

Why choose our company ?

We have many years of experience in the tourism sector, and thus are confident of providing you with a trouble-free, enjoyable and culturally exciting travel experience in Bhutan. We specialize in small-group tourism, offering both general and customized packages to meet the requirements of our guests. We can also arrange other tours to fit particular interests not covered by those tours mentioned above.

Our company supports the only charitable Art School in the Kingdom to provide education to poor and disadvantaged youth. Students of Choki Traditional Art School graduate with traditional arts and crafts skills which they can put to use to earn good livings back in their home villages. We can arrange for you to have a meal and watch a dance performance at the school, which is in a pretty village only a few miles up the valley from Thimphu. Your visit through us at no extra cost will encourage the students and help us to help other needy children. You can become a part of this social service. For more information about the school visit www.chokischool.com



Views

I can highly recommend Boonserm Tours & Travels. The organisation was efficient and yet relaxed and flexible. Bhutan is the most wonderful country and seeing it with Boonserm Tours is the best way to do it.

- Marita Crawley, UK

The tour was very well planned out and the agenda each day well thought out. We are grateful to Boonserm Tours & Travels for giving us this once in a life time experience and opportunity to see the real Bhutan and its gracious people.

- Carsten Henningsen, USA

My tour in Bhutan with Boonserm Tours & Travels was absolutely fantastic. I will be leaving Bhutan with some amazing memories which will stay with me forever...one day I will return to Bhutan as it is a beautiful place and different to anywhere else.

- Cheryl Leonard, UK



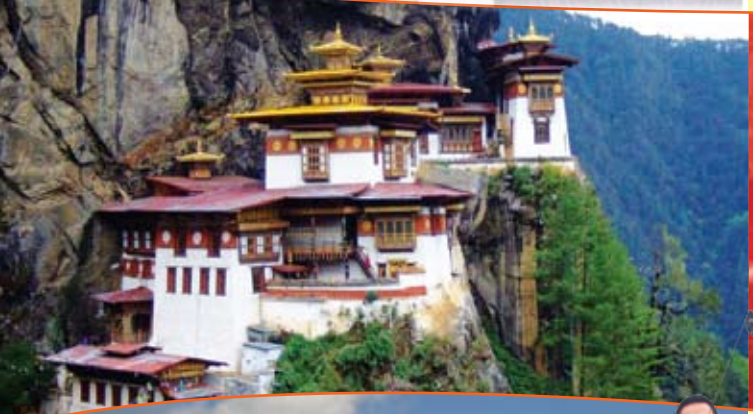
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Bhutan & Tourism

Located in the eastern Himalayas and bordered by China in the north and India in the east, west and south, Bhutan is a mountainous, land-locked country. The population of around 670,000 is still mostly engaged in subsistence farming. Bhutan opened up to the outside world only in 1974 and, keen to safeguard an ancient and rich cultural heritage, we adopted a cautious tourism policy right from the start, to avoid the negative impact that uncontrolled mass tourism could have in such a small and sparsely populated country.

Area : 38,394 sq km
Capital : Thimphu
Religion : Mahayana Buddhism



Why Visit Bhutan ?

Our homeland has great scenic beauty and a rich and vibrant culture in which traditional beliefs and practices still play a major role in the lives of one and all. The countryside is lushly forested, the air is clean and clear, and a visit to Bhutan is a refreshing and invigorating experience, offering tranquility and close intimacy with nature. You will find us friendly and welcoming, and eager to talk with you and introduce you to our way of life and culture. At the same time, we Bhutanese are always most interested to hear about your own lives and to exchange ideas with you.

Your Bhutan experience

With us you can explore and experience the essence of the Kingdom of Bhutan. As we specialize in small-group visits, our focus is on giving our guests an in-depth experience of our beautiful country. With our team of well-experienced guides and support staff, you will not only visit dzongs (fortresses) and lhakhangs (temples), and participate in traditional religious festivals (*tsechus*), but you will also get to meet and interact with local Bhutanese in the towns, villages and countryside and thus gain first-hand knowledge and understanding of their lives.



Visas & entry

Tourist visas cannot be obtained outside Bhutan. After a confirmed booking has been made through a Bhutanese tour operator and payment has been received, tourist visa approval will be issued by the Home Ministry. Boonserm Tours and Travels handles visa applications, drukair ticket, tour programs and all other logistic arrangements for the guests.

Please visit
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and choose your travel itinerary



Current offerings include:

- Traditional culture
- Bird-watching
- Treks (easy or more strenuous, short or long)
- Weaving and other traditional arts and crafts
- Student Cultural Exchange
- Home visits and Homestay

Homestay

It is a new initiative aiming to spread the economic benefits of tourism into the rural areas, and to enhance the Bhutan Experience for the discerning traveler. You will receive a very warm welcome from your host families and have a memorable experience of life in rural Bhutan.

While it is possible to enter Bhutan via a land route, most visitors find it more convenient to travel by air. The national airline, Druk Air operates flights to Bhutan from Delhi, Kolkata, Bangkok and Kathmandu. Visa clearance is necessary prior to boarding the flight to Paro. Visas are stamped in your passports on arrival at Paro. Full details of flight schedules (which vary with the season) are available at Drukair's website www.drukair.com.bt

