

## Outline Itinerary for Wild Rodongla Trek

**Day1.** Fly into Paro / Alt:7364ft : Upon arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to Hotel, after refreshment visit National Museum and Paro RimpungDzong. Over night at Paro Hotel.

**Day2.** Day Excursion to Tigers Nest (Taksang), the most famous monastery in Bhutan. 2,700 feet above Paro valley's floor. Drive for an hour to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital. Overnight at Hotel.

**Day3.** Thimphu Sightseeing: Visit to the National Memorial Chorten, 13 traditional arts and craft center, see the National animal (Takin), Handicrafts Emporium followed by shopping for souvenirs in the shops of Thimphu. Overnight at Thimphu; Alt: 7,493ft

**Day4.** Thimphu to Phubjikha /Alt:9360ft. 137km/ 4 to 5 hr: Drive to Dochula pass; Alt:10142ft, en route Wanngdue and to Phubjikha. Overnight at Hotel.

**Day5.** Phubjikha to Jakar 157km /5hr: Drive to the central via Pele la Pass; Alt: 11046 ft. en route Trongsa. Visit a 7th century temple "Jambay Lhakang". Overnight at Choekhor valley; Alt:8463ft.

**Day6.** Bumthang Sightseeing: Kurjey lakhang, Tamshing Lakhang, Drive 2 hr and hike for overnight halt at Tang Ugyencholing.

**Day7.** Trek, Ugyen Choling to Phokpey: Time: 4 to 5 hrs, Distance: 6.2miles/10km. Altitude gain: 2968ft. Altitude loss: Nil. Mostly climb, taking you to the only camp at Phokpey; Alt: 12,169ft.

**Day8.** Phokphy to Pimi: Time: 6hrs, Distance: 9.9miles/16km, Altitude gain: 1066ft, Altitude loss: 3428ft. Start with flat trail for 1 hour and climb to highest Khempa La (pass); Alt: 13235ft. If the weather is good, you will see the tallest Mountain Gangkar puensum 24,750ft. Another short climb will reach you to Rodung La (pass). After the pass there will be a steep

descent through rocky narrow trail to Pimi camp; Alt: 9807ft.

**Day9.** Pimi to Khini lakhang: Time: 6hrs, Distance: 9.3 miles, Altitude gain: 1148ft. Altitude loss: 4820ft. The trail starts to descent for most part of the day and pass through few settlements. Only a short climb to camp at the end; Alt: 6675ft.

**Day10.** Khini Lakhang to TangmaChu: Time: 5 to 6hrs, Distance: 10.5miles/17km, Altitude gain: 705ft, Altitude loss: 1509ft. After the Tage La pass (1760m/5,685ft), the trail descends to the KuriChhu Camp; Alt: 1600m.

**Day11.** Tangmachu to Menji: Time: 5 to 6 hrs, Distance: 7.4miles/12km. Altitude gain: 2821ft/ 860m, Altitude Loss: 1509ft/ 460m. Visit the Giant Gururimpoche's Statue. Visit Lhuntse Dzong(fortress). Overnight at Menji village.

**Day12.** Menji to Pemi: Time: 5 to 6hrs, Distance: 8 miles/13km. Altitude gain: 1640ft/500m. Altitude Loss: Nil. Continue to ascent for couple of hours to the top where you will find meadows used as summer grazing land. You are at the camp at Pemi; Alt: 8331ft/2540m.

**Day13.** Pemi to Taupong: Time: 7 to 8hrs, Distance: 13miles/21km. Altitude gain:4694ft/1431m, Altitude loss: 4799ft/1463m. Climbing to DongLa ( pass); Alt: 13,025ft /3,971m, its steep descend through the deep forest with rocky and muddy trail to camp at Taupong; Alt: 8226ft/2508m.

**Day14.** Taupong to Tashi Yangtse: Time: 6 to 7hrs, Distance 11 and 1/2 miles /18km, Altitude gain: Nil, Altitude loss: 2322ft/708m. Down the hill, after the old TashiYangtse Dzong, continue your hike through old cantilever bridge below the Dzong. Overnight at Hotel.

**Day15.** Tashi Yangtse to Tashigang: Time: 2 hrs, Distance: 53km. Visit Chorten Kora, drive to Tashigang. Overnight at Hotel.

**Day16.** Tashigang, Attend festival: It is the time when Bhutanese textile comes to life. During the festival (Tshechu) mask dances are performed by monks and lay men. The theme of such dances is to reflect the Buddhist perspective of the consequences of one's action, popularly

known as “Circle of karma”.

**Day17.** Tashi gang to S/Jongkhar: Time 6hr / 175km. From here we start our 6 hour journey to the border town of Samdrup Jongkhar, drive pass Khaling and Wamrong. Overnight at Samdrup Jongkhar.

**Day18.** S/jongkhar to Guwhati / Kolkota /Delhi : Time: 4hrs /110km. It will be quite a changes of culture and people. After arrival you will check into hotels and go visit the Famous Indian Fancy Market. Overnight at Hotel.

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