

Bhutan

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Bhutan due to COVID-19. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

None; frequent informal contact is maintained via the US embassy in New Delhi (India) and Bhutan's Permanent Mission to the UN; US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the US Embassy in India [91] (11) 2419-8000; US Embassy in New Delhi, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi – 110021, India

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

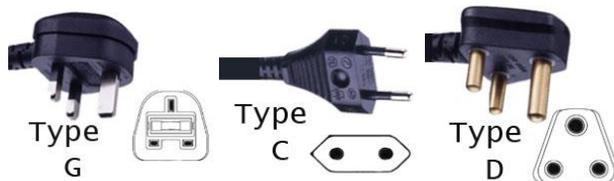
Varies; tropical in southern plains; cool winters and hot summers in central valleys; severe winters and cool summers in Himalayas

Currency (Code)

Ngultrum (BTN)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, D, G



Major Languages

Sharchhopka 28%, Dzongkha 24%, Lhotshamkha 22%, other 26%

Religions

Lamaistic Buddhist 75.3%, Indian-and Nepali-influenced Hinduism 22.1%, other 2.6%

Time Difference

UTC+6 (11 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Left
Tourist destinations	Rinpung Dzong; Chele La Pass; Buddha Dordenma Statue; Dochu La Pass; Paro Taktsang (Tiger's Nest); Phobjikha Valley
Cultural Practices	The Bhutanese follow a structure of etiquette called "driglam namzha." This code of conduct governs how to send and receive gifts, speak to those in authority, serve and eat food at public occasions, and dress.
Tipping Guidelines	A 10% tip is common at restaurants and bars unless a 10% service charge is already added. If hiring a taxi for the day, a tip of 300-500 ngultrums is common. It is also common to tip porters \$1-2 (USD) per bag and to tip tour staff \$50-80 (USD) at the end of a tour.
Telephone Code	975
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance: 110; Fire: 112; Police: 113

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

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