

# INDIA & BHUTAN

16

Days from £4,299pp

## Price Includes

- » 2 International & 2 Domestic Flights (Economy Class)
- » 1 Overnight travel & 14 Nights' accommodation in 4 Star Hotels.
- » 14 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 14 Dinners (Multi-cuisine)
- » Services of an English speaking Guide/ Tour manager.
- » Bhutan visa fee (approx \$40 for one time)
- » Daily Government Royalties and Taxes (\$100 per person per night)
- » All transportation in an air-conditioned private vehicle except in Darjeeling & Bhutan.
- » 17 Excursions and activities.



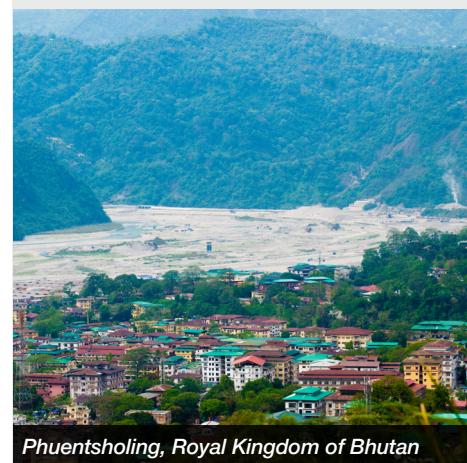
**D**iscover the wonders of Bhutan and India on this 16-day escape into two fascinating worlds. Begin in vibrant Kolkata, then journey to the serene tea gardens of Darjeeling. Cross into Bhutan to explore Phuntsholing, the cultural treasures of Thimphu, the tranquil beauty of Gangtey, and Punakha's iconic landscapes. Conclude in Paro, home to the majestic Tiger's Nest Monastery. This journey blends rich history, breathtaking scenery, and cultural immersion in unforgettable ways.



Victoria Memorial, Kolkata

## Itinerary Highlights

- » Scenic journey to Darjeeling with visits to Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and a toy train ride.
- » Explore Kolkata's iconic landmarks like, Victoria Memorial, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Mother Teresa's Home.
- » Experience Paro's stunning sights, including the iconic Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest).
- » Enjoy Bhutan's rich Buddhist heritage with visits to monasteries, dzongs, and markets.





Paro Valley



Gangtey picturesque landscape



Tiger's Nest Monastery on a cliffside in Bhutan



## Physical Rating

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## Price & Departures

Departure	Duration	Price per person
9 Sep-26	16 days/15 nights	£4299
11 Nov-26	16 days/15 nights	£4299
19 Jan-27	16 days/15 nights	£4299
15 Mar-27	16 days/15 nights	£4299



Punakha Dzong Fortress

## Itinerary

### Day 1: DEPARTURE: LONDON - KOLKATA

Begin your journey with a comfortable flight from London to Kolkata. Overnight travel.

### Day 2: ARRIVAL IN KOLKATA (D)

On arrival, after immigration and customs, meet Citibond's representative who will assist with your transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay in Kolkata.

### Day 3: KOLKATA SIGHTSEEING (B/D)

Explore Kolkata's highlights including Victoria Memorial, St. Paul's Cathedral, BBD Bagh, Raj Bhavan and Mother Teresa's Home. Drive past landmarks such as High Court, Eden Gardens and Strand Road. Overnight stay in Kolkata.

### Day 4: KOLKATA – BAGDOGRA (By Flight) – DRIVE TO DARJEELING (B/D)

Fly to Bagdogra and continue by road to Darjeeling (approx. 70 km / 3 hours). On arrival, check in at the hotel. Overnight stay in Darjeeling.

### Day 5: DARJEELING SIGHTSEEING (B/D)

Visit Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Everest Museum and Himalayan Zoological Park. Enjoy a scenic toy train ride through the serene landscapes. Overnight stay in Darjeeling.

### Day 6: DARJEELING - PHUNTSHOLING (B/D)

Drive to Phuentsholing (approx. 190 km / 5 1/2 hours). After clearing immigration formalities, check in at the hotel. Later, visit Zangtho Pelri Lhakhang, a small temple representing the heaven of Guru Rinpoche. Overnight stay in Phuentsholing (Altitude 300 m).

### Day 7: PHUNTSHOLING - THIMPHU (B/L/D)

Travel to Thimphu (approx. 155 km / 4 1/2 hours). En route, visit Kharbandi Gompa, a beautiful monastery with splendid views of Phuentsholing and the plains of West Bengal. On arrival in Thimphu, explore National Memorial Chorten and enjoy a walk around the main street and vibrant Kaja Throm market. Overnight stay in Thimphu (Altitude 2,320 m).

### Day 8: THIMPHU CITY TOUR (B/L/D)

Discover Thimphu's highlights including Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang), Takin Preserve, Textile Museum and Folk Heritage Museum. Later, visit Trashichhoe dzong, the fortress of the glorious religion and seat of Bhutan's government and religion. Overnight stay in Thimphu.

### Day 9: THIMPHU - GANGTEY (PHOBJIKHA VALLEY) (B/L/D)

Drive via scenic Dochula Pass (3,088 m) with its 108 chortens and panoramic Himalayan views. Continue through oak and rhododendron forests to Gangtey Valley. Visit Gangtey Goenpa Monastery and Kuenzang Chholing Shedra to witness evening prayers. Overnight stay in Gangtey (Altitude 3,000 m).

### Day 10: GANGTEY (B/L/D)

Enjoy a nature walk along the Gangtey Trail through meadows and forests. Visit the Black-Necked Crane Information Centre and explore Phobjikha Valley, winter home of the cranes. Overnight stay in Gangtey.

### Day 11: GANGTEY - PUNAKHA (B/L/D)

Drive to Punakha, stopping at Chimi Lhakhang, the temple of fertility, and Wangduephodrang Dzong.

Later, visit Punakha Dzong, the Palace of Great Happiness, located at the confluence of Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers. Overnight stay in Punakha (Altitude 1,300 m).

### Day 12: PUNAKHA SIGHTSEEING (B/L/D)

Hike to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyel Chorten for stunning valley views. Walk across Punakha Suspension Bridge and visit Talo village to experience rural Bhutanese life. End the day at Nalandra Buddhist Institute. Overnight stay in Punakha.

### Day 13: PUNAKHA - PARO (B/L/D)

Drive to Paro, visiting Simtokha Dzong en route. In Paro, explore Ta Dzong (National Museum) and Rinpung Dzong, known for its exquisite wall paintings and rich history. Overnight stay in Paro (Altitude 2,280 m).

### Day 14: PARO – TAKTSANG MONASTERY (B/L/D)

Embark on a hike to Taktshang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), perched dramatically on a cliff. Later, visit Kyichu Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's oldest temples. Overnight stay in Paro.

### Day 15: PARO - KOLKATA (By Flight) (B/L/D)

Fly to Kolkata and transfer to your hotel. Overnight stay in Kolkata.leisure time. Overnight stay in Kolkata.

### Day 16: DEPART TO LONDON (B)

Transfer to Kolkata Airport for your return flight to London.