



Bhutan: 10d Samtegang Winter Trek

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Difficulty

Easy

Best Season

Overview

Samtegang Winter Trek is a cultural trek passing through the villages of Punakha & [Wangdi region](#) in Beautiful Country [Bhutan](#). As the name suggests, the best time to do the Samtegang Winter trek is from late autumn through winter. During this time, you can visit villages, farms, temples, and the beautiful nature of Bhutan. During this trek, you can go to the famous Drukpa Kuenley Lhakhang/temple. Drukpa Kuenley is known as the “Divine Mad Monk” because of the unusual ways he taught Buddhist philosophy.

Route Highlight

Area: Punakha, Wangdi Region,

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: 10 days,

Starting point: Paro

Ending point: Paro

Best season: October to March

Maximum group size: 30 pax

Minimum pax/Person: 1 pax

Mode of trekking: Camping

Outline Itinerary

Day1: Paro Arrival o/n in Hotel +D

Day2: Sightseeing of Paro o/n in a hotel (B, L, D)

Day3: Drive to Thimpu o/n in a hotel (B, L, D)

Day4: Thimpu to Punakha drive,o/n in a hotel (B,L,D)

Day5: Drive to Punakha Dzong and trek to Limukha (6hrs) o/n in camp (B,L,D)

Day6: Trek to Chungsakha (5hrs) o/n in camp (B, L, D)

Day7: Trek to Samtengang (5hrs)o/n in camp (B, L, D)

Day8: Trek and drive to Thimphu, o/n in a hotel (B, L, D)

Day9: Thimphu- Paro, o/n in a hotel (B, L, D)

Day10: Paro to Kathmandu, o/n in a hotel (B)

Note: B=Breakfast, L= Lunch, D=Dinner

Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Paro Arrival

Flight Kathmandu-Paro Arrival and Transfer to hotel, o/n in a hotel

Day 2: Sightseeing of Paro o/n in a hotel (B,L,D)

You will visit the fortified tower of Ta Dzong, now a natural history Museum, ruins of Drugyal Dzong that once guarded the invading Tibetan forces, and Kyichu Temple of 7th century and local township.

Day 3: Drive to Thimpu o/n in a hotel (B, L, D)

In the morning, you will visit the famous Takstang Retreat (Tiger's Nest) and in the afternoon drive to Thimpu- the capital of Bhutan

Day 4: Drive to Punakha,o/n in a hotel (B,L,D)

Drive to Khuruthng with pack lunch provided from the hotel. Stop at Dochula pass at 10,000ft for a clear view of the snowcapped Himalayan peaks towards the north bordering Tibet. Descend to Punakha via the picturesque fortress that houses the winter migration of monks from Thimphu

Day 5: Drive and trek to Limukha (6hrs) o/n in camp (B,L,D)

Drive to Punakha Dzong; the trek begins with a gradual climb through Rhododendron and Oak forests; en route visit the village of Dompala can be organised on the group's choice

Day 6: Trek to Chungsakha (5hrs) o/n in camp (B, L, D)

The trail today takes you through Rhododendron and Oak forests; en route visit the famous Drukpa Kuenley Lhakhang/temple, known as the Divine Mad Monk known for his amazing and surprising methods of teaching the Buddhist philosophy

Day 7: Trek to Samtengang (5hrs)o/n in camp (B,L,D)

The trek takes you through the village of Sha in Wangue District. The people of this area have their own dialect of Dzongkha, and were known in olden times for the famous bull fights in the fields that sometimes led to duels amongst the village men, where a village status was required to be defended against a neighboring village

Day 8: Trek and drive to Thimphu, o/n in a hotel (B,L,D)

The trail now drops till the motor road and drive to Thimphu

Day 9: Thimphu- Paro, o/n in a hotel (B, L, D)

Drive to Paro and free afternoon

Day 10: Paro to Kathmandu, o/n in a hotel (B)

Transfer to international airport in paro and fly to Kathmandu.

Trip Includes

- Arrival and transfer from to the international airport in Kathmandu and Paro
- Accommodations in standard hotels on full board (B.L.D)
- Private transport, in city English -speaking guide, airfare Kathmandu- Bhutan - Kathmandu
- All monument entrance fees, Royalty and visa fee of Bhutan
- English speaking local guide, cook, porters or pack animals
- During trek: accommodation in tent, 3 meals a day

Trip Excludes

- Personal expenses like soft and hard drink, laundry, telephone
- Airport tax and tips for local staff
- Personal insurance for helicopter rescue in case of emergency

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