



BHUTAN & BEYOND

Entering Bhutan

We make getting to Bhutan easy. There are only two ways to enter Bhutan – by air and by road. The airline websites can be challenging and are often down. Bhutan & Beyond has our own airline reservation centre in Bhutan for fast and reliable flight bookings. *This service is exclusively for clients purchasing our Bhutan land tours.*

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Entering By Air:

The two national carriers of Bhutan are Drukair and Bhutan Airlines. Both fly regularly to Paro, Bhutan's only international airport. There are services from:

Bangkok: Twice daily.

Dhaka: 2-3 services per week

Delhi: 6 days per week

Kolkata: Daily.

Bagdogra: 3 services per week.

Guwahati: 2 services per week.

Kathmandu: Daily.

Singapore: 2 services per week, usually ex Singapore SUN/THU and back SAT/WED.

Please [enquire now](#) for the current Drukair & Bhutan Airlines flight schedules.

Domestic Air Services:

Drukair provides regular domestic services from Paro to Bumthang, Yonphula (Trashigang) & Gelephu using the ATR 42 turbo prop aircraft. Flights do not operate over the rainy season June to late September.

Please [contact](#) Bhutan & Beyond for more information on domestic flight schedules.

Drukair & Bhutan Airlines Aircraft:

Drukair & Bhutan Airlines both currently operate three Airbus A319 jets and one ATR-42 600 offering economy and business class seating. The A319 aircraft are extremely well suited for the alpine environment. Furthermore, your descent into the Paro Valley will be among the highlights of your visit. Also, flights between Paro and Kathmandu run parallel with the Himalayas for much of the journey. Mt Everest can often be seen very clearly (weather permitting).

Entering By Road:

There are currently *three authorised entry points*, by road for foreign tourists & *one authorised exit point* for foreign tourists.



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The first is at Phuentsholing (both an entry & exit point) in southwest Bhutan. Jaigaon is the adjacent Indian city in West Bengal. We strongly recommend visitors entering or departing via Phuentsholing spend the night there on the Bhutan side of the border. Jaigaon is chaotic and only offers low standards of accommodation.

The second entry point is at Samdrup Jongkhar (SJ) in the far southeast of Bhutan. SJ borders the Indian State of Assam. Therefore this border crossing is useful for visitors who travel to the more remote eastern side of Bhutan. It is 3 hour drive from the Indian airport of Guwahati to the Border at Samdrup Jongkhar.

Finally, the third entry point is Gelephu in central southern Bhutan for those on specialised itineraries. *The border is currently closed to foreign tourists crossing. (APR20)*

Important Note: Driving in Bhutan. The roads are narrow and the driving speed is generally 35-60 kms per hour. Furthermore there are up to 10 or more bends per km in some areas.



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