Divine Mad Man).

Overnight – Punakha.

DAY-05 : PUNAKHA – PARO

You will drive to Paro en route visiting Semtokha Dzong, built in 1627 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. The institute for language and cultural studies is located here. Arrive Paro and check into the hotel.

Overnight – Paro.

DAY-06 : PARO

Visit Ta Dzong and Rinpung Dzong. Time at leisure.

Overnight – Paro.

DAY-07 : PARO

Trek up to the tiger’s nest monastery. Spend the remainder of the day exploring Drukgyel Dzong, with a picturesque village nestling below its ramparts, was built in 1646 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal to commemorate his victory over the Tibetan invaders and Kyichu Lkakhang, built in 7 century, is one of the oldest shrines in Bhutan.

Overnight – Paro.

DAY-08 : PARO – DELHI – AUSTRALIA

Board the morning flight to Delhi (KB 204 – 0900 / 1110 hrs) to connect onward flight to Australia.



Prices starting at USD 4725 for a minimum of 30 paying persons

Inclusions:

- ❖ Program management by skilled Incent India staff
- ❖ All airport meet and assists
- ❖ Accommodation on double occupancy and buffet breakfast.
- ❖ An accompanying tour guide
- ❖ All transfers by 01 luxury coach
- ❖ Tours as outlined in the itinerary above including all entrance fees
- ❖ All meals (regular buffets unless specified otherwise)
- ❖ Porterage
- ❖ Airfare in Economy Class for Delhi-Paro-Delhi sectors.

Exclusions:

- ❖ Airfare (Australia-Delhi-Australia)
- ❖ Travel Insurance
- ❖ Personal extras



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