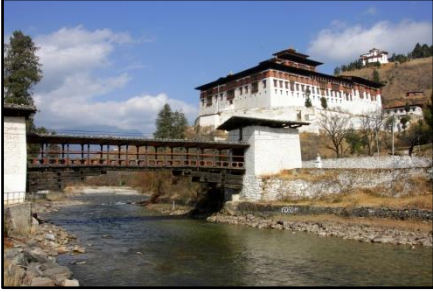


GEOTOURS BHUTAN – February 19, 2018 – March 1, 2018 - \$2090

Includes hotels, all meals, transport in private bus, entries, activities, Bhutanese guide, Suzan Ebner as group leader

Not Included: Bhutan visa (\$40); Airfare from USA; Airfare Bangkok-Bhutan-Bangkok costs an additional \$650



Sun 2/18/18 – Depart USA for Bangkok, Thailand

Mon 2/19/18 – In flight to Bangkok

Tue 2/20/18 – Arrival in Bangkok

Arrive Bangkok and spend one night in Bangkok (hotel and taxi costs not included)

Wed 2/21/18 - Arrive Bhutan

Fly Bangkok to Paro, Bhutan

This ticket can only be purchased by Bhutan agency that GeoTours is working with

Arrive in Bhutan in the afternoon

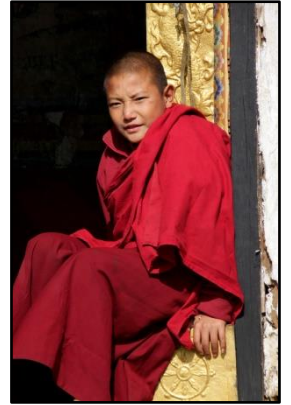
Visit impressive Paro Dzong (castle/fortress), part of which is a Buddhist monastery

Take a stroll from the fortress to an old covered, wooden bridge over the Paro River

Drive through the mountains 1.5 hours to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital city

Two nights in Thimphu at Namgay Heritage Hotel

Beautifully designed in traditional Bhutanese style



Thu 2/22/18 - Thimphu

Full day in Thimphu, Bhutan's largest city

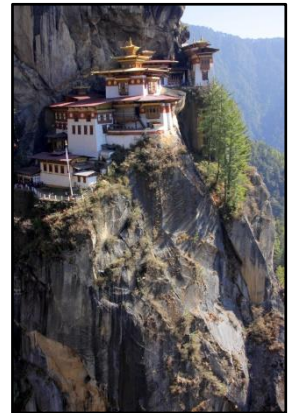
Visit excellent Simply Bhutan Museum that showcases the culture of Bhutan

Postal Museum, where Bhutan's unique stamps and postal history are on display

See Bhutan's native wildlife at an animal preserve, including the unusual "takin"

Thimphu Dzong (fortress), still used for many of Bhutan's national government offices

Night #2 in Thimphu



Fri 2/23/18 – Thimphu to Punakha

Drive through the Himalayas with great views of the Himalayan peaks

Stop at Dochula Pass (10, 200'), with 108 memorial chortens

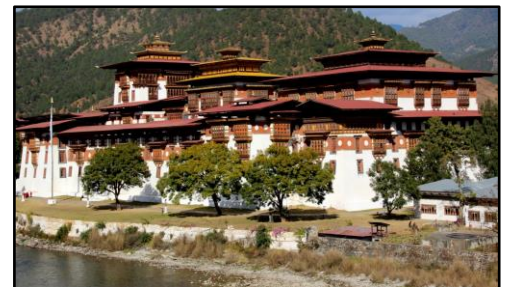
Descend to Punakha Valley (4200')

Walk through villages and farmland to Chimi Lhakhang Temple

Can receive a unique blessing from the Buddhist monks

Hike through farmland and forest to colorful Khamsum Yuelley Temple

3 nights in Punakha at Meri Puensem Resort



Sat 2/24/18 – Punakha Drubchen (Festival)

Watch colorful dances inside the very impressive Punakha Dzong (fortress)

Night #2 in Punakha

Sun 2/25/18 – Punakha Tsechu (Festival)

Enjoy a colorful festival in Punakha with elaborate masked dances

Most of the audience are locals dressed in their finest clothes

Festival takes place in spectacular Punkaha Dzong (castle)

Night #3 in Punakha





Mon 2/26/18 – Punakha to Paro

Drive through the Himalayas to Paro
 Marvel at snow-capped Himalayan peaks from the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong
 Souvenir shopping in Paro (reasonable prices)
 Two nights in Paro at Metta Resort

Tue 2/27/18 - Paro

Hike through forested mountains to cliff-hanging Tiger’s Nest Monastery
 Last-minute shopping for souvenirs in Paro
 Night #2 in Paro at Metta Resort



Wed 2/28/18 - Depart Bhutan

Depart Bhutan to Bangkok, Thailand
 One night in Bangkok (extra cost); most flights to the USA depart in the morning

Thu 3/1/18 – Depart Bangkok to USA

Fly home to the USA, or spend more time traveling in Asia on your own
 Probably arrive home same day you depart, March 1



Highlights of GeoTours Bhutan 2018

- Tour magnificent castles (“dzongs”) that are still in use to this day in Paro, Thimphu, and Punakha
- Hike through forested mountains to Bhutan’s most famous site, the spectacular cliff-hanging Tiger’s Nest Monastery
- Enjoy a colorful festival in Punakha with elaborate masked dances, mostly attended by locals dressed in their finest clothes
- Marvel at snow-capped Himalayan peaks
- Visit Buddhist monasteries with numerous monks in their red robes, and learn about Buddhist beliefs, traditions, and local history
- See Bhutan’s native wildlife at an animal preserve, including Bhutan’s national animal, the “takin”
- Walk through villages and farmland to colorful temples
- Tour excellent museums in Thimphu and Paro
- Shop for souvenirs at reasonable prices
- Enjoy friendly, gentle people with a high level of customer service
- Learn about Bhutan and have all your questions answered by excellent guides that accompany us daily



GeoTours Bhutan Details:

- 1) **Dates:**
 - a) Depart Sunday, February 18, 2018 from USA to Bangkok, Thailand, connecting on Druk Air to Bhutan on February 21, 2018.
 - b) Return to USA on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from Bangkok, or continue traveling on your own in Thailand or elsewhere.
2. **Cost = \$2090** (without airfare) for 8 days/7 nights in Bhutan (this is a good price for a Bhutan tour)
 - a) Includes lodging, entries, activities, transport in a private bus, English-speaking guide, driver, 3 meals a day, tea/coffee/bottled water, Susan Ebner as group leader.
 - b) Extra costs in Bhutan: visa (**\$40, easily arranged by GeoTours**), soft drinks, alcohol, tips, souvenirs, laundry
 - c) Airfare from Bangkok-Bhutan-Bangkok costs **\$650** and must be purchased through the Bhutan agency GeoTours works with (payment to GeoTours)
 - d) Airfare LAX-BKK -LAX for February, 2018 will cost about **\$700-800** round-trip (fares will be announced by airlines by April 1, 2017)
 - e) Overnight in Bangkok on February 20 is necessary in order to catch morning flight on February 21 from Bangkok to Bhutan. Bangkok hotel and taxi costs are extra. GeoTours will give Bangkok travel recommendations.
 - f) Overnight in Bangkok on February 28 is also necessary since the flight from Bhutan to Bangkok arrives in the late afternoon. Bangkok hotel and taxi costs are extra. GeoTours will give Bangkok travel recommendations.
3. **Group size** = 16 maximum (+ Bhutanese crew of driver and 2 guides)
4. **Hotels** = 3 and 4-star properties, all with free wi-fi, private bathrooms, hot water, very kind/helpful staff
 - a) Namgay Heritage Hotel, Thimphu
 - b) Meri Puensem Resort, Punakha
 - c) Metta Resort, Paro



Why Bhutan is considered such an OUTSTANDING off-the-beaten-track travel destination:

- A remote Himalayan kingdom that is one of the least visited countries of Asia (7000 US tourists to Bhutan per year)
- Traditional culture is seen everywhere in Bhutan, from the beautiful clothing to the distinctive architecture
- Pursues **Gross National Happiness** as its primary goal
- Environmental conservation – about 70% of Bhutan is covered by forest
- Friendly, gentle people with a high level of customer service
- Last country in the world to get TV (1999), but now has strong, free Wi-Fi access at hotels and restaurants
- In Bhutan there are no billboards, not a single traffic light, no fast food restaurants, no shopping malls, no plastic bags, no large-scale commercialism or commercialization
- No large-scale tourism, partly since it is an expensive destination (fixed rate of \$250/person /day to tour Bhutan)
- Few travelers in Bhutan in February, which increases the mystique of the places we visit
- Excellent guide will be with us daily to help us learn about Bhutan and answer any questions
- Brand new, heated bus and a safe, experienced driver will ensure a comfortable trip
- GeoTours has partnered with an excellent Bhutanese agency, which makes all of our tour arrangements



Important Information to Know about the GeoTours Bhutan tour:

- GeoTours trips emphasize cultural, natural, and historical places, with off-the-beaten track experiences, too.
- Participants on this GeoTours trip should enjoy active travel and should be able to walk up to 2 or 3 miles a day
- Bhutan is in the Himalayas and the tour visits places from 4,000' - 10,000' elevation, so the amount of oxygen is reduced
- Hotels sometimes do not have elevators and rooms are sometimes on the 2nd or 3rd floor
- Roads in Bhutan are often winding or bumpy
- The weather in February will be cold at night and in the morning (30-40F), but will warm up to around 45-65F in the daytime. It is usually sunny and dry. It is important to bring warm clothing. A list of things to bring will be provided by GeoTours.



GeoTours Bhutan Registration Form: February 19 – March 1 \$2090 (land costs without airfare)
Airfare BANGKOK-BHUTAN-BANGKOK costs \$650 to be paid to GeoTours
Bhutan visa fee (\$40) is also be paid to GeoTours
International airfare LAX-BANGKOK -LAX must be purchased by participant

CONTACT: Matt Ebner, Trip Leader(s), (310) 686-8171, mattebner@geotours.us

REGISTRATION/PAYMENT PROCEDURE

1. Attach a \$400 payment (made payable to GeoTours LLC) to this form and mail to GeoTours at the address below or submit payment online through www.venmo.com or www.paypal.com, payable to payment@geotours.us or 310-686-8171. You can also make an online bank transfer if you are a customer of Chase (through QuickPay) or Wells Fargo (Sure Pay) to payment@geotours.us or 310-686-8171 (GeoTours phone #).
2. Second payment of \$500 is due on September 30
3. Final payment is due on December 1. If signing up after October 1 then full payment is due with registration.
4. Payments made after December 31 will be assessed a \$50 late fee.

GeoTours
1547 E. Puente Street
Covina, CA 91724

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!

- Sign up with your deposit by April 1 and receive a \$50 discount
Or sign up May 1 - June 30 and receive a \$25 discount
- Sign up with a trip roommate and each of you gets \$25 off
- GeoTours alumni receive an additional discount of \$25 multiplied by the number of GeoTours trips they have done (\$75 maximum alumni discount)

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (Please print clearly and use your precise name as it appears, or will appear, on your passport)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Gender: _____
 Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____
 Are you a US citizen? Yes ___ No, I am a citizen of _____ Passport # _____ Expiration _____
 Email Address _____ Date of Birth _____
 Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST The program price is based on double occupancy. If you sign up without a roommate we will try to match you with someone of the same sex, but this is not guaranteed. If available, a single room incurs a supplement of +\$400.

Please check one: Sharing a Twin room (2 beds) _____ Sharing a Double room (1 large bed) _____ Single Room _____

Name of preferred roommate (if any) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____ Relationship _____
 Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____ Email Address _____

Cancellations

To cancel your participation in the tour, you must inform GeoTours in writing. Cancellation date is the day when GeoTours has received your written cancellation notice

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Penalty (in addition to any non-recoverable costs already paid by GeoTours, such as airline tickets)
On or before April 30, 2017	\$100
May 1 – June 30, 2017	\$200
July 1 – August 31, 2017	\$400
	Sept 1 – October 31, 2017 \$600
	Nov 1 – December 31, 2017 \$800
	After January 1, 2018 No Refund

Responsibility

The program participant agrees that GeoTours LLC assumes no liability whatsoever for loss of property, injury, accident, illness, death, irregularity and delays during the duration of the tour. In addition, the program participant agrees to hold GeoTours LLC harmless for damage and delay due to equipment problems, quarantine, declared or undeclared war and insurrection, terrorist and criminal activity, revolt, civil disturbance, hostility, military action, strikes, labor unrest, any "act of God" or nature and for any act of any third party. The participant, by registering for this tour, agrees that GeoTours LLC is not responsible for delay, rerouting, omission and additional expense resulting from the passenger's improper travel documents such as passport, visa and health document. Any losses and expenses related to such circumstances are within the responsibility of the program participants and not of GeoTours LLC. GeoTours LLC is not responsible for acts of any government authority. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to adjust itinerary and contents and to substitute accommodation providers as deemed necessary. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a program participant as well as to refuse to retain any participant's membership in the program. Participants that do not participate in an activity or entry, or who leave the tour early or arrive late, will not be entitled to any refund. By registering for this tour, the participant agrees to all such terms and conditions.

I have carefully read and agree to the regulations above.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Travel arrangements by GeoTours LLC, CST # 2099683; www.geotours.us
 1547 E. Puente Street, Covina, CA 91724; Phone: (310) 686-8171; Email: info@geotours.us