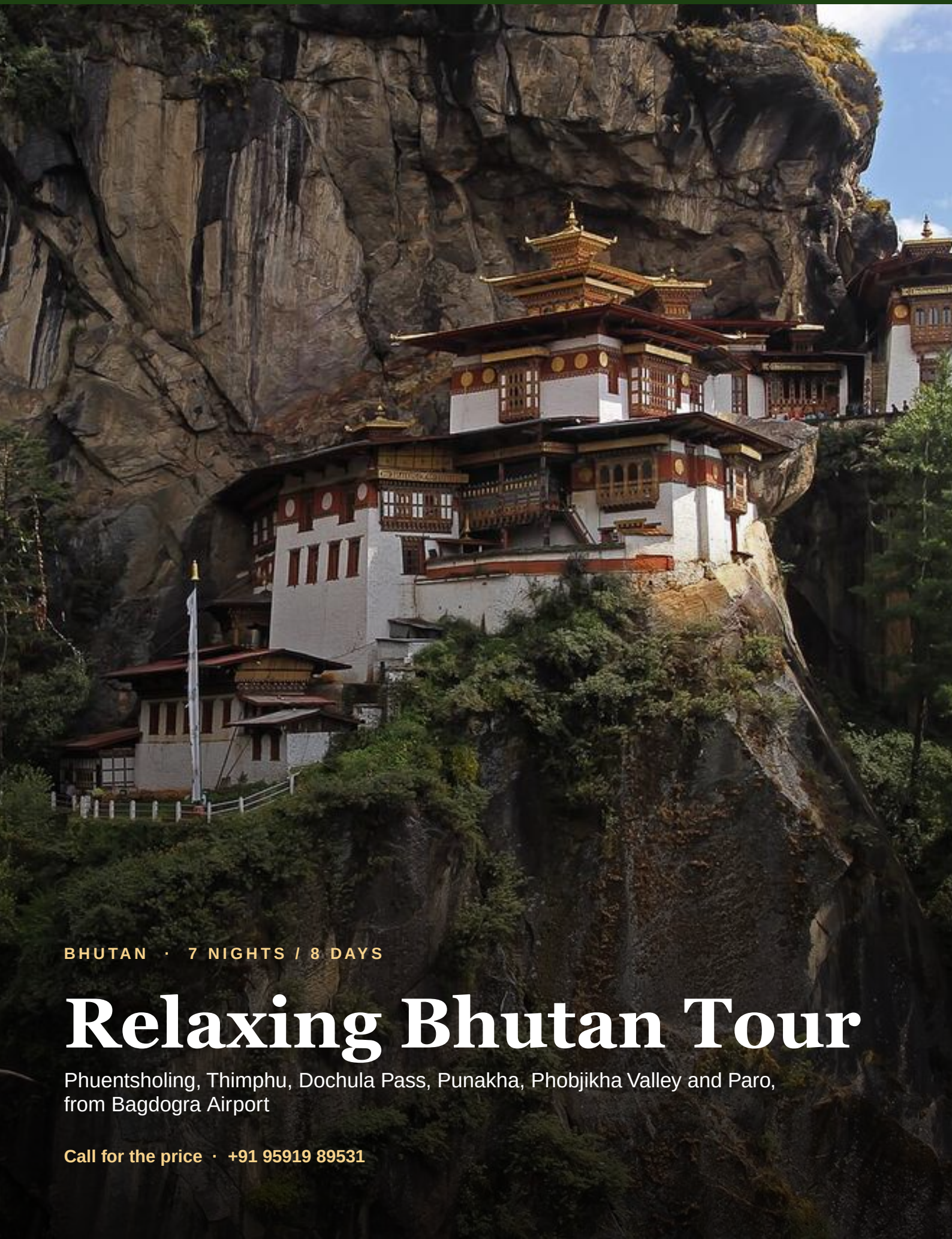
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DURATION	FROM	HOTELS	DEPARTURE
7 nights · 8 days	Bagdogra Airport	3 star	Weekly, from Bagdogra

ROUTE

Phuentsholing (1 nights) › Thimphu (1 nights) › Punakha (2 nights) › Paro (2 nights) › Phuentsholing (1 nights)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cross the India-Bhutan border on foot at Phuentsholing
- Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang), Thimphu
- Archery, the national sport, at Simply Bhutan
- Dochula Pass and its 108 memorial chortens
- Phobjikha Valley and the Gangtey Nature Trail
- Punakha Dzong, built in 1637
- Walk across the Punakha Suspension Bridge (180 m)
- Chimi Lhakhang, Punakha
- Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery (Paro Taktsang)
- Paro Airport viewpoint, to watch aircraft land

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Day 1: Bagdogra to Phuentsholing

- Pickup at Bagdogra Airport (IXB) or New Jalpaiguri (NJP) station
- Drive to Phuentsholing (145 km, about 4 hours)
- Cross the India-Bhutan border on foot
- Check in at the hotel
- Free time in Phuentsholing to try local food or relax
- Night stay in Phuentsholing



Day 2: Phuentsholing to Thimphu

- Check out from the hotel
- Immigration formalities
- Drive to Thimphu (160 km, about 5 hours)
- Pass the Eight Dharma Kaya Stupas
- Pass Chuzom Bridge, where the Thimphu and Paro rivers meet
- Check in at the hotel in Thimphu
- Free time
- Dinner and night stay in Thimphu



Day 3: Thimphu sightseeing, drive to Punakha

- Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang)
- Takin Preserve
- Simply Bhutan
- Tashichho Dzong (Thimphu Dzong)
- Government-run Handicrafts Emporium
- Evening drive to Punakha over Dochula Pass (75 km, about 2.5 hours)
- Dinner and night stay in Punakha



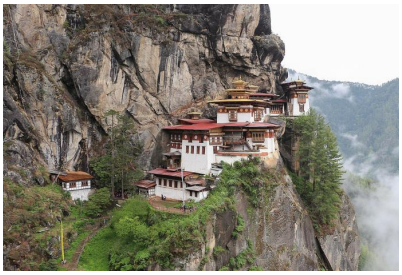
Day 4: Phobjikha Valley day trip

- Drive to Phobjikha Valley (Gangtey), 78 km, about 3 hours
- Optional trek on the Gangtey Nature Trail
- Phobjikha Visitor Center
- Drive back to Punakha
- Night stay in Punakha
- Optional: river rafting in Punakha, at own cost



Day 5: Punakha sightseeing, drive to Paro

- Punakha Dzong (Palace of Great Happiness)
- Punakha Suspension Bridge
- Chimi Lhakhang, the temple of fertility
- Drink and fill a bottle with blessed water in Punakha
- Drive to Paro by evening (115 km, about 3 hours)
- Check in at the hotel in Paro
- Dinner and night stay in Paro



Day 6: Tiger's Nest hike

- Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery (Paro Taktsang), 6.4 km, 3 to 5 hours
- Horses for hire at the starting point, for those who cannot make the climb
- Optional hot stone bath in the countryside after the hike
- Night stay in Paro



Day 7: Paro to Phuentsholing

- Check out from the hotel
- Paro Airport viewpoint
- Paro local market
- Namgay Artisanal Brewery
- Afternoon drive to Phuentsholing, with photo stops (150 km, about 4.5 hours)
- Check in at the hotel in Phuentsholing
- Night stay in Phuentsholing
- Optional: trip to Chelela Pass at own cost (consult the guide first)

Day 8: Phuentsholing to Bagdogra Airport

- Check out from the hotel
- Depart for Bagdogra Airport AM (150 km, about 4 hours)
- Drive through West Bengal
- Drop at Bagdogra Airport between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM

PLACES ON THIS TRIP

- Dochula Pass: Dochula Pass is on the road from Thimphu to Punakha. It has 108 memorial chortens.
- Punakha Dzong: Punakha Dzong is a fortress built in 1637. It is also called the Palace of Great Happiness.
- Punakha Suspension Bridge: This suspension bridge in Punakha is 180 m long. Visitors walk across it.
- Chimi Lhakhang: Chimi Lhakhang is a temple in Punakha, known as the temple of fertility.
- Tiger's Nest Monastery (Paro Taktsang): Paro Taktsang is a sacred Buddhist monastery at about 10,240 ft. The hike to it is easy to moderate, and horses are for hire at the start.
- Phobjikha Valley: Phobjikha Valley, at Gangtey, is where black-necked cranes come in winter. It has the Gangtey Nature Trail and a visitor centre about the valley's ecosystem.
- Takin Preserve: This preserve in Thimphu keeps the takin, the national animal of Bhutan. The takin looks like a cross between a cow and a goat.
- Simply Bhutan: Simply Bhutan is an interactive display of traditional items and Bhutanese culture in Thimphu. Visitors can try archery, the national sport.

TRANSPORT

- Vehicle arranged by group size, with driver. Pickup at Bagdogra Airport or New Jalpaiguri (NJP) station. Drop at Bagdogra Airport.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Vehicle for the trip, arranged by group size
- 7 nights in 3-star hotels, on double or twin sharing
- Breakfast and dinner every day
- Visa cost or Sustainable Development Fee (SDF)
- Professional tour guide
- Visa and permit assistance
- 1 tourist SIM card
- Mineral water
- Fuel and driver costs
- Parking fees

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Air or train fare
- Lunch
- Travel insurance
- Entry fees at sightseeing points and monuments
- Telephone, bar and personal refreshments
- Any cost that is not in the inclusions
- Costs from events outside control, such as rail or flight delays
- Costs from road blocks, vehicle breakdown or political disturbance

DOCUMENTS

- Adults: original Voter ID card, or a passport valid for at least 6 months
- Under 18 years: passport or birth certificate
- Aadhaar card is not valid in Bhutan

NOTES

- The trip ends with a drop at Bagdogra Airport between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM. Book a flight that leaves after 2:00 PM.
- Indian currency is valid in Bhutan. You do not need to exchange money.
- Vegetarian food and many Indian dishes are available in Bhutan.
- The Tiger's Nest hike is easy to moderate. You need an average level of fitness.
- River rafting in Punakha and the trip to Chelela Pass are optional and at your own cost.
- Couples get a room for two. Solo travellers share a room with a solo traveller of the same gender.

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