

Bhutan



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Contact Addresses

Department of Tourism

PO Box 126, Thimphu, Bhutan

Tel: (2) 323 251/2.

Website: www.tourism.gov.bt

Bhutan Tourism Corporation Limited (BTCL)

PO Box 159, Thimphu, Bhutan

Tel: (2) 324 045 or 322 647.

Website: www.kingdomofbhutan.com

Royal Bhutanese Embassy in India

Chandragupta Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110 021, India

Tel: (11) 2688 9230 or 9809/7.

Bhutan Tourism Corporation Limited (BTCL) in the USA

c/o Far Fung Places, 1914 Fell Street, San Francisco, California 94117, USA

Tel: (415) 386 8306.

Website: www.farfungplaces.com or www.kingdomofbhutan.com

Passport/Visa

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	Passport Required?	Visa Required?	Return Ticket Required?
British	Yes	Yes	Yes
Australian	Yes	Yes	Yes
Canadian	Yes	Yes	Yes
USA	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other EU	Yes	Yes	Yes

Passport Note

(a) There are two ways of entering Bhutan: by air to Paro Airport or by road to the Bhutanese border town of Phuentsholing. All travellers entering the country by road must ensure that they have the necessary documentation for transiting through that part of India to Phuentsholing. Consult the *Contact Addresses* section for *India*. Visitors are also advised to contact the Government of India Tourist Office (see *India* section) to check exactly what special permits or other documents may be necessary as these regulations are subject to change at short notice. (b) Visitors are required to book with a registered tour operator in Bhutan, which can be done directly through an affiliated travel agent abroad.

Passports

Valid passport required by all nationals referred to in chart above.

Note: Tourists to Bhutan are obliged to use *Druk Air* (the only airline serving Bhutan) either on entering or leaving the country. The government may refuse entry to those wishing to visit for mountaineering, publicity and other research activities.

Visas

Required by all nationals referred to in the chart above.

Note: Nationals not referred to in the chart above are advised to contact the embassy to check visa requirements (see *Contact Addresses*).

Visa Note

(a) Air tickets cannot be purchased without visa clearance. (b) Visas are only issued to tourists booked with a local licensed tour operator, or through a foreign travel agent. All applications are submitted through the tour operator. (c) Visas are issued (stamped in passport) on arrival at Paro Airport or at Phuentsholing check post.

Types of Visa and Cost

Tourist: US\$20 (payable in cash on arrival in Bhutan).

Validity

Visas are initially granted for stays of up to 15 days. The Bhutan Tourism Corporation Limited (BTCL) can apply for an extension of tourist visas for an additional fee per person.

Working Days Required

Visa clearance takes at least 10 days to process and should be applied for at least 60 days prior to arrival in Bhutan.