



Deluxe Room, Taj Tashi, Thimphu

## ACCOMMODATION

With a number of international hotel companies now operating in Bhutan there is a wide choice of accommodation to choose from - from the humble yak herder's residence or cosy Bhutanese guesthouse to a family run hotel or luxurious resort style lodge. Together with our operator, we have carefully selected government approved accommodations with the best location, service, ambience and cuisine. Our standard range of hotels and guesthouses (listed as Category B) are clean, comfortable, simply furnished and generally rated tourist class. For those travellers who prefer to experience Bhutan in luxury we offer a boutique range of luxurious lodges and resorts including spa and yoga facilities (listed as Category A). We can mix and match your accommodation to suit your itinerary and complement your style of travel. It is important to note that during festival time hotels/lodges are in high demand and can be difficult to secure.

## CATEGORY A: BOUTIQUE RANGE

### Taj Tashi, Thimphu

Taj Tashi features 66 luxury rooms and 9 suites with dramatic hand-painted walls and majestic mountain views. Reflecting the charm and sensibilities of Bhutan's rich heritage, the hotel maintains a delicate balance of traditional Bhutanese design with contemporary elegance. Inside, guests will find every modern comfort including a spa, swimming pool, conference facilities and multi-cuisine dining.

### Uma Paro Resort

Located on a serene, tree-clad hill overlooking Paro, this luxury resorts features 29 beautifully appointed rooms and suites including 8 one-bedroom villas with private spa and courtyard. All rooms feature rich furnishings reflecting Bhutan's heritage. Other facilities include the Como Shambhala Retreat offering a range of holistic therapies such as Ayurveda, massage and facials, hot stone bath house, gym and indoor pool.

### Amankora Luxury Lodges

These small, luxurious 5 star lodges are located throughout Bhutan's western and central valleys. Wood-panelled guest suites feature a combined lounge and bedroom furnished with a king-size bed and a traditional bukhari (wood-burning stove). Lodge amenities include spa/steam rooms and a yoga/mediation room.



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Taj Tashi Hotel, Thimphu



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Amankora Resort Suite, Punakha



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## CATEGORY B: STANDARD RANGE

Comfortable hotels and guesthouses built in traditional architectural style are available in all major Bhutanese towns. Travellers should be aware that the standard range of accommodation is generally rated tourist class, and are simple, charming and hospitable.

Guests can expect rooms combining traditional Bhutanese style with features such as hot and cold running water, electricity, heating, telephones, and in major townships, television. Western and central towns such as Thimphu, Paro, Punakha, Wangduephodrang and Bumthang have good standard hotels whilst accommodation in the east in areas such as Mongar and Trashigang is more rudimentary but clean, comfortable and infused with warm Bhutanese hospitality. Many hotels and lodges are family-owned and run, and provide you with an intimate experience of local culture.

Generally, hotels feature restaurants providing traditional Bhutanese cuisine tempered for western tastes. In Paro and Thimphu, there is usually also western and Indian cuisine on offer. Meals are usually served buffet style.



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Dewachen Hotel, Phobjikha Valley



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Cottage Room, Olathang Hotel, Paro



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Jumolhari Hotel standard room, Thimphu