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BHUTAN · CROSS-BORDER EXPEDITION

Bhutan Happiness Motorcycle Tour

Ride the tiny kingdom of the Himalayas

DURATION **8 days / 7 nights**	DISTANCE **1,140 km**	START – FINISH **Bagdogra**
DIFFICULTY **Easy**	HIGHEST ALTITUDE **~3,988 m**	RIDING STYLE **Mountain highways and high passes**

STARTING FROM

₹49,999

per person

Reserve with ₹20,000 advance

NEXT DEPARTURE

26 Dec 2026 – 2 Jan 2027

Open for booking · 6 seats left

+ 5 more dates listed inside

Eight days from Bagdogra into Bhutan — Phuentsholing, Paro and Tiger's Nest, Chele La, Thimphu, Dochula, Punakha and the Phobjikha valley.

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ABOUT THE RIDE

Overview

Bhutan Happiness Tour — 7 nights and 8 days, for a maximum of 10 riders.

Motorcycles: Royal Enfield Himalayan 411cc BS6, or Himalayan 450cc (limited to 8 bikes).

Riders are briefed by the guide and road captain on safe riding and the most important road-safety rules of Bhutan; motorcycle formalities are completed with the RSTA before the ride begins.

Important: this trip includes a few long stages. First aid and transfer to the nearest medical centre are provided by our support vehicle, as helicopters and ambulances are rarely available. Phone coverage is limited and satellite phones are restricted, so contacting emergency services can be difficult. As on any mountain route, road quality and difficulty depend heavily on current and recent weather.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

01 Tiger’s Nest (Taktsang)
Hike to the monastery perched about 600 m up a sheer cliff above the Paro valley.

02 Chele La pass
At 3,988 m, one of the highest motorable passes in Bhutan, with views of Jomolhari and Jichu Drake.

03 Dochula pass
Chortens, prayer flags and — on clear days — a panorama of the high Himalaya.

04 Punakha Dzong
The “Palace of Great Happiness” at the meeting of the Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers.

05 Phobjikha valley
The winter home of the rare black-necked cranes.

GOOD TO KNOW

Who it is for	Riders comfortable on mountain highways; a seat in the car is available for non-riders.
Stays	Hotels on double occupancy with breakfast and dinner (MAPAI). A single occupancy supplement is available.
Motorcycles	Royal Enfield Himalayan 411 BS6 — 411cc; Royal Enfield Himalayan 450 — 450cc
Luggage & support	A back-up van supports the group during the biking tour in Bhutan.

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8 DAYS · BAGDOGRA

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 01

Bagdogra / Siliguri to Phuentsholing

Bagdogra → Phuentsholing **155 km**

On arrival at Bagdogra airport, our team or driver will greet you and drive you to the Jaigaon–Bhutan border. Phuentsholing, the gateway for travellers entering Bhutan by road, is a thriving commercial centre at the foot of the Himalayas — a fascinating mix of Indian and Bhutanese cultures. Our guide completes the walk-in entry and immigration formalities with you, then we drive to the hotel.

Stay: Phuentsholing
Meals: Dinner

DAY 02

Phuentsholing to Paro

Phuentsholing → Paro **165 km** **2,280 m**

After breakfast, the guide and road captain brief you on safe riding and Bhutan's road-safety rules. Once the bike formalities are done at the RSTA you get a test ride — and the trip begins. Ride the Phuentsholing–Thimphu highway (built in 1961), stopping at Gedu for photos and for tea near Chukha, then on to Paro. After check-in, visit Ta Dzong, the former watchtower that now houses the National Museum, and stroll through the local market in the evening.

Stay: Paro
Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Sightseeing: Gedu, Chukha, Ta Dzong (National Museum), Paro market

DAY 03

Tiger's Nest hike and hot stone bath

Paro **40 km**

After an early breakfast, hike to Taktsang (Tiger's Nest) monastery, perched about 600 m up a sheer cliff above the valley, where Guru Padmasambhava is said to have flown from Tibet on the back of a tiger. It is about 1½ hours to the teahouse, with the option of about another hour uphill to the monastery. Lunch is served at the teahouse with views of Taktsang above and the Paro valley below. In the evening, try a traditional hot stone bath with natural herbs, and, time permitting, browse Paro's handicraft shops.



Stay: Paro
Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Sightseeing: Taktsang monastery, hot stone bath

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DAY 04

Chele La pass excursion, on to Thimphu

Paro → Thimphu **120 km** **3,988 m**

Ride about an hour up a thickly forested road to Chele La (3,988 m), one of the highest motorable passes in Bhutan — a botanical paradise with views of the sacred Jomolhari and Jichu Drake, marked by hundreds of prayer flags. Return to the Paro valley and ride on to Thimphu, the capital and still perhaps the world's only capital without a traffic light. In the evening visit Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang), with its 51.5 m bronze-and-gold Buddha and views over the valley, and the Takin Preserve at Motithang. Sightseeing in Thimphu also includes Simply Bhutan (the living museum), the Institute for Zorig Chusum (the painting school) and the Tashichho Dzong viewpoint.

Stay: Thimphu
Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Sightseeing: Chele La, Buddha Point, Takin Preserve, Simply Bhutan, Zorig Chusum, Tashichho Dzong

DAY 05

Thimphu to Punakha

Thimphu → Punakha **110 km**

Ride the Thimphu–Punakha highway up to Dochula pass (3,088 m) with its chortens, mani wall and prayer flags; on clear days the view takes in a long line of high Himalayan peaks up to Gangkar Puensum (7,497 m), Bhutan's highest. In the afternoon visit Punakha Dzong, the "Palace of Great Happiness", built in 1637 at the meeting of the Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers. Then a short 10–15 minute walk through Sobsokha village and paddy fields to Chimi Lhakhang, the temple associated with Lama Drukpa Kunley, the "Divine Madman".

Stay: Punakha / Wangdue
Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Sightseeing: Dochula pass, Punakha Dzong, Chimi Lhakhang

DAY 06

Punakha – Phobjikha valley – Punakha

Punakha **160 km**

Right after breakfast, ride about two hours to the Phobjikha valley, one of the most beautiful valleys in Bhutan and winter home of the rare black-necked cranes. Bhutan celebrates the crane festival every year on 11 November in the courtyard of Gangtey monastery to raise awareness of these endangered birds. After a photo session, ride back to the Punakha valley.



Stay: Punakha / Wangdue
Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Sightseeing: Phobjikha valley, Gangtey monastery

DAY 07

Punakha to Phuentsholing

Punakha → Phuentsholing **235 km**

Ride towards Phuentsholing, with a short photo stop at Dochula pass. If you'd like more time or more kilometres, your guide and road captain can customise the sightseeing. Check into the hotel in Phuentsholing.

Stay: Phuentsholing
Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 08

Phuentsholing to Bagdogra airport

Phuentsholing → Bagdogra **155 km**

After an early breakfast our team helps with immigration check-out, and an Indian driver takes you to Bagdogra as per your schedule. The happy tour ends in the kingdom of happiness — safe journey!

Meals: Breakfast

PRICING

Prices & packages

All prices are per person. An advance of ₹20,000 per person secures your place. Per person · double occupancy · maximum 10 riders

QUOTATION WITH 411CC BS6 HIMALAYAN BIKES

Solo Rider in Double Occupancy (411cc BS6)

₹59,999 per person

Per person — one rider per motorcycle.

QUOTATION WITH 411CC BS6 HIMALAYAN BIKES

Dual Rider in Double Occupancy (411cc BS6)

₹53,999 per person

Per person — two people sharing one motorcycle.

QUOTATION WITH 411CC BS6… STARTING PRICE

Seat in Car in Double Occupancy (411cc BS6 group)

₹49,999 per person

Per person — travel in the support car.

QUOTATION WITH 411CC BS6 HIMALAYAN BIKES

Single Occupancy Supplement (411cc BS6 group)

₹15,000 add-on

Per person — a room to yourself.

QUOTATION WITH 450CC HIMALAYAN BIKES

Solo Rider in Double Occupancy (450cc)

₹74,999 per person

Per person — one rider per motorcycle. 450cc limited to 8 bikes.

QUOTATION WITH 450CC HIMALAYAN BIKES

Dual Rider in Double Occupancy (450cc)

₹69,999 per person

Per person — two people sharing one motorcycle. 450cc limited to 8 bikes.

QUOTATION WITH 450CC HIMA… STARTING PRICE

Seat in Car in Double Occupancy (450cc group)

₹49,999 per person

Per person — travel in the support car.

QUOTATION WITH 450CC HIMALAYAN BIKES

Single Occupancy Supplement (450cc group)

₹15,000 add-on

Per person — a room to yourself.

PLAN YOUR RIDE

Upcoming departures

DEC 26	26 Dec 2026 – 2 Jan 2027 8 days · book by 11 Dec 2026	Open for booking 6 of 10 seats left	from ₹49,999
JAN 22	22 Jan – 29 Jan 2027 8 days · book by 12 Jan 2027	Open for booking 12 of 12 seats left	from ₹49,999
FEB 1	1 Feb – 8 Feb 2027 8 days · book by 22 Jan 2027	Open for booking 12 of 12 seats left	from ₹49,999
FEB 11	11 Feb – 18 Feb 2027 8 days · book by 27 Jan 2027	Open for booking 12 of 12 seats left	from ₹49,999
FEB 19	19 Feb – 26 Feb 2027 8 days · book by 9 Feb 2027	Open for booking 16 of 16 seats left	from ₹49,999

MAR 5

5 Mar – 12 Mar 2027
8 days · book by 23 Feb 2027

Open for booking
20 of 20 seats left

from **₹49,999**

Seats and dates change quickly — the website always shows live availability.

WHAT YOU GET

Inclusions & exclusions

Included

- All permit assistance
- Bottled water — 1 litre every day
- Rooms and meals as per the itinerary — MAPAI (breakfast, dinner and room)
- Professional driver and guide for all sightseeing in Bhutan
- Pick-up and drop from Bagdogra airport / Siliguri by Innova or Tempo Traveller
- Whole Bhutan tour on Royal Enfield Himalayan motorcycles with fuel
- Back-up van during the biking tour in Bhutan
- Road captain and mechanic charges
- SDF charges of ₹1,200 per night
- Welcome expenses

Not included

- All entry or monument fees during sightseeing
- Travel insurance
- Lunch
- Motorcycle deposit of ₹5,000
- Any other expenses not listed in the inclusions

BEFORE YOU BOOK

Cancellation policy & terms

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Advance payment

The advance amount is non-refundable.

Cancellations by riders

Once 100% of the trip cost has been paid:

- Cancellations made more than 30 days before the start date: we return 50% of the remaining amount.
- Cancellations made more than 15 days before the start date: we return 25% of the remaining amount.
- Cancellations made 0–15 days before the start date: no refund.

The advance amount is non-refundable in every case.

Weather and government restrictions

If unforeseen weather conditions or government restrictions cancel certain activities, we will do our best to provide a feasible alternative. No refund is given for activities cancelled for these reasons.

Cancellation by us

In the unlikely event that we cancel a trip due to unforeseen circumstances, you will receive a full refund of the amount paid, or the option to reschedule.

Terms & Conditions

1. Booking and payment

A non-refundable deposit confirms your booking, and the remaining balance must be paid before the departure date. The deposit amount and the balance due date for each tour are shown on the tour page and confirmed in your booking.

2. Cancellation by the organiser

In the unlikely event of trip cancellation by us due to unforeseen circumstances, participants receive a full refund of the amount paid or the option to reschedule. See also our Cancellation & Refund Policy.

3. Liability and safety

- The organiser is not responsible for any accidents, injuries or loss of personal property during the trip. Travel insurance is highly recommended.
- Participants are responsible for their own safety and must follow all instructions given by the guides and the organising team.
- Please tell us about any medical conditions or dietary restrictions before departure.

4. Changes to the itinerary

- Weather and road conditions in the mountains can be unpredictable, so the itinerary may change.
- We reserve the right to change the schedule, accommodation or activities when necessary for the safety and well-being of participants.
- If weather, road blocks or flight cancellations mean we cannot reach a hotel and extra nights are needed, the extra cost is charged separately.

5. Travel insurance

We strongly recommend that every participant buys travel insurance covering trip cancellation, medical expenses, accidents and emergency evacuation. The organiser is not liable for any financial loss due to lack of insurance.

6. Responsibilities of participants

Participants must be physically fit for mountain conditions, where temperatures can be extreme, and must bring adequate warm clothing and gear as listed in the packing list. Please be punctual and respectful to guides, local people and fellow travellers.

7. Code of conduct

Respect local customs, culture and the environment. Misconduct, harassment or disruptive behaviour towards other participants, guides or local people leads to immediate removal from the trip without a refund.

8. Force majeure

The organiser is not liable for cancellations, delays or changes to the itinerary caused by factors beyond our control, including natural disasters, political unrest or government restrictions.

9. Assumption of risk

Motorcycle travel in the mountains involves risks, including cold weather, slippery surfaces and high-altitude riding. Participation is at your own risk.

Ready to ride?

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