

MYSTICAL BHUTAN: KINGDOM OF HAPPINESS

March 2026

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A Himalayan mountain adventure

Bhutan is a country like no other. It is one of the safest places on earth to visit. It is the 8th happiest nation on the globe and it has also given the unique concept of GNH (Gross National Happiness) to the world. Bhutan is now among one of the highest per capita nations in the world – not in terms of monetary standing, but in the sense of individual ‘happiness quotient’. Bhutan has a rich and unique cultural heritage that has largely remained intact due to its isolation from the rest of the world until the 1960s. One of the main attractions for tourists is the country’s culture and traditions being deeply rooted in its Buddhist heritage. This is Wells Gray Tours’ 3rd trip to Bhutan. You will be expertly guided and will experience this remarkable country as the Bhutanese people know it.



INTERNATIONAL



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ❶ **BC Interior:** March 25, 2026 - 21 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** March 25, 2026 - 21 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** March 25, 2026 - 21 days

► Fares per person

❶ from **\$15,455** double/twin, **\$16,875** single*

**Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.*

► Early Booking Bonus

\$300 on first 6 seats; **\$150** on next 4.

► Earn 311 Experience Points



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DEPARTURE INFORMATION

**Your specific departure point will be confirmed at the time of booking.
Passengers travelling from the BC Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland regions will begin and end the tour as follows:**

- I BC Interior:** We depart on Wednesday, March 25 and fly from Kelowna to Delhi, India, arriving on Thursday, March 26. We fly home from Delhi on Monday, April 13, arriving in Kelowna on Tuesday, April 14. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.
- V Vancouver Island:** We depart on Wednesday, March 25 and fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Delhi, India, arriving on Thursday, March 26. We fly home from Delhi on Monday, April 13, arriving on Tuesday, April 14.
- Departure from Victoria:** For passengers in the Greater Victoria Area, transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return. Home pickup may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area depending on the number of people booked and coach size. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.
- Departure from Up-island:** Transportation to and from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. While we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability. You will be contacted regarding your schedule after final payment. Please request departure from Nanaimo or Comox Airport at the time of booking.
- L Lower Mainland:** We depart on Wednesday, March 25 and fly from Vancouver to Delhi, India, arriving on Thursday, March 26. We fly home from Delhi on Monday, April 13, arriving in Vancouver on Tuesday, April 14. Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.
- Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack:** Transportation to and from Vancouver Airport is not provided.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$15,455 double/twin \$16,875 single	
V	Vancouver Island	\$15,555 double/twin \$16,975 single	• Please add 0.1% GST.
L	Lower Mainland	\$15,505 double/twin \$16,925 single	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- **49 total:** 18 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 17 dinners

► Transportation

- Transportation to/from Kelowna, Vancouver, or Victoria Airport from the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, or Greater Victoria Areas
- Flights to/from Delhi, India
- Transfer from Delhi Airport to hotel
- Coach transportation in India for 3 days
- Flight from Delhi to Paro, Bhutan
- Mini-coach transportation for 14 days in Bhutan
- Flight from Jakar to Paro
- Flight from Paro to Delhi
- Current air taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- 1 checked bag per person

► Accommodation

- 18 nights accommodation & hotel taxes
- Luggage handling at most hotels

► Guides, Gratuities, & Fees

- Bhutan guide for 14 days
- Gratuities to local guides & drivers
- Sustainable Development Fee for Bhutan
- Visa fee for Bhutan

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

► Key Highlights

- Locally guided tour of New Delhi
- Emperor Humayun's Tomb
- Locally guided tour of Old Delhi
- Rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk
- Jama Masjid Mosque
- Taj Mahal
- Mughal Red Fort
- National Museum of Bhutan
- Paro Tsechu Buddhist Festival
- Bird watching in Chelela Pass
- Kichu Lhakhang Temple
- Tagtshang Monastery or Tiger's Nest
- Paro Market
- Iron Chain Bridge
- Buddha Dordenma Statue
- Locally guided tour of Thimphu
- Motihang Takin Enclosure
- Zorig Chusum National Institute
- Folk Heritage Museum
- National Textile Museum
- Crafts Bazaar Emporium
- Punakha Dzong Fortress
- Chimi Lhakhang
- Gangtey Gonpa Buddhist Institute
- Gangtey Nature Trail
- Phobjikha Valley with crane watching
- Jigme Singye Wangchuck National Park
- Jampel Lhakhang
- Tamshing Lhakhang
- Visit with students at a Primary School
- Mebar Tsho Burning Lake
- Ugyen Choling Palace
- Farewell dinner with cultural program & dance

Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.





ITINERARY

Wednesday, March 25

We fly to Toronto, change planes, and continue on a non-stop overnight flight to Delhi, India.

Thursday, March 26

Welcome to India! Turn your watches ahead 12 hours. After clearing passport control in Delhi, we are met by our local guide and driver. We stay two nights at the 4.5 star Shangri-La Hotel. Situated in one of India's largest financial, commercial and business districts, the hotel offers three restaurants, a 30-metre pool, spa, and fitness facilities.

Accommodation: Shangri-La Eros Hotel

Friday, March 27

The morning is leisure time to relax after the long flight. With an estimated 24 million inhabitants, **Delhi** is the national capital and India's second largest city. It epitomizes India's history of glory and disaster, and its great capacity to absorb many cultures and yet remain itself. An afternoon tour of **New Delhi** includes sights such as the Qutab Minar, the 70-metre high Persian tower, the 1500-year old Iron Pillar, India Gate, Embassy Row, the government buildings, and Connaught Place, the heart and main shopping district of the capital. We visit **Emperor Humayun's Tomb** which was built between 1569-70 by his widow. It is a significant example of Mughal architecture and served as a burial site for members of the ruling family, including Humayun himself.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Shangri-La Eros Hotel

Saturday, March 28

We take a driving tour around **Old Delhi**, the former centre of Mughal Power with ancient monuments, narrow streets and bustling bazaars. On board the cycle rickshaw, we pass the Red Fort, travel through "Chandni Chowk" or Silver Street, and experience the **Jama Masjid**, the greatest mosque in India. In the afternoon, we drive to Agra and stay overnight at ITC Mughal Hotel. Sprawled over 23 acres of Mughal-style gardens, with the characteristic use of water channels, fruit trees, flowers, and shaded walkways, the resort is a fitting tribute to the great Mughal builders of the past.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: ITC Mughal Hotel

Sunday, March 29

Agra is the medieval city of the famous 17th century masterpiece **Taj Mahal** which is possibly the world's most perfect architectural monument. It was built in the memory of Mumtaz Mahal, the beloved wife of one of the greatest kings of the Mughal Empire, Shah Jahan. While the white-domed marble mausoleum is the most familiar component of the Taj Mahal, it is actually an integrated complex of structures. We arrive in time for sunrise about 6 am, then explore the gardens, outbuildings, and exquisite interiors. Later we visit the **Mughal Red Fort** which was the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty until 1638 when the capital was shifted from Agra to Delhi. We return to Delhi in the afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Roseate Hotel Delhi Airport

ITINERARY continued

Monday, March 30

We fly from Delhi to Paro, Bhutan, the country's only international airport. **Welcome to Bhutan!** We meet our guide, driver, and CEO of Bhutan Mindful Travels. **Paro** has a population of just 12,000 people, quite a contrast to bustling Delhi. It sits in a scenic Himalayan valley at an altitude of 2,200 metres. We visit the **National Museum** which has cultural and natural exhibits, and an impressive view of the Paro Valley. We stay four nights in Paro.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Tashi Namgay

Tuesday, March 31

Enjoy a day of **Paro Tsechu**, a Buddhist Festival which locals believe will remove their negative karmas for the entire year. A Tsechu is performed as a tribute to Guru Rinpoche, the great Buddhist master who brought Buddhism to Bhutan. He was believed to have healed King Sindhu Raja by performing eight forms of dances representing eight manifestations of Padmasambhava. The monks perform a series of meticulously choreographed religious dances wearing grand silk robes and exquisitely crafted masks. It takes years learning and mastering the art of mask dance and months of meticulous practicing and rehearsing for the grand event. The afternoon can be free time or spend longer at the Festival.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Tashi Namgay

Wednesday, April 1

Our day starts early with a drive to **Chelela Pass** for bird watching, including Himalayan monal pheasants, kalej pheasants, and blood pheasants. Chelela Pass is at 3,900 metres elevation, one of the highest road points in Bhutan. If the weather is fine, Jomolhari Mountain which is 7,300 metres high should be visible. Normally, April provides favourable weather and excellent photographic opportunities to capture the Himalayas. Then we drive part way down into the **Haa Valley** which opened to tourists just ten years ago. Back in Paro, we visit **Kichu Lhakhang**, a 7th century temple built by the Tibetan King, Thrisong Detsen. This temple is older than the Mahayana Buddhism, introduced in the 8th century.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Tashi Namgyal

Thursday, April 2

We hike to the 16th century **Tagtshang Monastery**, also called the Tiger's Nest. Guru Rinpoche who introduced Tantric Buddhism to Bhutan meditated in the cave eight centuries earlier. This is one of the country's most sacred sites and best known attractions, and visiting the temple is said to enhance your spiritual happiness. The hike is 7 km round trip and about 450 metres ascent. Lunch is served at Tagtshang Cafeteria halfway to the monastery. If you do not want to complete the climb, the views from the cafeteria are good and give a great sense of the unique location of this structure. A horse can be arranged this far for a small fee. Later, time permitting, there is a chance to browse the Paro Market.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Tashi Namgyal

Friday, April 3

Leaving Paro, we visit the **Iron Chain Bridge** built in 1433 by Thangtong Gyalpo, a famous Tibetan bridge builder who constructed 108 iron bridges throughout the Himalayas. We stay two nights in Bhutan's capital city, **Thimphu**. This afternoon, we visit Buddha Dordenma, one of the world's biggest Buddhas (51.5 metres) which was completed in 2015. Inside is a seven-storey temple which houses 100,008 eight-inch tall Buddha statues and 25,000 12-inch statues. The site is surrounded by nearly 1,000 acres of blue pine forest.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Jomolhari

ITINERARY continued

Saturday, April 4

We see the exterior of **Trashichodzong**, the capital building of Bhutan, and the small palace of the 5th King of Bhutan. Later, we visit the **Motihang Takin enclosure**. The Takin is Bhutan's national animal, a docile creature that appears to have the body of a cow and the head of a goat. Barking deer, goral, serow and sambar deer are also found in the enclosure. Another stop is the **Institute of Zorig Chusum** which preserves the rich culture and tradition of Bhutan and trains students in traditional art forms such as carpentry, painting, paper making, blacksmithery, weaving, sculpting, and boot making. Afterwards, we visit the **Folk Heritage Museum** which gives a good perspective of typical lives of Bhutan and the **National Textile Museum** where traditional weaving techniques and designs are exhibited. There is free time to visit the crafts bazaar emporium.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Jomolhari

Sunday, April 5

Today's drive takes us to **Dochula Pass** for one of the most picturesque views of the Himalayas bordering Tibet. We experience diverse village landscapes and amazing terraced rice fields. We visit Chimi Lhakhang, built in 1499, where childless couples come to receive a fertility blessing. Dzongs are a very distinctive form of architecture and serve as a religious, administrative, and social service centre. We tour **Punakha Dzong** where pictorial murals depict the life history of Buddha.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Pema Karpo, Wangdi

Monday, April 6

This morning, we drive to Seregang bridge point, then walk to the **Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten** built by Queen Mother Ashi Tshering Yangdon Wangchuck for removing negative forces and transmitting peace and harmony for all people. The notable architecture is the golden spire and labyrinth wall patterns showing a fine example of the art and traditions of Bhutan. Inside the chorten, the main statue is a protective deity, Wrathful Vajrakilaya. From the chorten verandah, there is a panoramic view of the beautiful valley of Kabisa along the Mochu River. We can either raft (optional US\$20 charge per person) or drive back to Galemthang where an outdoor lunch awaits.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Pema Karpo, Wangdi

Tuesday, April 7

We drive to **Gangtey Gonpa**, a Buddhist institute for higher studies. It is also the seat of present Gangtey Trulku, the body emancipation of Pedmalingpa. Then we hike for 1½ hours along the Gangtey Nature Trail, admiring the beautiful forest and wetland of the Phobjikha Valley and possibly seeing some of the 650 **black-necked cranes** that winter here and are a protected bird.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotels Dewachen or Gakiling



ITINERARY continued

Wednesday, April 8

Today's scenic drive is through **Pelela Pass** with frequent stops at birding sites and viewpoints. We pass through **Jigme Singye Wangchuck National Park** with its impressive virgin forest cover. We see the Mangdechhu Dam, completed in 2019, which is 101 metres high and generates power for Bhutan and India. Another viewpoint is **Trongsa Dzong** where traders between Eastern and Western Bhutan had to pass through the middle of the dzong using the only suspension bridge.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Tendrel Resort, Trongsa

Thursday, April 9

We drive through the Yotongla Pass (3,425 metres) and the splendid Chumey and Chamkhar valleys to reach **Jakar** where we stay three nights. We take a walk through the town of Chamkhar in the afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Kaila Guest House

Friday, April 10

We visit **Jampel Lhakhang**, built in 659 by the Tibetan king Songtsen Gampo who constructed 108 temples in the Himalayas to bring good luck for him and his wife. Then we walk to Tamshing Lhakhang, a temple built by the Buddhist Saint Pema Lingpa, popularly known as the text discoverer in the Tibetan Buddhism. The temple contains some of the oldest wall paintings in Bhutan. During the afternoon, we meet the students at one of the local schools.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Kaila Guest House

Saturday, April 11

Today we explore the Tang Valley. **Mebar Tsho, or the Burning Lake**, is one of the most sacred pilgrimage sites in Bhutan. In the 15th century, Pema Lingpa jumped into the lake with a lighted lamp and emerged a few minutes later with the lamp still burning and holding a statue and a treasure chest containing Tantric Buddhist sacred texts. This afternoon, we tour **Ugyen Choling Palace**, built in the 16th century by descendants of Pema Lingpa and now a museum of family artifacts.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Kaila Guest House

Sunday, April 12

We fly from Jakar back to **Paro**. A farewell dinner is planned with your Bhutanese guides and drivers, along with a campfire and cultural program by a local dance group.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Tagtsang View Hotel

Monday, April 13

Bidding farewell to Bhutan after our amazing 14 days in the Kingdom of Happiness, we fly from Paro to Delhi. A day room is arranged at Roseate Hotel near Delhi Airport, so you can relax and freshen up. Our flight leaves this evening.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Tuesday, April 14

We arrive in Canada and continue to our home cities.



Paro Tsechu Festival

MYSTICAL BHUTAN

Get ready for a fairytale adventure as we explore the remarkable country of Bhutan for 14 days. Bhutan is located between China-ruled Tibet in the north and India to the south. In past years, Lonely Planet and CNN have ranked Bhutan as one of the world's top destinations. Bhutan is very protective of its natural and cultural richness. It is only in the past 50 years that Bhutan has cautiously opened up to the world, but tourism is very restricted and well-monitored. Individual travel is limited here — it is recommended that you book through a Bhutan tour company and be with a guide for your entire visit. Bhutan has given the world the unique concept of GNH (Gross National Happiness), rating the country's success not in terms of monetary standing but by the sense of individual happiness quotient. The country is very deeply rooted in Buddhism, and most Buddhist practices and beliefs have stayed unchanged for centuries. Maroon-robed monks and nuns of all ages are a common sight in Bhutan. You will find a well-structured peaceful society where the people are warm and hospitable.

We have arranged this tour through Bhutan Mindful Travels and have used them for two previous tours to Bhutan, both very successful. When Fraser Neave, our Director of Product Development, attended Thompson Rivers University, he met the son of the owner of Bhutan Mindful Travels in 2010 and they have been friends since, albeit on opposite sides of the world.



Activity Level 4

Rigorous Activity: You want adventure and are ready to try anything. You lead an active life at home, walking, biking, hiking or skiing and 10,000 steps or more a day is normal for you. You can handle traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for prolonged periods of

time, and you can carry your own luggage. You don't mind a mix of full days, early morning starts, and some late nights. You can handle altitudes of up to 4,000 metres (13,000 feet) with no health issues. Bhutan is a country where many of the attractions are accessed by foot. Therefore, you should be able to walk at least 5 km with elevation changes of up to 500 metres. Tagtshang Monastery is a 7 km hike return, but a horse can be rented for part of the way. Seeing everything mentioned in this itinerary requires participation at Activity Level 4.

This tour is not appropriate for people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices. Walking poles are recommended. Additionally, this tour is not appropriate for those who have cognitive impairments such as memory loss or confusion, difficulty expressing thoughts, repeating questions, or getting lost. The tour director, local guides, and drivers have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

Please note: Prior to accepting your booking, you will be required to sign a declaration that you are capable of travelling on an Activity Level 4 tour.



Tour Size 18

This tour is limited to 18 participants, making it a more intimate travel experience.

TOUR NOTES

Documentation: A passport is required and must be valid for over 6 months when you enter India and Bhutan. A Tourist Visa for India is required for Canadians, and details about applying will be provided at final payment. You may have to send your passport away with a Visa application, so plan other trips that require a passport with this in mind. The cost of the India Visa is your responsibility. Bhutan Mindful Travels is arranging the Bhutan visit and will assist with your Visa for Bhutan about a month prior and the fee is included in your tour fare.

Currency & Expenses: The currency in India is the rupee and, as of May 2025, a Canadian dollar is worth about 61 rupees. You should order rupees from your bank 1-2 weeks before departure, or plan to use ATMs which are common. Canadian credit cards are generally accepted in major hotels, restaurants, and stores in popular tourist locations. In rural areas and smaller businesses, they may be less commonly accepted. The Bhutanese ngultrum (BTN) is the national currency for the Kingdom of Bhutan and a Canadian dollar is worth about 51 BTN. The Indian rupee is widely accepted in Bhutan and the two currencies are pegged at par. You cannot buy BTN outside of Bhutan. ATMs are seldom found and credit cards may be accepted in major hotels. Use cash for souvenirs, otherwise all your expenses for meals are included. Gratuities are included for all group meals and for Indian and Bhutanese guides and drivers.

Please book early! Bhutan is slowly opening to tourists and a visit is much sought after by people looking for a unique destination. Tourist visits are strictly controlled by the Kingdom and rooms that are unsold may be taken back and sold to a different tour operator. If this happens, we have to consider the tour full, even though seats are available on the coach. Therefore, waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait until 2028, our next tour."

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to very remote places where restaurants probably cannot satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Flight seating: We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes. The airline will not accept them, as group seating is assigned as a block. If this is important to you, we suggest you take the "No Flight" option with a fare reduction (amount available in June 2025) and book your own flight which allows seat selection. This applies to the flights between Vancouver and Delhi.

Flight upgrades: Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the flights from Vancouver to Delhi and return. Premium economy and business class may be available.

Walking: In Bhutan, many of the attractions, dzongs, temples, and palaces that we visit are accessible only by walking. Although you may opt out of the longer hikes, your experience of the destination is very often on foot, so you should be comfortable with walking at least 5 km with elevation change.

Elevation: Most of Bhutan is at high elevations, starting in Paro at 2,200 metres. Some places we visit are 3,000 to 4,000 metres altitude. Many people are affected by such high altitudes. Acclimatization is important for the first couple of days, so your body can adjust. Please consult your doctor before final payment about whether you can handle high altitudes.

Vaccinations: Please ensure that you visit a travel health clinic at least 3 months prior to departure to find out if there are any inoculations recommended for northern India or Bhutan. There may be charges for this service.

Sustainable Development Fee: Because of the restricted nature of tourist activity in Bhutan, travel is higher priced than many other areas of the world. The Bhutan government charges a Sustainable Development Fee of \$100 USD per person per day for this tour (included in your fare).

Tour Director & Guides: The tour will be accompanied from British Columbia by a Wells Gray tour director. Experienced, knowledgeable, and multilingual guides travel with us throughout the tour in Bhutan and India. Local guides conduct sightseeing tours in several places. You will be expertly guided and well looked after!

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due December 9, 2025. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level 4 and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard (\$5,000 limit per person on credit cards).

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$300 discount on the first 6 seats and \$150 on the next 4 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after December 9, 2025.

Cancellation Policy: Up to November 7, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From November 8 to December 9, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From December 10, 2025 to January 9, 2026, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From January 10 to February 9, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After February 9, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Our many suppliers may notify us about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a tour component due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. The flights between Vancouver and Delhi have been estimated based on current costs, but cannot be confirmed until June 2025. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes, currency exchange rates, or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to departure.

Flight delays or cancellations: Flights can be delayed or cancelled at the last minute, sometimes causing a missed connection. The airline usually wants to talk with the individual passenger. There may be an extra payment required if the issue is weather which sometimes delays flights in and out of Paro. Wells Gray Tours cannot interfere with this process. Check that your travel insurance policy has a flight delay benefit because that is usually your best recourse for recouping additional flight costs.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage. Please do not travel to India and Bhutan without medical insurance as a minimum.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 311 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until December 9, 2025.

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This tour is rated “Activity Level 4” by the tour planners at Wells Gray Tours using our new scale with 4 levels. This rating means there is a lot of activity as described here:



Rigorous Activity: You want adventure and are ready to try anything. You lead an active life at home, walking, biking, hiking or skiing and 10,000 steps or more a day is normal for you. You can handle traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for prolonged periods of time, and you can carry your own luggage. You don’t mind a mix of full days,

early morning starts, and some late nights. You can handle altitudes of up to 4,000 metres (13,000 feet) with no health issues. Bhutan is a country where many of the attractions are accessed by foot. Therefore, you should be able to walk at least 5 km with elevation changes of up to 500 metres. Tagtshang Monastery is a 7 km hike return, but a horse can be rented for part of the way.

Since a few people who are not capable of doing these activities can hold up the entire group, Wells Gray Tours expects everybody booking a tour with “Activity Level 4” to be fit physically and mentally. Please read the following and sign acknowledging that these statements are true. The tour deposit will be due after you have signed this statement.

- I want to travel on a Wells Gray tour with a rating of “Activity Level 4” on the new scale with 4 levels.
- I have read the brochure with the full itinerary and description of the activities that are typical on this tour.
- I understand that this is the highest activity level that a Wells Gray tour can be rated.
- I am confident that I can participate in tour activities at this level, and I will not hold up or delay the other members of the tour.
- I do not require the use of a cane, walker, wheelchair, or other mobility assistance devices.
- I have no cognitive impairment such as memory loss or confusion, difficulty expressing thoughts, repeating questions, or getting lost.
- If my physical or cognitive condition changes between booking and departure date such that I can no longer do this level of activity, I will notify the Wells Gray office or agent. The specified penalties will apply for cancelling and travel insurance may cover this.
- If I am not capable of keeping up with the group or require ongoing assistance, I understand that the Wells Gray tour director has the right to stop me from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, I acknowledge that I may be required to leave the tour and travel home at my own expense, and that travel insurance will probably not cover me. There will be no refund for unused tour services.

This statement has been implemented by Wells Gray Tours to maintain high quality itineraries, accurate timing, and the enjoyment of all tour participants. Each person booking this tour must sign this statement. Thank you for your understanding.

Signature _____ Name _____ Date _____