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End-to-End Support, From Enquiry to Homecoming

Booking a trip to Bhutan involves more moving parts than most destinations — a licensed operator, visa processing, a mandatory Sustainable Development Fee, permits, guides and vehicles all need to be arranged before you even land in Paro. Acho Travels manages all of it, as a single point of contact from your first enquiry through to the day you fly home.

Visa Processing Assistance

A Bhutan tourist visa cannot be applied for independently — it must be processed through a licensed Bhutanese tour operator. Acho Travels guides travelers through Bhutan's visa requirements and handles the necessary paperwork on their behalf, from document collection to submission and approval.

- Guidance on required documents for your nationality
- Visa application submitted to the Department of Immigration on your behalf
- Visa Clearance Letter delivered by email ahead of departure
- Support with visa extensions if your trip is extended in-country

Related reading: see our Travel Guide for full visa requirements, fees and timelines.

Sustainable Development Fee (SDF) & Permit Arrangements

We manage the Sustainable Development Fee and any destination- or activity-specific permits required for your trip, including Inner Line Permits for regional travelers heading beyond Thimphu and Paro.

- SDF payment processed through the official Tourism Council of Bhutan portal
- Trekking, remote-area and border-crossing permits arranged in advance
- Inner Line Permits for Indian nationals travelling beyond Thimphu and Paro
- No separate paperwork for you to file with, it's handled as part of your booking

Licensed Tour Guides

Licensed, knowledgeable guides accompany travelers throughout their journey, providing cultural, historical and practical context that turns sightseeing into genuine understanding — from the significance of a dzong's architecture to the meaning behind a festival's masked dances.

- Certified by the Tourism Council of Bhutan
- Fluent in English, with other languages available on request
- Present throughout the itinerary, not just at major sites
- Matched to your interests where possible — history, nature, photography or spirituality

Designated Drivers & Vehicles

Experienced local drivers, familiar with Bhutan's mountain roads and terrain, are arranged for the full duration of your trip. Vehicles are matched to group size, route and comfort level, and are currently arranged and hired externally as needed.

- SUV — for solo travelers, couples and small private groups seeking comfort and flexibility
- HiAce — for medium-sized families and groups
- Bus — sized to the group, for larger parties
- 4WD — for remote destinations and more challenging routes

Airport Transfers

Pick-off and drop-off coordination between Paro International Airport (or other regional entry points) and your accommodation is included as standard, so your trip starts and ends without any logistics to think about.

Hotel & Accommodation Bookings

Acho Travels arranges lodging suited to your preferences and budget, from comfortable standard hotels to luxury lodges based on traveler's preference and handles all booking logistics directly with properties across Bhutan.

- Standard, 3★, 4★ and 5★ options available
- Boutique and heritage properties for cultural tours
- Ultra-luxury lodges for our Luxury Tours category
- Homestays and farmhouses for a more local, immersive stay

Flight Booking Assistance

We support both international arrival and departure flight bookings and domestic flight arrangements within Bhutan, helping you navigate the limited seat availability on Drukair and Bhutan Airlines.

- International flight booking assistance (optional) to and from Paro
- Domestic flight arrangements to Bumthang, Gelephu and other regional airports
- Guidance on booking timelines, given limited seasonal seat availability

Private, Customized, Group & Solo Tours

Flexible tour formats are available to match your party size, interests and pace — whether you're travelling alone, as a couple, with family, or as part of a larger group.

- Private tours for individuals, couples and families
- Small and large group tours
- Solo traveler itineraries
- Fully customized tours built from scratch around your interests — see our Customized Tours page

Pre-Trip Consultation & Itinerary Planning

One-on-one planning support before you travel helps shape the right itinerary for you — matching destinations, pace, activities and accommodation to what you actually want from Bhutan, rather than a fixed template.

Emergency Assistance & 24/7 Traveler Support

You can contact you can reach at any time during your trip if something comes up — from a missed connection to a medical concern — positioning Acho Travels as a full end-to-end travel partner from your initial enquiry through to post-trip follow-up