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## Trip Summary

**Package:** Nepal Bhutan Tour

**Total Days:** 7 days

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DAY 1

### Arrival in Kathmandu

Upon arrival at Kathmandu airport, a representative from Taleju Adventure will greet you with a placard bearing your name. You'll be transferred to Taleju Boutique Hotel or hotel of your choice.

DAY 2

### Fly to Paro

The morning flight takes you from Kathmandu to Paro, the international airport of Bhutan. At the airport, you will be greeted by a representative of the Taleju Adventure who will then take you to the hotel. Later in the day, you will explore:

**National Museum of Bhutan:** Located in the historic Ta Dzong watchtower, this fascinating museum houses an extensive collection of artifacts, religious relics, traditional art, and textiles that offer deep insight into Bhutan's rich history and cultural heritage.

**Rinpung Dzong:** Next, you will visit Rinpung Dzong, a majestic fortress-monastery that exemplifies classic Bhutanese architecture. This iconic structure is not only a visual masterpiece but also holds great historical and spiritual significance. As you walk through its intricately carved woodwork, vibrant frescoes, and serene courtyards, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for Bhutan's artistic and religious traditions.

DAY 3

### Taksang (Tiger's Nest) Monastery Hike - Paro

On your second day, embark on an unforgettable hike to the legendary Tiger's Nest Monastery—one of Bhutan's most iconic landmarks. Perched dramatically on a cliffside about 900 meters above the Paro Valley, Taksang Monastery offers not only spiritual significance but also breathtaking views.

The trail winds through beautiful pine forests, prayer flags fluttering in the breeze, and occasional viewpoints offering stunning glimpses of the monastery in the distance. According to legend, Guru Rinpoche flew to this site on the back of a tigress and meditated here, making it a revered Buddhist pilgrimage destination.

Take time to explore the monastery's serene interiors, absorb the peaceful atmosphere, and marvel at its architectural brilliance before beginning your descent back down the trail.

## Drive to Chele La Pass and visit Kyichu Lhakhang

At an altitude of 3,988 meters (13,084 feet), Chele La Pass stands as the highest motorable pass in Bhutan. From this breathtaking vantage point, enjoy sweeping views of lush valleys and majestic snow-capped peaks, including Mount Jomolhari and Jichu Drake. The drive to the pass is equally scenic, especially in spring when vibrant rhododendron forests burst into bloom.

From the pass, take a short walk to **Kila Nunnery**, a tranquil retreat nestled in the cliffs. This peaceful spiritual sanctuary is home to Buddhist nuns who dedicate their lives to meditation and study. The serene setting and warm hospitality of the nuns offer a rare glimpse into Bhutan's monastic life and deep spiritual traditions. **Kyichu Lhakhang:** Next, you will visit Kyichu Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's oldest and most sacred temples. Built in the 7th century by Tibetan King Songtsen Gampo, it is believed to be one of the 108 temples constructed to subdue a demoness said to be obstructing the spread of Buddhism. Steeped in legend and spiritual energy, Kyichu Lhakhang remains a revered pilgrimage site and a symbol of Bhutan's ancient religious heritage.

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DAY 5

### Fly back to Kathmandu and visit UNESCO sites

After breakfast, you will be heading back to Kathmandu. Upon arrival, you will be visiting two UNESCO world heritage sites.

First visit would be to Pashupatinath Temple. It is one of the holiest Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. It draws pilgrims from across South Asia and is renowned for its sacred rituals, stunning pagoda-style architecture, and serene setting along the Bagmati River. It is also a place for dead body cremation for Hindu community. Then we drive to Bouddhanath Stupa, one of the largest stupas in the world, is a sacred site for Tibetan Buddhists located in Kathmandu. Its massive white dome and all-seeing eyes of the Buddha symbolize peace and enlightenment, making it a serene place for prayer, meditation, and cultural immersion. It was damaged by 2015 earthquake but now completely repaired.

DAY 6

### Visit UNESCO sites

After breakfast, you will continue your visit to other two UNESCO world heritage sites. •

- **Swayambhunath Stupa** – Also known as the "Monkey Temple" and offers panoramic views of Kathmandu valley.
- **Bhaktapur Durbar Square** – It is one of the most well-preserved royal palace complexes in Nepal. Located in the ancient city of Bhaktapur, it showcases stunning Newari architecture, intricately carved wooden temples, stone sculptures, and traditional courtyards. Highlights include the 55-Window Palace, Vatsala Temple, and the iconic Nyatapola Temple. Steeped in history and culture, the square offers a glimpse into Nepal's rich medieval past and remains a vibrant center of art, craftsmanship, and spiritual life.

DAY 7

### Transfer to the airport for your next destination.

A Taleju Adventure representative will escort you to the airport approximately 3 hours before your scheduled flight. On your way home, you may plan your next adventure in the wonderful country of Nepal.

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