BHUTAN EDUCATIONAL STUDY TOUR
26 October - 3 November 2024

ITINERARY*

DAY 1
Saturday 26 October

Morning/Afternoon
Arrival and Transportation from Paro airport to Tashi Namgay Resort

Evening
Dinner at Brewery

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

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

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
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.

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

DAY 7  
Friday 1 November  

Morning/Afternoon  
Travel to Tashi Namgay Resort, Paro  

Evening  
5 pm Final lecture

DAY 8  
Saturday 2 November  

Morning/Afternoon  
Hike to Taktsang, famously known as Tiger’s Nest Monastery.  

Evening  
Farewell Dinner

DAY 9  
Sunday 3 November  

Morning/Afternoon  
Breakfast at the hotel  
Transportation to Paro airport

*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

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

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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

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

MORE INFORMATION

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). If you would like assistance we recommend Marlin Travel for travel arrangements and insurance. Please contact your local travel clinic to ensure you have all appropriate vaccinations up to date.

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