



Your Journey Begins

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As the world's last Himalayan kingdom, Bhutan is a mesmerizing tapestry of colour, traditions, history and natural beauty. After exploring the nation's western and central valleys, venture deeper into the soul of the kingdom with a new journey in the valleys comprising Trongsa and Bumthang – gateways to the exotic east: the cradle of a truly authentic and untouched Bhutan and the beguiling birthplace of the royal Wangchuck dynasty.

As you arrive and depart from Paro Valley, take on less traveled paths and see another side of this golden valley. Let Amankora take you back again on another journey further into the arms of Bhutan, in a land where the Thunder Dragon is ruled by the power of the Raven Crown, and another Tiger's Nest is ready to reveal its secrets.

Inclusions

- Accommodation in Amankora Bumthang and Paro lodges
- All meals and picnics enroute to Amankora lodges
- House Beverages
- All special sustainable travel and community experiences
- Activities, hikes and visits as stated in the programme
- Private English-speaking guide, driver, and vehicle for the entire journey
- Roundtrip airport transfers, laundry and wifi
- Monument passes and long road permits

Supplementary Costs

Visitors to the Kingdom of Bhutan are subject to additional government charges which include:

- Government sustainable development fee: US\$200 per person per night (Indian passport holder at INR 1200 per person per night)
- A Sustainable Tourism Fund: US\$10 per person, one time only
- Visa Fee USD 40 per person, one time only (non-refundable once visa is processed)

Reservations

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For the full terms and conditions [click here](#).

5-Night Itinerary

A summary for your 5-night itinerary around the Kingdom of Bhutan. A detailed breakdown of each day and additional experiences can be found across the following pages.

Day	Location	Key Activity
Day 1	Paro	Homecoming and Blessing at Amankora Paro
Day 2	Paro / Bumthang	Scenic Flight to Bumthang, Valley Explorations
Day 3	Trongsa	Trongsa Dzong, Trongsa Tower Museum
Day 4	Tang Valley	Burning Lake, Nunnery, Ogyen Chholing Palace Museum
Day 5	Bumthang / Paro	Domestic Flight to Paro, Second Tiger’s Nest
Day 6	Paro	Departure from Paro International Airport

Terms and Conditions

The above itineraries are illustrative examples of what is possible when exploring the Kingdom of Bhutan through the Amankora Journeys. Itineraries are bespoke and subject to change depending on mountain and weather conditions. Preferred hikes and explorations can be discussed with the guide and driver before departure.

Meals are also tailored to personal preferences, with the chef offering both Bhutanese, Asian and Western menu options. Guests may extend their journey before or after the expedition at one of Aman's five lodges. For more information, contact the reservations team.

Other facilities and services

Amankora Paro

- Living room and dining room
- Aman Spa with five treatment rooms, sauna, steam room, outdoor baths, changing areas, yoga studio
- Boutique and library
- Multi-use meeting room for private events

Amankora Thimphu

- Living room, dining room, and outdoor terrace
- Aman Spa with three treatment rooms, steam room, and changing areas
- Boutique, gallery and library

Amankora Punakha

- Living room, dining room, courtyard terrace and tea room
- Aman Spa with two treatment rooms, steam room, changing areas, yoga and meditation space
- Game room, library and private rooms at the farmhouse
- Heated outdoor infinity swimming pool (28.5 x 5.2 metres, 1.4m deep)

Amankora Gangtey

- Living room, dining room, and outdoor terrace
- Aman Spa with two treatment rooms and changing areas
- Traditional Bhutanese hot stone bath

Amankora Bumthang

- Living room, dining room, and outdoor terrace
- Aman Spa with three treatment rooms, steam room, and changing areas
- Library

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This five-night journey through the eastern valleys of Bumthang and Trongsa has been designed for returning travellers eager to discover more of the Kingdom's secrets.

Beginning with a homecoming Thrisel Blessing and a rediscovery of Drukgyel Dzong at Amankora Paro, the journey continues with a flight to Amankora Bumthang, the easternmost of Aman's five lodges. This region of sloping pine forests, apple orchards and fertile farmland is known for its cottage industries that produce the sought-after Bumthang butter, Gouda and Emmenthal cheeses, honey and a variety of fruit spirits and brandies.

From Amankora Bumthang, explore the eastern valleys of Trongsa, the birthplace of the royal Wangchuck dynasty; Tang, home to the Burning Lake and Ogyen Choling Palace Museum; and Chhume, where Bhutan's current queen was born. On returning to Paro for your final night, discover the mysterious second Tiger's Nest with its hidden treasure and Statue of Longevity in the tranquil setting of Dzongdrakha.



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Day 1 – Paro

A Thrisel Blessing by a revered lama welcomes you back to Bhutan and blesses your journey ahead using holy water to cleanse the mind, spirit and soul. After a delicious lunch, visit the iconic Drukgyel Dzong. This fortress was built in 1649 to commemorate Bhutan's victory over Tibetan invaders, but it was destroyed by a fire in the 1950s. In 2016, to celebrate the birth of the Gyalsey (crown prince), the Royal Government of Bhutan started its restoration, part of which has now been opened to the public. Sensitively brought back to life to once again reign over the landscape and Amankora Paro's views, the fortress makes the perfect location to begin your rediscovery of Bhutan.

Day 2 – Paro / Bumthang

A 35-minute morning flight from Paro International Airport will see you arriving at Bumthang Bathpalathang Domestic Airport. After settling into Amankora Bumthang, visit the Lingkha Lhakhang, the Water Chortens and finally Wangdicholing Palace, built in 1857 by Jigme Namgyel, the father of the first King and Governor of Trongsa, on the battle ground where he defeated the Jakar Dzongpon. After lunch, spend the afternoon exploring the Kingdom's holiest Buddhist sites: As the spiritual heartland of Bhutan, Jakar Valley contains some of the oldest and most sacred temples including Jambay Lhakhang, Kurje Lhakhang, Kenchosum Lhakhang and Tamshing Lhakhang.

Day 3 – Trongsa

After a stopover visit to the Jakar Dzong just above the lodge, travel to Chume Valley, birthplace and home of the present queen. The 45-minute drive to Nimalung Monastery takes you through Chhume Valley and past Zugney, where you can visit the Yathra Weaving Centre and admire their beautiful handicrafts.

After a picnic lunch at Chume, travel to Trongsa, the ancestral home of the royal Wangchuck dynasty. Trongsa Dzong, the 'Fortress on conch tip', was built in 1648 on many levels into the side of a hill and boasts 25 lhakhangs housing sacred images and religious treasures. Round off your day viewing the Raven Crown, worn by the first king of Bhutan, in the Trongsa Museum which rests in the Taa Dzong (watchtower).

Day 4 – Tang Valley

Today sees you exploring Tang, the most remote of the Bumthang valleys where sheep dot the landscape. A full day excursion can include a visit to the Burning Lake, a nunnery, Ta Rimochen Lhakhang and Ogyen Chholing Palace, which is now a beautiful museum.

The story of the Ogyen Chholing Palace began in the 14th century, and the same family who owns it to this day turned it into a museum a few years back. The exhibition is laid out on three levels and offers rare insight into Bhutanese culture, lifestyle, history and religion. After studying the many artefacts, enjoy your lunch outside the palace overlooking Tang Valley, or inside the traditional cabin-like living room.



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Day 5- Journey to Paro

The short flight from Bumthang will see you arriving at Paro International Airport, from where you will travel directly to Dzongdrakha by car. Many don't realise that this second Tiger's Nest even exists, consisting of four sacred chapels dedicated to specific Buddhist deities. The ascent is a beautiful 45-minute hike through blue pine forests and apple orchards, and a picnic lunch is something to look forward to along the way. Learn the secrets of its legendary flying chorten and important relics, including its Statue of Longevity. Then journey back to Amankora Paro for a well-deserved Holistic Massage and a final (for this visit) Bhutanese feast.

Day 6- Departure

This morning you bid farewell to Bhutan. Your driver will take you to Paro International Airport, a journey of around 30 minutes from the lodge. We recommend arriving two hours before the flight is scheduled to depart.





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