



Thunder Dragon Marathon Itinerary



20 May to 26 May 2025

Package 1 – 7 Days

A tour that captures the wide variety and rich culture of Bhutan. The Paro Valley with its surrounding pine clad mountainsides, Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan and the Punakha Valley, a lower-lying valley with a semi-tropical climate.

Day 1 ARRIVE IN PARO. DRIVE TO PUNAKHA

After arriving from Kathmandu a driver and guide will meet you after baggage collection and passing through customs for the drive to the old capital city Punakha via Dochu La Pass (approx 2 1/2hrs). Afternoon sightseeing in Punakha; visit the Devine Mad Monks Temple (Temple of Fertility) and the remarkable Punakha Dzong, past home to the King of Bhutan. NOTE: Arrivals from Delhi, and Bangkok are also available at a supplement. Please Contact Travelling Fit for pricing. Overnight in Punakha. Meals: Lunch and Dinner.

Day 2 PUNAKHA

After breakfast we start our acclimatisation activity with a hike to Soela Gompa via Khamsum Yuelley Namgyel Chorten. This hike is approximately 15km with a moderate level of difficulty but for some, about 5km of the initial climb will be on the difficult side. This hike will take around 8hrs.

Options to return after visiting the Chorten for a shorter hike can be arranged.

Overnight in Punakha. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Day 3 DRIVE TO THIMPHU, BUDDHA POINT AND PARO

Drive to the Capital City Thimphu (2.5hrs). Hike up to Buddha Point and the giant seated Buddha, the Takin Reserve (Bhutan's national animal), Thimphu Dzong and craft workshops.

After lunch drive on to Paro (1hr) visiting the National Museum with the chance to hike part of the marathon route before visiting Paro Dzong.

Overnight in Paro. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Day 4 HIKE TO TAKTSHANG MONASTERY

After breakfast, we take a short minibus ride to the starting point for the hike to the infamous Taktshang Monastery, commonly known as the Tiger's Nest. The hike will take around 6 hours and it is fairly demanding but not as steep as it looks. On the way back, we will visit Kichu Lhakhang.

Overnight in Paro. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5 DAY AT LEISURE, RACE BRIEFING

Today is a day of leisure. Feel free to visit Paro town and the gift shops in their typical Bhutanese style. A Race Day briefing and race bib collection will be conducted later this day.

Overnight in Paro. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 6 RACE DAY AND CELEBRATION DINNER

Early breakfast at your hotel and then walk the short distance to race start line.

All of the hotels are close to the start area. Both the Marathon and Half Marathon start at 8.30am however the exact time will be confirmed during the tour. Tonight, you will be treated to a Celebration Dinner and Cultural show.

Overnight in Paro. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7 TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT

You will be transferred to Paro Airport for your flight to Kathmandu. Departures for Delhi, Bangkok or Singapore available at a supplement. Please contact Travelling Fit for pricing.

Your guide will inform you of the departure time from your hotel the night before.

Meals Included: Breakfast.

NOTE: Flights into Paro are usually early in the morning so overnight stay is recommended on the inbound journey. Flights from Paro into Kathmandu arrive around early to mid-morning, but a long transfer time is advised for onward flights in case of delays out of Paro, which are not uncommon. Flights from Paro to Bangkok arrive in the late afternoon/early evening and over-night in Bangkok is advisable.

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