

# Bhutan

THE MYSTICAL HIMALAYAN KINGDOM



**Featuring THIMPHU & PARO  
plus BANGKOK, THAILAND**



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## Program Highlights

- Your **exclusive Small-Group experience** is limited to 24 travelers.
- **Spend a week in Bhutan** and discover the unique history, culture and traditions of the beautiful, friendly cities of Thimphu, Punakha and Paro.
- Visit the world-famous **Tiger's Nest** jutting out over Paro Valley.
- Meet revered teacher Khenpo Tashi and Royal Council Member Dashi Sangay Wangchug during **exclusive educational lectures**.
- **Explore the highlights of Bangkok**, including the Grand Palace and the majestic Wat Pho.
- Witness exquisite cultural performances of **chant, song and dance**.



*In Bhutan, happiness is a place. Discover this enchanting Himalayan kingdom, a small, peaceful nation of old-growth forests, terraced rice paddies and lush valleys fluttering with prayer flags. Bordering Tibet and India but never colonized, this deeply Buddhist land welcomes a small number of visitors into its pristine environment, which is dotted with sacred temples, revered monasteries and welcoming towns. Red-robed monks and good-natured villagers in traditional dress cheerfully share insight into their contented way of life. For the traveler who wants to see it all, Shangri-La awaits.*



## Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Experience nirvana in Bhutan, a tiny kingdom the size of Switzerland where the royal government actively strives to make “Gross National Happiness” a top priority. While global policymakers study Bhutan’s happiness quotient, only a few fortunate travelers have yet to explore this soul-stirring nation nestled in the mystical Himalayan mountains.

Travel behind the scenes in Bhutan with our Small-Group program, which combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Your itinerary has been specially planned by travel experts to include incomparable cultural experiences, behind-the-scenes excursions and preferred access to popular attractions. Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group of like-minded people and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries!

An experienced Travel Director takes care of every detail during your journey, and a dedicated travel staff is committed to ensuring your trip creates many fond memories. Best of all, expert guides lead you on fascinating excursions that offer an in-depth look at the local culture and history of Bhutan.

Space on this exclusive journey is limited to 24 travelers, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

Sincerely,

*Marguerite I. Jones*

Marguerite I. Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88  
Travel Program Director  
Office of Alumni Relations  
The Johns Hopkins University

*Prayer flags, colorfully dyed panels of cotton cloth, are strung along high passes in the breathtaking Himalayas. It is believed that the wind will carry the invocations and blessings bestowed upon the flags down into the rivers and valleys of the surrounding countryside.*

*“Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.”*

~ Gautama Buddha  
(563-483 BC),  
founder of Buddhism

*“The mountains are magnificent, the forests are dense, the people are delightful, the air is pure, the architecture imposing, the religion exciting, the art superb.”*

~ Françoise Pommaret  
(b. 1954), French Tibetologist,  
"Bhutan," 2006

# THE THUNDER DRAGON

*Below: Grand Palace, Bangkok | Right: Jitchu Drake Peak, Himalayas | Lower right: Druk Wangyal chortens*



**Left:** Prayer wheels are traditionally painted or carved with prayers or mantras. According to Buddhist belief, spinning the cylinder clockwise by hand will evoke blessings and attract powerful karma.

Meet talented students of art in Thimphu, chant with monks in Paro and go inside the winter home of clergy in riverside Punakha. Spend an evening with a worldly Buddhist master, and learn about Bhutan's neighbor relations from a member of the Royal Family Council. Begin your journey at the deluxe Four Seasons Bangkok, then unwind in tranquil, family-owned Bhutanese lodgings as you enjoy the company of welcoming locals in this colorful, meditative kingdom.

## DAY ONE

### IN TRANSIT

Depart for Bangkok, Thailand.†

†Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

## DAY TWO

### BANGKOK, THAILAND

Upon arrival, transfer† to the Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok.

## DAY THREE

**B I L**

### BANGKOK

**Excursion: Highlights of Bangkok.** Cruise

along Bangkok's canals and discover the landmarks of Thailand's vibrant capital. Stop for

Thai dancer



photos at Wat Arun, and stroll through a local market to the Grand Palace. Visit the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and the world-famous Wat Pho, home to the massive Reclining Buddha.

**Local Flavor:** Savor royal Thai cuisine at the renowned Blue Elephant restaurant, set in a colonial mansion.

**Independent Exploration:** After lunch, explore Bangkok at your leisure or relax and enjoy the amenities of your luxurious hotel. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception at the hotel.

## DAY FOUR

**B I D**

### BANGKOK | THIMPHU, BHUTAN

Fly to Paro. Upon arrival, transfer to Thimphu and check in to the Hotel Druk.

**Excursion: Thimphu.**

Discover the wonders of

Bhutan's capital, the most modern city in the country. Go inside the National

# The Transcendent Himalayas

The epitome of nature's grandeur, the Himalayas stretch some 1,500 miles along the border between India and Tibet, covering 380,292 square miles. In Sanskrit, the name translates to "abode of snow." Indeed, this vast, soaring mountain system is the third largest deposit of ice and snow in the world, providing 40% of the planet's fresh water supply. Nine of the world's highest peaks are found here, including the world's tallest, the legendary Mount Everest, which towers 29,000 feet over the earth.

But this dramatic frontier is more than jagged peaks and alpine glaciers. The Himalayan ecosystem is incredibly diverse, delicate and interconnected, sheltering a number of rare and exotic species in vastly differing ecological zones. Endangered, solitary snow leopards roam alpine meadows, gentle red pandas nap in bamboo forests and elusive golden langur monkeys swing through broadleaf trees.

Down in Bhutan's fertile Punakha Valley, the glacier-fed waters of the Mo and Pho rivers meet. Here, at 4,430 feet, farmers grow peaches, pears, bananas, chilis and flowers in a balmy, subtropical oasis. This area served as Bhutan's winter capital for 300 years, and to this day, regional monks migrate to this lush Himalayan valley during the coldest months of the year.



Above: Punakha Dzong

Institute for Zorig Chusum, an art school where local culture intertwines with Buddhist teachings. In Motithang, meet Bhutan's national animal, a rare creature called a takin, and listen for barking deer. As evening falls, step inside the lovely Tashichho Dzong, Bhutan's seat of government since 1952. Surrounded by beautiful gardens, this fortified monastery presently houses the throne room and offices of the king.

**DAY FIVE**  
**THIMPHU**

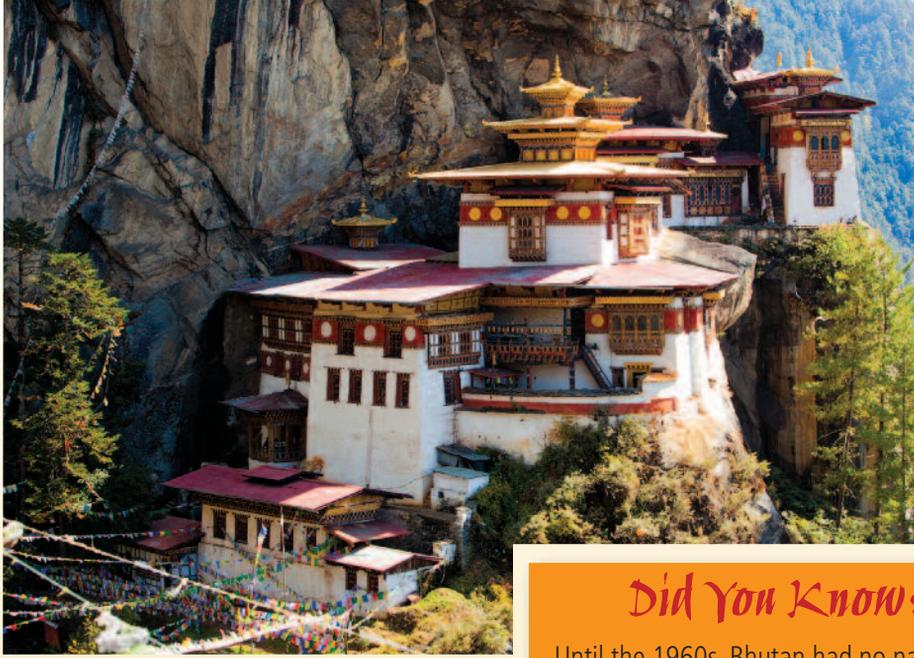
**B I L I D**

## **Excursion: Bhutanese Cultural Sites.**

Begin the day beneath the golden spires of the iconic Memorial Chorten, which means "seat

of faith," where locals spin prayer wheels and conduct their daily worship. Step back a century into the Folk Heritage Museum, situated in a mud-and-timber farmhouse. See leopard-skin bags, a traditional noodle press and locals preparing age-old dishes. Visit a small handmade paper factory, then take in the panoramic views from the Dupthop Lhakhang, one of Bhutan's last surviving nunneries.

**Educational Focus: Dasho Sangay Wangchug.** Gain a deeper understanding of Bhutan's recent history and proud national identity as well as its relationships with neighboring countries during a discussion with a Royal Family Council member.



**Left:**  
The sacred monastery of Taktang, or Tiger's Nest, is precariously perched on a lofty precipice 3,000 ft. (900 m.) above the valley floor.

**DAY SIX**

**B I L I D**

**THIMPHU**

**Excursion: Lhakhangs and Phodrang.**

Study Bhutan's distinctive architecture and Buddhist heritage on a full-day excursion to ancient temples. Take in the views at Changangkha Lhakhang, where parents go to bless their children, and Dechenphodrang, the busy state monastic school humming with hundreds of chanting students. Admire Kuenselphodrang, home to the gigantic Buddha Dordenma. From this sacred site, get a bird's-eye view of Thimphu and the surrounding lush mountains.

This evening, join monks, nomadic farmers and Bhutanese businessmen as they stroll down High Street. Meander through colorful shops and the craft bazaar, which proudly sells only authentic Bhutanese products.

**DAY SEVEN**

**B I L I D**

**THIMPHU | PUNAKHA**

Depart for Punakha, Bhutan's winter capital. En route, visit Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress in Bhutan, built in 1629. Then see the Druk Wangyal Chortens, a unique cluster of 108 chortens set against a 360-degree panorama of the Himalayas' snowcapped peaks.

**Excursion: Punakha Dzong.** Upon arrival in Punakha, visit the 17th-century dzong at the confluence of the Mo and Pho rivers. Check in to the Meri Puensum Resort.

**DAY EIGHT**

**B I L I D**

**PUNAKHA | PARO**

Depart for the beautiful valley of Paro.

**Did You Know?**

Until the 1960s, Bhutan had no national currency or telephones and, until 1974, the only foreigners allowed into Bhutan were the guests of the royal family.

**Excursion: Paro Dzong.** Enjoy an up-close look at ancient weapons, textiles and other artifacts at the National Museum. Then explore the Ringpung Dzong, known as the Fortress of a Heap of Jewels, one of the finest examples of Bhutanese architecture.

**Cultural Event: Monk Prayer Chant.** Witness a special prayer ritual with chanting Buddhist monks in the Choedling Temple. Prayers for all sentient beings will be offered.

**Independent Exploration:** Upon your arrival in Paro, check in to the Tashi Namgay Resort and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Rest or explore the colorfully painted wooden shops on the main street.

**DAY NINE**

**B I L I D**

**PARO**

**Excursion: Drugyel School and Dzong.** Meet students at a school for the mute and hearing impaired. See the world-famous Taktang Lhakhang, also known as the Tiger's

**Tashi Delek**  
A Himalayan greeting  
meaning, "May many good  
things come to you."

Nest, a complex of temples clinging to a sheer cliff face almost 3,000 feet above Paro Valley. Then uncover the ruins of the hilltop Drugyel Dzong, built in 1646.

**Educational Focus: *Khenpo Karma Tashi.*** Attend an exclusive, engaging lecture by celebrated teacher Khenpo Tashi, who will discuss Buddhism, happiness and more.

**DAY TEN** **B I D**  
**PARO**

**Excursion: *Tiger's Nest.*** Choose to embark on a challenging hike above the clouds to the dramatic, cliff-side monastery complex, one of the most venerated places of pilgrimage in the Himalayan world. Your reward? One of the "World's Most Amazing Views," according to Travel + Leisure magazine.

**Excursion: *Kyichu Lhakhang.*** Visit a seventh-century temple built by the founder of the Tibetan Empire.

**Cultural Event: *Bhutanese Music and Dance Performance.*** Be entertained at an elaborate, hourlong music and dance show. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

**DAY ELEVEN** **B**  
**PARO | BANGKOK**

Fly to Bangkok. Upon arrival, check in to the Novotel Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel and spend a relaxing evening at your leisure.

**DAY TWELVE** **B**  
**IN TRANSIT**

Transfer to the airport for the return flights to your gateway city.†

*Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.*

*Included meals indicated each day as B \ L \ D = Breakfast \ Lunch \ Dinner.*

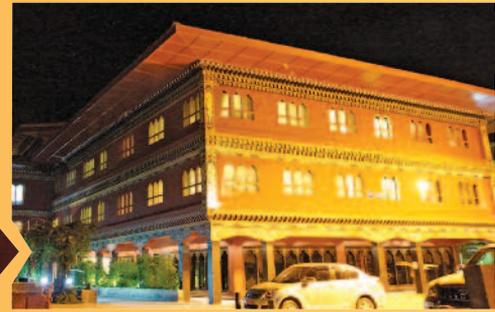


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## FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BANGKOK

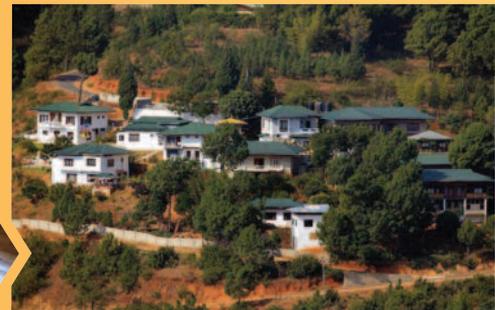
Surrounded by lush gardens in the heart of Bangkok, the Four Seasons Hotel was recently listed as one of the world's best hotels by the readers of Travel + Leisure magazine. Unwind with a traditional Thai massage in the spa, take a dip in the pool or lounge on the sun deck surrounded by waterfalls and lotus ponds.



## HOTEL DRUK

THIMPHU

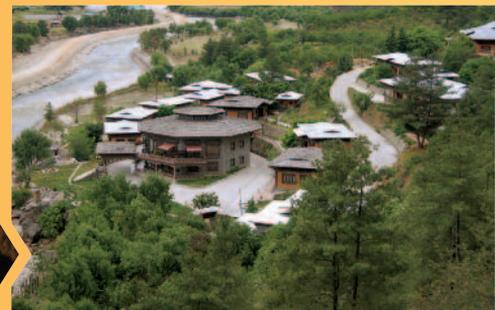
First-class amenities, traditional Bhutanese architecture and elegant décor await you at the Hotel Druk. After a full day of exploring, settle in at this newly renovated estate in the heart of Thimphu and enjoy spacious guest rooms, a spa, a fitness center and a currency exchange.



## MERI PUENSUM RESORT

PUNAKHA

Be greeted with Bhutanese hospitality at this family-owned resort, located on a hilltop overlooking Punakha. Enjoy comfortable accommodations along with a garden, a bar and a restaurant that serves Indian, Chinese and Bhutanese specialties.



## TASHI NAMGAY RESORT

PARO

This exotic resort, set on a rocky hill overlooking the Pachu River, is a quiet retreat that merges classic Bhutanese and modern architecture with environmentally conscious design. Unwind with the comforts of the spa, including a traditional hot stone bath, and cozy up to the hotel bar.



## NOVOTEL BANGKOK SUARNABHUMI AIRPORT HOTEL

The perfect spot to rejuvenate before your return home, this spacious and airy property is located next to the Bangkok airport and features modern amenities, five restaurants and bars, a spa, a fitness center and a refreshing outdoor swimming pool.

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### Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

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I understand the conditions stated in this brochure and submit my reservation as indicated.

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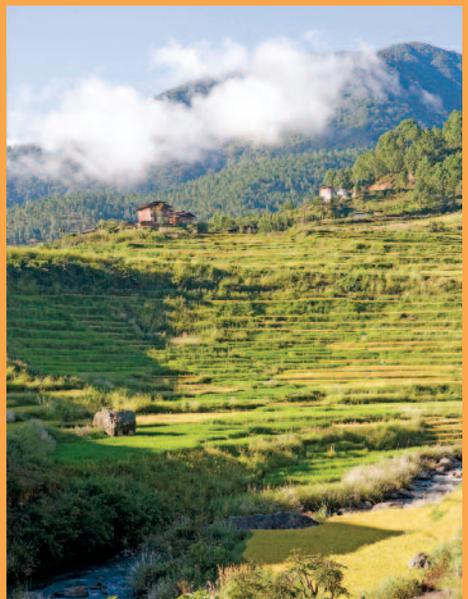
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## ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart Gateway City<sup>†</sup>
- Day 2 Arrive Bangkok, Thailand
- Day 3 Bangkok
- Day 4 Bangkok/Thimphu, Bhutan
- Day 5 Thimphu
- Day 6 Thimphu
- Day 7 Thimphu/Punakha
- Day 8 Punakha/Paro
- Day 9 Paro
- Day 10 Paro
- Day 11 Paro/Bangkok
- Day 12 Return to Gateway City<sup>†</sup>

**NOTE:** *This itinerary schedule may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.*

<sup>†</sup>Provided for AHI FlexAir participants only.



*Above: Terraced rice fields of Punakha Valley, Bhutan | Left: Baby wrapped in traditional Bhutanese woven fabric*

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# | INCLUDED FEATURES |

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Two nights** in **Bangkok, Thailand**, at the deluxe **Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok**.
- **Three nights** in **Thimphu, Bhutan**, at the first-class **Hotel Druk**.
- **One night** in **Punakha** at the first-class **Meri Puensum Resort**.
- **Three nights** in **Paro** at the first-class **Tashi Namgay Resort**.
- **One night** in **Bangkok** at the deluxe **Novotel Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel**.



## MEALS

- **Enjoy an extensive meal program**, including 10 breakfasts, six lunches and seven dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Attend a special Welcome Reception.
- Gather with your fellow travelers for an exclusive Farewell Dinner.

## TRANSFERS AND PORTERAGE

- All internal flights and deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

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- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions:**
  - See the highlights of Bangkok, including the Grand Palace and Wat Pho.
  - Explore Thimphu and visit an art school, a takin reserve and Bhutan's seat of government.
  - Visit the iconic Memorial Chorten, the Folk Heritage Museum and a Bhutanese nunnery.
  - Experience the beautiful temples surrounding Thimphu, and witness the immense Buddha Dordenma.
  - Discover the ancient fortress of Simtokha Dzong, the stunning panorama of the Druk Wangyal Chortens and the stately architecture of Punakha Dzong.
  - Visit historic Paro Dzong, and witness a Buddhist monk prayer chant at Choedling Temple.
  - Meet students at a Drugyel school, and visit the fascinating ruins of Drugyel Dzong.
  - Step inside the ancient Kyichu Lhakhang.
  - Embark on a hike to the world-famous Tiger's Nest monastery, perched high on a mountainside.

## MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
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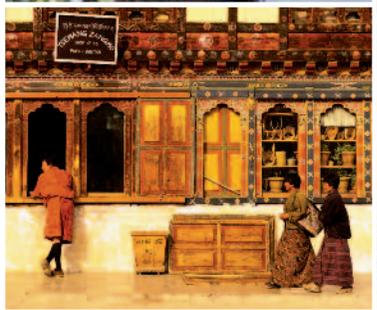


**Top to bottom:**

*Masked Dancer, believed to bring good fortune to onlookers | Memorial Chorten, Thimphu | Archery, Bhutan's much-loved national sport | Storefront, Paro | Simtokha Dzong*

**Cover photos:**

*Bhutanese architecture | Prayer wheels | Novice monk*



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