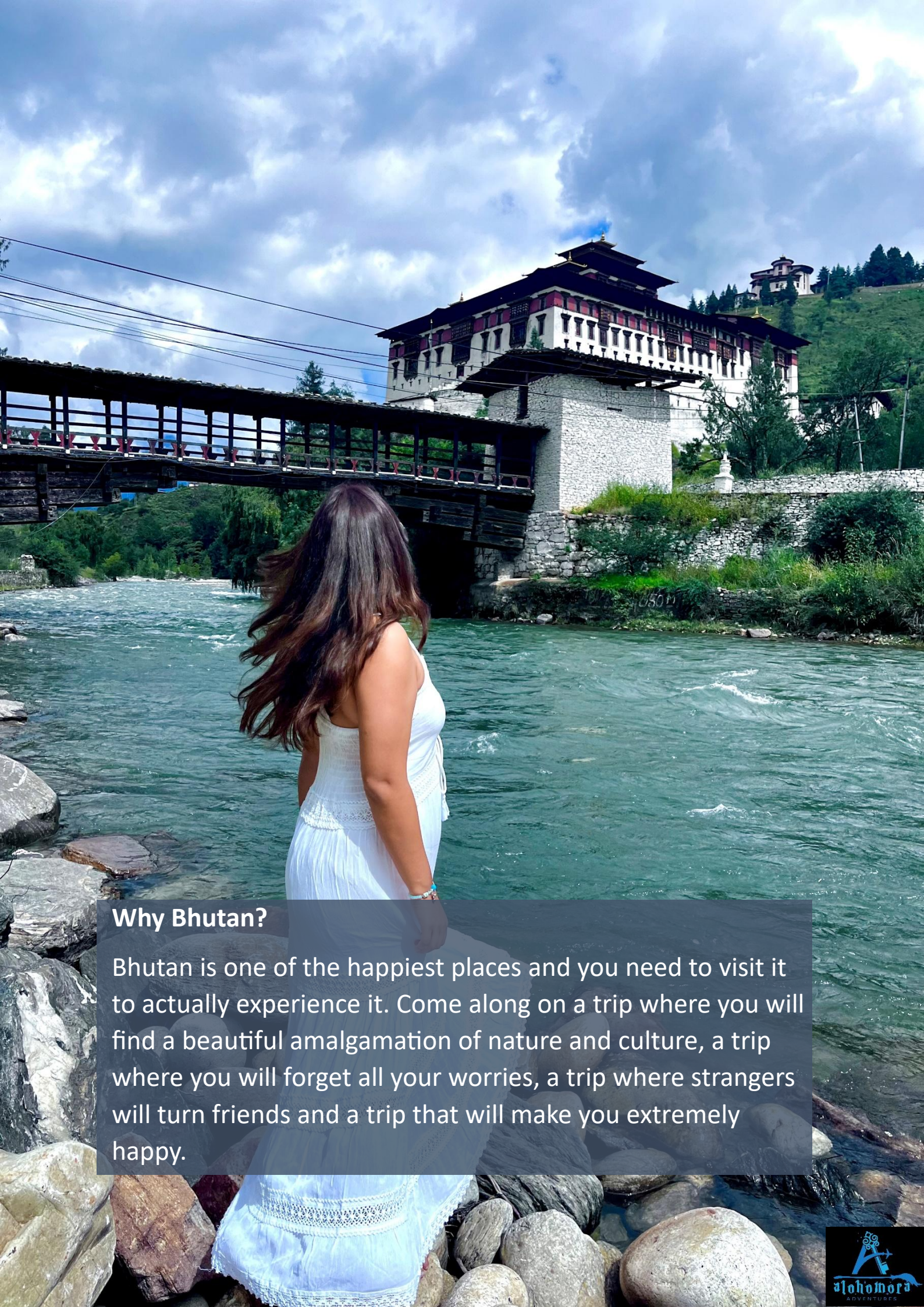


# BHUTAN

The Land of Happiness

June 21-28





## Why Bhutan?

Bhutan is one of the happiest places and you need to visit it to actually experience it. Come along on a trip where you will find a beautiful amalgamation of nature and culture, a trip where you will forget all your worries, a trip where strangers will turn friends and a trip that will make you extremely happy.



## **BRIEF ITINERARY**

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June 22: Road Trip from Phuentsholing to Thimphu. O/N Thimphu

June 23: Thimphu sightseeing. O/N Thimphu

June 24: Visit Dochula Pass. Transfer to Punakha. O/N Punakha

June 25: Visit suspension bridge and Punakha Dzong. Drive down to Paro. O/N Paro

June 26: Trek to Tiger Nest Monastery. O/N Paro

June 27: Visit Paro Dzong. Drive from Paro to Phuentsholing. O/N Phuentsholing

June 28: Fly back from Bagdogra





## DETAILED ITINERARY

### **June 21: Bagdogra airport arrival. Transfer to Phuentsholing O/N Phuentsholing**

Meet the group at the airport and start your journey to Phuentsholing – the border town of Bhutan. It will take us around 4 hours to reach. Let's play some games, sing a few songs and start to get to know each other. Let's enter the Land of Happiness with big smiles on our faces.





The moment you arrive in Phuentsholing, you will notice stark differences. Be it architecture, people or life in general. Everything seems calm especially when you are coming from a much chaotic neighbourhood. After checking in, let's go out for a walk and have first of our many group dinners.







## June 22: Road Trip from Phuentsholing to Thimphu. O/N Thimphu

Post breakfast, the first thing is to get our permits from the permit office. And then we will start our journey to Thimphu. Do you know 70% of Bhutan's land area is forested cover. You will get a glimpse of it today as we travel through the hilly countryside. There are stretches of green forest covers and small waterfalls emerging from them. We will stop on the way when we spot such waterfalls, we will roll down the windows and let the cool breeze play with our hair, we will see many colourful prayer flags fluttering away. It will take us around 6-7 hours to reach Thimphu but the drive is anyway the highlight of the day.



## June 23: Thimphu sightseeing. O/N Thimphu

Today is a busy day. So, gear up! We will first visit the Golden Buddha Point where a 170 ft tall Buddha Dordenma Statue sits – one of the largest in the world. It has a large complex and you can see the entire town from up here. There's a small temple inside the statue that you can visit. We will then proceed to the Thimphu post office from where you can send postcards to your loved ones. The best part however remains that you can create personalized stamps with your own photograph.







We will also visit Motithang Takin Preserve where you will see Takin - the national animal of Bhutan.

Let's do some café hopping in the evening. We can also explore the cute markets of Thimphu and maybe go to one of the Karaoke bars in the city.



## **June 24: Visit Dochula Pass. Transfer to Punakha. O/N Punakha**

Today we move from Thimphu to the former capital of Bhutan – Punakha. But before that we will stop at Dochula Pass. Situated above 10,000 ft this is one of the most beautiful mountain passes you will come across. Decorated with 108 chortens on lush green hillside, this place tells an interesting story of spirituality, bravery, and Bhutanese culture. From here, you get a 360-degree panoramic view of the Himalayas and some of the tallest peaks in Bhutan. The evening will be spent exploring the town of Punakha.



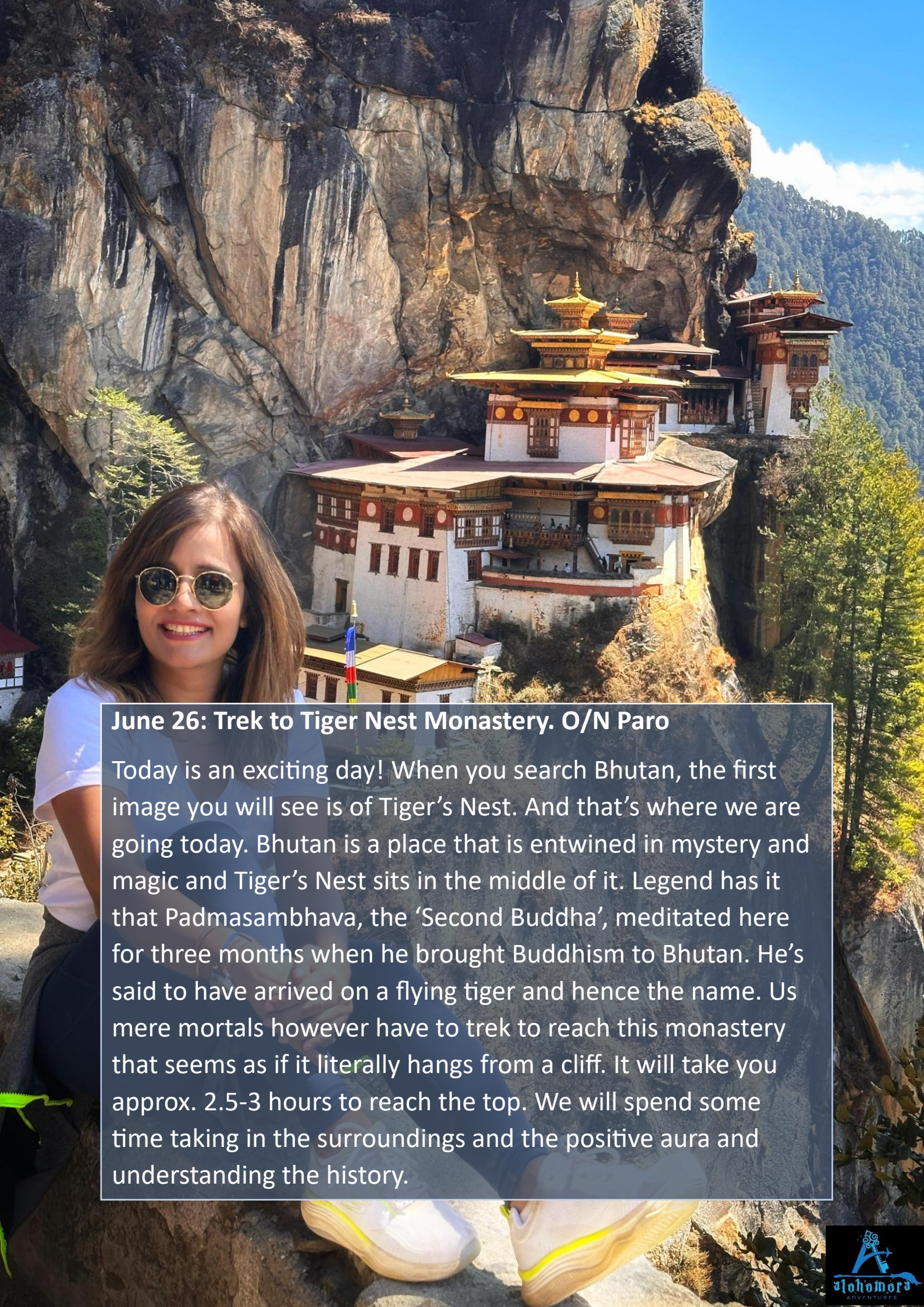


**June 25: Visit suspension bridge and Punakha Dzong. Drive to Paro. O/N Paro**

After an early breakfast, we first head to the Suspension Bridge, which is the longest bridge in Bhutan. Decorated in colourful prayer flags, this place is a perfect photo op. After spending some time on the bridge, we will visit Punakha Dzong. The second oldest and most majestic dzong is a six storied structure with a scenic, mountainous background. Spend some time with your new friends wandering the courtyard, admiring the colourful wood work and the beauty of the place. Our bus will then take us to Paro – a personal favourite. It has a small market with cute cafes and a river flowing nearby. Evening is free to explore this cute town.





A woman with long brown hair and sunglasses is smiling in the foreground. Behind her is the Tiger's Nest Monastery, a large white building with red accents and golden roofs, built into a steep, rocky cliff face. The background shows a lush green forest and a clear blue sky.

## June 26: Trek to Tiger Nest Monastery. O/N Paro

Today is an exciting day! When you search Bhutan, the first image you will see is of Tiger's Nest. And that's where we are going today. Bhutan is a place that is entwined in mystery and magic and Tiger's Nest sits in the middle of it. Legend has it that Padmasambhava, the 'Second Buddha', meditated here for three months when he brought Buddhism to Bhutan. He's said to have arrived on a flying tiger and hence the name. Us mere mortals however have to trek to reach this monastery that seems as if it literally hangs from a cliff. It will take you approx. 2.5-3 hours to reach the top. We will spend some time taking in the surroundings and the positive aura and understanding the history.



## June 27: Visit Paro Dzong. Drive from Paro to Phuentsholing. O/N Phuentsholing

We are visiting the last Dzong of the trip – Paro Dzong. Like the other two dzongs that we had visited, this one also sits magnificently next to a river. After spending some time here, we will drive down to Phuentsholing. It is the last day of our trip and a long drive. Let's talk about the memories with the new friends that we made in this last week. No one is sleeping tonight, okay?





## June 28: Fly back from Bagdogra

We will leave for our final drive to the airport. Goodbyes are always hard and especially harder with a bunch of strangers you became friends with. We will hug each other and bid adieu with promises to meet soon.





### Age Group

- 18 – 44 years

### Inclusions

- All accommodation in 3-star properties on double sharing basis
- Airport Transfers
- Transport by coaster bus for day sightseeing
- 7 breakfasts (June 22-28)
- Entrance tickets to Motithang Takin Preserve
- Entrance tickets to Punakha Dzong
- Entrance tickets to Tiger Nest Trek
- All permits
- All SDF included (Rs 1200 per night)
- Authorized local guide
- Trip Leader from Alohomora Adventures 😊

### Exclusions

- Flight tickets
- Lunches and dinners
- Personal cab for going out (dinners/personal shopping)
- Personal expenses of any sort
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Any other thing which is not mentioned in inclusions



### Total Cost (excluding 5% GST)

- Rs 37500 - if booked on or before May 15
- Rs 39000 - if booked after May 15

### Flight Details

June 21 - Book any flight that reaches Bagdogra before 12 pm

June 28 - Book any flight post 1 pm from Bagdogra

***Please contact us on 7011240084 before you book the flights. This is MANDATORY.***

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- 60 days or more before the trip start date: Full refund
- Between 60-45 days before the trip start date: 75% refund
- Between 45-30 days before the trip start date: 50% refund
- Less than 30 days before the trip start date: No refund

