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Chele La pass Trek is an adventurous way to appreciate Bhutan's mountains, valleys and the enchanting atmosphere at the same time. It is the highest pass in Bhutan at 3,988 meters above sea level and offers an impressive view of the Paro and Ha valleys with mountain ranges along the way.

Chel La pass Trek highlight

- You will learn more about protecting black cranes at Gangtey
- ❖ You will visit several Dzhongs that represent the best art of Bhutan.
- ❖ Visit the Bhutan symbol Cliff Tiger Nest Monastery
- Start with easy and medium walks on some hills.

About Chele La pass Trek

Chele La pass trek is a moderate to difficult adventure trek. It is suitable for those who want to experience the Upper Himalayas in a short time. On this hike, you have a panoramic view of the Chomolhari, Jichu Drake and Tsherimgang mountains. You can also see the distant view of Kanchenjunga Mountain in Sikkim side. The first day of the hike begins at 3,000 meters from the Ha valley. You will walk from the field to the stream through the yak summer meadows north of the Haa valley. After a steep, one-hour climb, you reach the camp in Sagala, at 3890 meters. The last two days of the trip are on high ridges that offer incredible views of the mountains and valleys of Paro and Haa. The final stage of the hike is a steep climb to Kung Karpo at an altitude of 4455 meters.

Trekking itinerary

Day 01: Welcome and sightseeing tour in Paro

On your flight near Bhutan, you can see beautiful views of the Himalayas, including the sacred peaks of Chomolhari and Jichu Drake. At the airport, we will pick up by a representative who would take you to your hotel. After lunch, you will visit Rinpung Dzong. Then you will visit to the Kichu Lhakhang, the oldest temple in Bhutan. From here we will take you to Drugyal Dzong, built in the 17th century to commemorate Bhutan's victory over the Tibetan invaders. On a clear day, you can see the beautiful view of mount Chomolhari, the second-highest mountain in Bhutan, at an elevation of 7,314 meters.

Day 02: Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery for Acclimatization: Duration 4-5 hours

After breakfast, you will walk to Tiger's Nest Monastery, Bhutan's most famous monastery, which is at 3,180 meters from sea level. Guru Rinpoche is said to have flown over the back of the tigers to meditate in the cave where the Takhtasang Monastery located today. You will have lunch in a cafeteria restaurant. After exploring the monastery, you will descend to the bottom of the valley and returned to the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner.

Day 03: Drive from Paro to Ha valley and trek to Sagala: Duration, 3-4 hours

Early In the morning, drive to Haa valley at 3810 m. You will go through the Che Le La Pass. You will meet your trekking staff and hiked on the unpaved highway for less than an hour. The path to the right of the village leads to Camp Yak Shepherd. And from the end of this camp, you can see two different ways. You take the path to your right and climb to your camp below the Saga La Pass at 3150 m. you are camping at Sagala Pass overnight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner

Day 04: Trek to Ningula from Sagala Pass: Duration 6 hours

From the camp, you start the ascent for 30 minutes to reach the Sagala pass. When the weather is clear, you have a spectacular view of Mount Chomolhari and Jitchu Drake Peak. From the pass, you go to the right side of the path. After many ascents and descents, you hike through the rhododendron and meadow path.

And finally to the top of the ridge, which offers a great view of the Ha valley. Occasionally you climb up and down the Hemlock forests and Juniper until you reach to your camp.

Meals Included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 05: Trek from Ningula to Chele La Pass then Thimphu: Duration 6 Hours

You descend on a cliff for a few minutes through the grasslands that are the yak camp. Then you cross the jungle of rhododendrons and arrive at Kung Karpo Pass. When you climb the caves, the view of the Ha valley is spectacular. After walking through the ridges, you reach Kung Karpo. From here you enjoy the Paro and Hay valleys and the magnificent valleys of the Fort Gompa monastery. You will walk along the ridge with rhododendron plants and colorful Buddhist prayer flags and arrive at Chele la Pass at 3,990 meters, one of the highest passes in Bhutan. Your car will be waiting here, and you will drive to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan. At evening, you can freely walk through the streets of the city and enjoy the local lifestyle.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner.

Day 06: Drive from Thimphu to Punakha

After breakfast, you stop at Dochu La pass and take a scenic drive to Punakha, where on a clear day you have a breathtaking view of the Himalayas. You will descend through the rhododendron, cedar and hemlock forests. You stop at Lobesa and go to the Chimi Lhakhang temple. It is dedicated to Drukpa Kuenley

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner

Day 7: Drive Punakha to Paro:, 4 hours

After breakfast, you head to the Punakha Dzong, which is like a boat anchored between the Male River and Female River. Then, drive to Paro. There, you go to the new Druk Wangyal Monastery. An elaborate painting depicting the current dynasty of the monarchy and its prediction is of this type in the drunken Wangial monastery. After visiting the monastery, you continue Paro for night stay.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner.

Day 08: Finally drop to airport.

Today we say goodbye to the small kingdom of the Himalayas and their friendly people. After an early breakfast, you head to Paro airport.

Meals included: Breakfast

Important: -

Your safety is important concern when you travel with us. Please note that your guide has the right to change or cancel part of the trip if it considers necessary for security reasons. Every effort is made to organize the above program. Although this adventure is travelling in remote mountains, we cannot guarantee that we will not be abstracted by Weather conditions, group member health, unexpected natural disasters, etc. They can contribute to travel changes. Managers will try to make the trip according to plan but should prepare to be flexible if necessary.

Included in cost

- Bhutan entry visa fees
- Arrival Pick up and Departure drop at the airport
- Category A and B hotels in cities and tents during the trek.
- Full board meals in including tea and coffee.
- Transportation in a deluxe private vehicle.
- Experience English speaking guides and staff on trek.
- All entrances and permits fees for monuments and museum visits.
- Services charge, government tax and royalties

The cost is not included

- Flight tickets fare covering to and from Bhutan
- ❖ Personal nature items like personal equipment, phone calls, drinks, etc.
- Personal camping equipment.
- Cancellation, travel and health insurance
- Tips for guide and other staff

Food and lodging.

Hotels in Bhutan are government approved and classified as Grade A, B and C. These government approved hotels correspond to 3-4 star hotels. You will stay in class A hotels in Paro and Thimphu and camp during the trek. All accommodations are shared by two.

We offer full board meals during the trip. Most hotels provide many types of dishes. Such as Indian, Chinese and continental. Non-vegetarian are typical in most parts: beef, pork, veal, chicken and fish.

People and culture

Once you arrive in Bhutan, you will find that it is very different from your country. You see people dressed as Gho for men and Kiara for women. Monks often wear red robes around temples and monasteries. Children also wear these clothes in their schools. People do not measure their happiness according to the standards of others; they believe in spiritual and internal growth. Most of the Bhutanese live on agriculture, commerce, crafts and regular employment. These people are also friendly and helpful and are known for their excellent hospitality. Their culture and traditions adapt to their daily activities and belief systems. The people of Bhutan pay homage to their gods by praying, meditating, spinning prayer wheels, and hanging prayer flags. Tibetan Buddhism is predominant in Bhutan.

When is the best travel time to Bhutan?

From October to December is the best time to visit Himalaya country, Bhutan as the air is clear and calm with the sunny sky. January and February are cold, but from April, the weather is dry and pleasant, and the famous rhododendrons bloom beautifully in late spring and fill the valleys with colour. Hot and humidity increase from May and the rainy season from June to September covers the mountains. If you like to see a rare black-necked crane, you must visit the Phobjikha Valley from the October to February.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is a prerequisite for booking a vacation with us. For trekking and mountaineering, you need at least emergency medical insurance and repatriation to cover the costs of maintaining the mountain. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended as all advances paid are non-refundable.

You should carefully check the terms and condition of your insurance policy. Essentially, you need to make sure that you have covered the following: 1) activity (i.e. tourism, trekking or mountaineering) 2) mountain climbing on peaks 3) evacuation of helicopters in an emergency. It is your responsibility to take out adequate insurance for this trip.

We recommend an insurance company that specializes in your travel adventures. If you only have a regular travel policy (that is, you don't have individual adventure travel insurance, see 1 of 2) from the above 3. Even if you cover these points, the main disadvantage of a typical travel policy is that the Insurer has to make retirement decisions in a remote Area plan and get your pre-approval to cover these costs.

It is important to you understand that the responsibility for the cost of the withdrawal and return is ultimately your responsibility and that you are responsible for the cost of the removal or medical treatment. You must be fully aware of the effects of your travel insurance and know the limits and exclusions for yourself.