

# BHUTAN EDUCATIONAL STUDY TOUR

26 October - 3 November 2024

## ITINERARY\*

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### DAY 1

Saturday 26 October

#### **Morning/Afternoon**

Arrival and Transportation from Paro airport to

[Tashi Namgay Resort](#)

#### **Evening**

Dinner at Brewery

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### DAY 2

Sunday 27 October

#### **Morning**

Visit to Paro Rinpung Dzong – regarded as one of the finest examples of Bhutanese architecture

#### **Afternoon**

Visit to Kichu Monastery – one of the oldest temples in Bhutan, dating back to the 7th century

#### **Evening**

Reception Dinner

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### DAY 3

Monday 28 October

#### **Morning**

Lectures at JSW Law School:

- *Gross National Happiness*
- *Environmental Law*
- *The Impact of Climate Change on Bhutan*

#### **Afternoon**

Transportation to hotel [Pema by Realm](#)

#### **Evening**

Dinner at Phangu Restaurant

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### DAY 4

Tuesday 29 October

#### **Morning**

Lectures from civil society organizations:

- Royal Society for the Protection of Nature (RSPBN) – *Protecting the Environmental Treasures of Bhutan*
- The Tarayana Foundation – *Poverty Alleviation at the Village Level*

#### **Afternoon**

Site Visits:

- Buddha Point - A 51m-tall steel statue of Buddha Dordenma
- Wangdi Tse Monastery – One of the oldest temples in Thimphu, located high on a forested ridge overlooking the Thimphu valley



## ITINERARY (continued)\*

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### DAY 5

Wednesday 30 October

#### **Morning**

Travel to [Hotel Vara](#), Punakha

#### **Afternoon**

Visit to Chimi Lhakhang - known as the temple of fertility, local people come here to receive blessings from the lama and bring their new-born babies to be named

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### DAY 6

Thursday 31 October

#### **Morning**

Visit to the College of Natural Resources (CNR)

Lecture by Dr. Om Katel - *Climate Change and Water Resource Management*

#### **Afternoon**

- Visit to Punakha Dzong – considered one of the most beautiful Dzongs in the country
  - Nature walk
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### DAY 7

Friday 1 November

#### **Morning/Afternoon**

Travel to [Tashi Namgay Resort](#), Paro

#### **Evening**

5 pm Final lecture

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### DAY 8

Saturday 2 November

#### **Morning/Afternoon**

Hike to Taktsang, famously known as Tiger's Nest Monastery.

#### **Evening**

Farewell Dinner

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### DAY 9

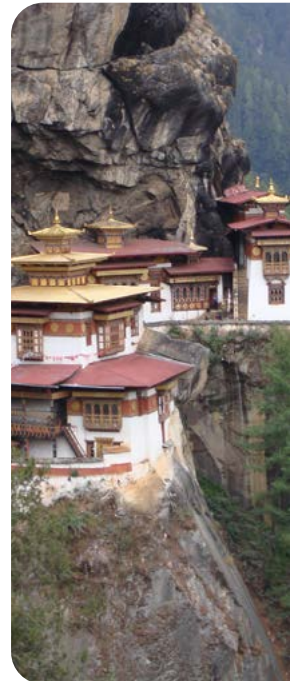
Sunday 3 November

#### **Morning/Afternoon**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transportation to Paro airport

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\*Please note that this itinerary is subject to change. If specific activities need to be cancelled for reasons beyond the organizers' control, an equivalent activity will be provided.

## FEES

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Single room (solo traveller)	\$5550 + GST
Shared room (per person)	\$4950 + GST

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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Until 31 July 2024	Cancellation fee is 25% of total cost
After 1 August 2024	No refunds

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If the organizers cancel the study tour, a full refund will be issued

## MORE INFORMATION

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### What's included?

- all in-country transportation, including airport transfers
- visitor visas for Bhutan
- 3 meals per day
- 8 nights accommodation (Paro, Thimphu and Punakha)
- entrance to cultural and historical sites
- lectures by experts
- local guides and translators

### What's NOT included?

- all costs incurred for international travel to/from Paro, including layovers and stopovers. (Please ensure that you have the appropriate visas for **all other** countries you may be visiting.)
- travel, flight day, baggage, trip cancellation insurance (strongly encouraged)
- medical insurance (we require all participants to purchase medical insurance and submit a copy of the policy prior to departure)

Note that only two airlines fly to Paro, [Druk Air](#) and [Bhutan Airlines](#). Please book flights arriving 26 October and departing 3 November (no earlier or later).

For questions and to make payments, please contact Katie Dey at [capi@uvic.ca](mailto:capi@uvic.ca) or call **250-721-7020** (Monday - Thursday).



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