

# Bhutan: The Last Shangri-La

October 23 - 31 2025 • 9 Days • Price TBD

**Taj Mahal Pearl of India Optional Extension**

October 31 - November 6, 2025 \* 7 Days \* Price TBD

*Bhutan & India* is currently in the initial planning phase. Travelers who wish to hold their spot on this tour are encouraged to submit a refundable \$100 pre-registration deposit by clicking the green PRE-REGISTER button below.

Tours popular in the pre-registration phase will be finalized with firm dates, updated itineraries, and final pricing. The tour is then released for full registration. Pre-registered travelers have one week of priority access to full registration, which requires an additional \$200 (\$300 total registration). Registration deposits are non-refundable.

## **Introduction**

Due to its unique approach to measuring progress through **Gross National Happiness** (GNH) rather than Gross Domestic Product (GDP), **Bhutan** is often cited as one of the happiest countries in the world. Explore with us the ancient allure of Bhutan, where timeless traditions blend seamlessly with breathtaking natural beauty. Nestled in the heart of the **Himalayas**, Bhutan offers travelers a unique journey into a land of untouched landscapes and vibrant culture.

Our itinerary is still under development, but we will be immersed in **Bhutanese culture, food, and the natural Himalayan setting of the country**. The national religion is **Buddhism**, and this belief system permeates daily life, most prominently seen in impressive architecture.

Bhutan is a Himalayan country, and we will be at higher than normal altitudes. We overnight, however between a more moderate 5000 and 8,000 feet above sea level. A highlight of the tour is a 5 hour roundtrip hike to emblematic **Taktshang Monastery**, also called Tiger's Nest, visited by all Bhutanese at least once in their lifetime.

The extension in **India** is one WAI has offered several times, starting in 2012. Incomparable **Taj Majal** is the centerpiece, but **Rajasthan**, the region to the west where we spend most of our time is rightly considered the most colorful corner of a supremely colorful country. Never have we seen such flamboyant clothing! And the hospitality of the small town of **Deogarh** is also a highlight.

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[Tour Type: Classic Curated, High Adventure](#)

## Trip Details

- [Reviews](#)

*“Thank you for traveling to exotic places and making it so easy for a Westerner to feel comfortable and safe... Scott and Russ are an awesome team—felt very welcome and well taken care of.”*

- Valerie; Seattle, WA

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*“I love the history and culture offered on your tours. The exposure to local food is also a real plus.”*

- Sharon; Anacortes, WA

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*“I like the mix of city, country, and national parks and learning about the history, culture, plants/wildlife, and political situations in the places we visit. Also appreciate opportunities to mix with local people.”*

- Shirley; Tacoma, WA

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*“WAI is incredibly accommodating to all its customers’ needs and its knowledgeable capable guides are above average in leading and conducting tours.”*

- Bliss; Tacoma, WA

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*“India...was a kaleidoscope to the eyes, whether beautiful, horrifying, colorful, or dusty. Perry (national guide) was not only informative, and a “walker” but he was also personable. One of the best guides I’ve had in a foreign country so vast & historical. He really knew his country. It was a wonderfully fascinating trip and I thank you (Dan) & Scott for seeing us through it.”*

- Carol; Fairborn, OH

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## Adventure Pace

**Tour Pace:** 1 2 3 4 5

**Walk Challenge:** 1 2 3 4 5

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How much Adventure do you want? Here are a few features to help gauge the following factors on each tour.

**Tour Pace:** On a scale of 1 (slowest pace) to 5 (fastest pace), we've rated the following factors: number of 1-night hotels; driving miles per day; fullness of schedule; mid-tour airline flights; high elevation setting; and average amount of walking per day.

**Walk Challenge:** This number represents an average walk difficulty rating for the tour using a scale of 1 (easiest) to 5 (hardest).

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