

Amankora Journey
Key Information

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- **Amankora Lodges:** Amankora offers a unique circuit of 5 lodges set throughout the Kingdom of Bhutan's central and western valleys, connected by road, helicopter and domestic flight (N.B the latter is only available between Paro and Bumthang).

Valley	Rooms	Altitude
Amankora Thimphu	16	(2350m/7709ft)
Amankora Punakha	12	(1300m/4265ft)
Amankora Gangtey	8	(3000m/9842ft)
Amankora Bumthang	16	(2580m/8464ft)
Amankora Paro	24	(2250m/7382ft)

- **Length of Stay:** There is no minimum length of stay in Bhutan or at Amankora. However, depending on the length of your stay we recommend the following number of valleys:

- 3 nights – 1 to 2 valleys
- 5 nights – 2 to 3 valleys
- 7 nights – 3 to 4 valleys
- 9 nights – 4 to 5 valleys
- 11 nights or more – 5 valleys

- **Amankora Journey Benefits:** Any stay of 7 or more continuous nights at Amankora will benefit from the following Amankora Journey amenities:

- Complimentary private ground-handling with car, guide and driver for all day to day sightseeing
- Inter-lodge and airport transfers by road
- Complimentary 60-minute massage, per person, over the course of your journey

- **Rates and Inclusions:**

Single Suite: US\$1450++
 Double Suite: US\$1550++
 Extra bed: US\$350++

Amankora rates remain constant across all of our lodges, and throughout the year, with the exception of our Mo Chhu Suites in Punakha. N.B: Prices are per suite per night. ++ is equivalent to 20% taxes and service charge.

Any stay at Amankora operates on an all-inclusive board basis. The following are always included:

- All meals taken in the lodges and picnics for road journeys and hikes
- House beverages including select wines and spirits
- Laundry service

- **Experiences:** Our programs include a range of cultural, active and spiritual experiences. When arranging a car, driver and guide through Amankora, complimentary activities include visits to ancient fortress monasteries, remote villages, museums, hikes, mountain-biking and yoga. Experiences such as blessings, meditation and white-water rafting can be arranged on a chargeable basis. All itineraries will be tailor-made to your interests.

- **Facilities across Amankora**

	Spa	Sauna	Steam	Hot Stone Bath	Swimming Pool
Paro	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Thimphu	✓		✓		
Punakha	✓		✓		✓
Gangtey	✓			✓	
Bumthang	✓		✓		

- **Road Journeys and Conditions**

Due to the basic nature of Bhutan’s roads and the ongoing up-gradation work, roads will have intermittent closures for road works at various points between the valleys. These can lead to extended waiting time. During inter-lodge transfers and while on excursions, guests will encounter degraded roads, at times quite severe, that require slow vehicle speeds to reduce the bumpiness and bouncing of the vehicle and passengers, which may create some inconveniences and delays in anticipated travel times.

Based on the ideal road conditions, below are actual direct driving times from lodge to lodge, excluding sightseeing and short stops. However as indicated above, with the ongoing road widening works and road conditions, travel times between lodges will be protracted and exact transfer times remain uncertain.

	Paro	Thimphu	Punakha	Gangtey	Bumthang
Paro		1.5 hours	4 hours	6 hours	10 hours
Thimphu	1.5 hours		2.5 hours	5 hours	8 hours
Punakha	4 hours	2.5 hours		2.5 hours	6.5 hours
Gangtey	6 hours	5 hours	2.5 hours		5 hours
Bumthang	10 hours	8 hours	7.5 hours	5 hours	

- **Helicopter transfers:** These can be arranged between each valley as per the flight times below. Please note that all flights are routed out of Paro airport, meaning that additional repositioning time and costs therefore apply.

	Paro	Thimphu	Punakha	Gangtey	Bumthang
Paro		10 mins	25 mins	30 mins	55 mins
Thimphu	10 mins		15 mins	20 mins	55 mins
Punakha	25 mins	15 mins		15 mins	40 mins
Gangtey	30 mins	20 mins	15 mins		25 mins
Bumthang	55 mins	55 mins	40 mins	25 mins	

- **Bhutan Visas:** Amankora will assist with the processing and issuance of the required visa and authorization letter to enter Bhutan. In order to process your visa, we require you to:
 - Complete, scan and return a one-page form (at least 3 weeks prior to departure)
 - Send a copy of the passports of all guests travelling to Bhutan (at least 3 weeks prior to departure)
 - Carry a copy of your visa and authorization letter for the airline desk to check before boarding

Please note that for international flight connections through Indian airports it is required to hold an Indian e-Visa, even if you are only in India for transit purposes.

- **Flight Arrangements:** Amankora can book flight tickets with Druk Air or Bhutan Airlines, the Kingdom’s two airlines (flying from Bangkok, Delhi, Singapore, Kathmandu, Bagdogra and Calcutta). Please note that no other airlines fly in and out of Bhutan. In order to book flights, we require passport copies of those travelling to ensure name accuracy. We can also put you in touch with Bhutan Air Service (BAS) for private jet charters.