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BHUTAN: Land of Drukpa
Bangkok, Thailand
Angkor Wat, Cambodia

Bhutan is a remote, and pristine destination that will interest flexible, adventurous travelers wanting to get off the “Beaten Path”. Nestled between Tibet to the north and India on the east, south and west, a unique culture, beautiful mountain scenery, striking architecture, temples, ancient monasteries, and historical sites offer a special experience as we journey into this Himalayan Kingdom. Witnessing a colorful village festival (tsechu) is an unusual opportunity to participate in a ceremony of spectacular pageantry with dances and religious plays remaining virtually unchanged for centuries.

Angkor, Cambodia is a huge network of palaces, temples, and monuments. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Angkor is considered Southeast Asia’s greatest artistic and spiritual center. Visits to several important archaeological sites include Angkor Wat, largest temple in the world built between the 9th and 13th centuries to celebrate the Khmer culture.

Exploration of such notable landmarks as the Royal Grand Palace and Emerald Buddha in bustling Bangkok is captivating. Excursion by boat into the famous canal sector and floating markets broadens our insight into Thai culture, and compliments our insider’s perspective gained through our local guide.

Itinerary

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Bhutan, Bangkok & Angkor Wat

Day 1-2 Departure and overnight flight to Bangkok via Los Angeles and Hong Kong.
Day 3 Mid-day arrival in Bangkok. Afternoon and evening free. Overnight Bangkok.
Day 4 Early flight to Bhutan where you know immediately that you’re off the world tourism route. Lunch at a renowned resort in Paro is followed by a leisurely drive through the beautiful Paro Valley to the capital Thimphu for overnight.
Day 5 Full day sightseeing of important landmarks in and around Thimphu where we overnight, and a special dinner invitation to a private estate, featuring traditional food, song, and dance.
Day 6 Drive over scenic Dochula Pass to Punakha where we visit the famous Punakha Dzong before continuing on to Wangdue for overnight.
Day 7 This morning, enjoy the Annual Wangdue Festival at the Dzong. Lunch is at the nearby Dragon Nest Resort before starting our drive through the idyllic countryside to Paro. Overnight Paro.
Day 8 Sightseeing in the Paro valley includes the largest, oldest and the most spectacular dzongs in the kingdom. A drive over Chelela Pass (highest on the highway system) brings us to the Haa Valley for lunch. A shopping stop is made before our return to Paro, for overnight.
Day 9 A mid-day flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia with a transfer in Bangkok. Overnight in Angkor.
Day 10 Tour an Art School and the ruins of Angkor Thom. Enjoy a cultural evening with traditional food and entertainment. Overnight Angkor.
Day 11 Visit the Angkor Wat archeological site, and another nearby temple complex. Dinner and overnight in Angkor.
Day 12 Fly to Bangkok. Cruise the famous canals and visit the Temple of Dawn. Overnight Bangkok.
Day 13 Visit the Royal Grand Palace and Reclining Buddha. This evening enjoy a Thai Dinner with cultural performance. Overnight Bangkok.
Day 14 Flight home with connections through Hong Kong and Los Angeles. Arrival on the same date.