

# Emagien Students Excursions

## BHUTAN – THE LAND OF THE THUNDER DRAGON

### Day 1: Bagdogra

Reach Bagdogra in the morning and transfer to Phuntsoling. Overnight is in Phuntsoling

### Day 2: Phuntsoling - Paro

Transfer to Paro by bus. Reach Paro in 8 hours and check into hotel. Overnight is in Paro

### Day 3: Paro

Today after breakfast we visit the Takshang Monastery. This Monastery is situated on the edge of a steep cliff and is a 2 hours walk up the steps.

### Day 4: Paro – Thimpu

Drive down to Thimpu after breakfast.

**Morning:** Visit the **Memorial Chorten**, a huge stupa built in memory of the third King who reigned from 1952-1972. Visit the National Library where ancient manuscripts are preserved. Visit the Painting School where traditional art is still preserved. Artists are taught to paint *thanka's* here (sacred Buddhist scroll).

Visit the Handicrafts Emporium where one can buy **Bhutanese textiles** and other arts and crafts. Visit the Weekend market where vendors from throughout the region arrive on Friday afternoon and remain till Sunday. Here you will find indigenous goods, **handicrafts**, locally produced goods, etc.

**Afternoon:** Visit **Semtokha Dzong**. This is the oldest fortress in Bhutan, built in 1629 A.D. by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. It also houses the largest monastic schools in the country. Visit **Tashichho Dzong** - the main secretariat building. It is from here that the King and other prominent civil servants run the country. The Head Abbot and the central monastic body also reside here during the summer.

Visit **Pangri Zampa Monastery**, situated just beyond **Dechencholing Palace** (5 km. from Thimphu). This temple was the first residence of **Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal** when he arrived in Bhutan in 1616 A.D. Ngawang Chogyel, the great ancestor of the Shabdrung, built it during the first quarter of the 16th century. Overnight is at Thimphu.

### Day 5: Thimpu

Full day is at leisure in Thimpu to explore the bazaars or to visit the Philately museum

### Day 6: Thimpu – Phuntsoling

Today after an early breakfast we drive down to Phuntsoling which is an 8 hour drive upto the border with India and we halt for the night.

### Day 7: Phuntsoling - Bagdogra

Transfer to Bagdogra Airport for flight to Home.

**Tour Cost:** Please mail at [info@emagien.com](mailto:info@emagien.com); [contact@nasavisit.com](mailto:contact@nasavisit.com)

### The cost includes:

1. Stay in Bhutan for 4 nights / 5 days
2. All meals i.e. Breakfast, Lunch and dinner
3. All sightseeing
4. Stay in Gaurumara for 1 night
5. One teacher free on every 10 students
6. Sustainable Development Fee