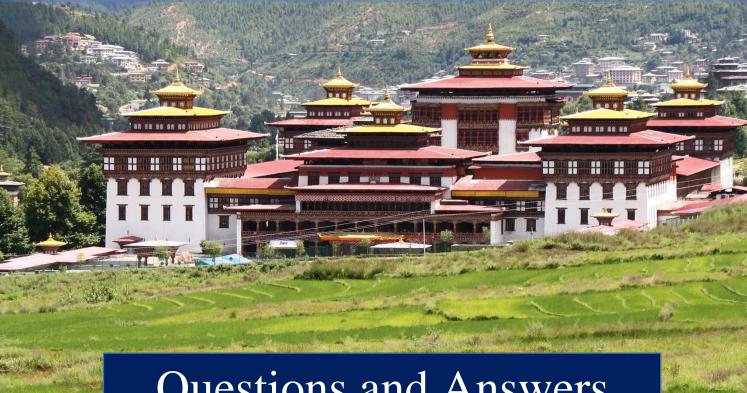


Monument and Sacred Sites Charging Entry Fees



Questions and Answers

National Monument Committee

1. List of monument and sacred sites charging entry fees from 23rd September 2022

Thimphu	Paro	Punakha	Chhukha/ Phuentsholing	Trongsa	Bumthang
Tashichho	Taktsang	Punakha	Rinchending	Trongsa	Jambay
Dzong		Dzong	Goempa	Dzong	Lhakhang
Simtokha Dzong	Kyichu	Chhimi			Jakar Dzong
	Lhakhang	Lhakhang			
National	Rinpung				Kurjey
Memorial	Dzong				Lhakhang
Chorten					
Changangkha	Dobji				
Lhakhang	Dzong				
Buddha					
Dordhenma					

^{***} Please note the changes to list of monument and sacred sites notified on 15th July 2022.

2. Visitors who should pay entry fees

All foreign visitors provided below, visiting the mentioned monument and sacred sites:

- Tourist;
- Foreign visitors visiting Bhutan for any purpose; and
- Foreigners working and residing in Bhutan.

3. Entry fee for the monuments and sacred sites

Taktsang

- Nu.2000 (Adult);
- Nu.1000 (Above 5 but below 18 years); and
- No charge (below 5 years).

Other monuments and sacred sites

- Nu.1000 (Adult);
- Nu.500 (Above 5 but below 18 years); and
- No charge (Below 5 years).

4. Applying for entry pass

Please visit <u>services.tourism.bt</u> (which will be online from 23.09.2022) for the additional information related to the monuments and sacred sites. The website will also facilitate processing of entry pass in advance in next few days. The process for applying your entry pass will be as provided below:



However, entry pass will also be facilitated at the respective monument site as follows:



*** Note: Tourist mentioned in the above diagram shall also mean other foreign visitors

5. Information required to apply for entry pass

- Guide details in case of tourist;
- Detail of visitors;
- Date of visit;
- Monuments or sacred sites to visit; and
- Email id.

6. Payment mode when applying for entry pass

The payment at the site can done through mobile banking app as well as in cash.

7. Requirement of guide

Since the guides are not stationed at the monument sites, tourist visiting monument and sacred site must be accompanied by the guide and must arrange guide in advance. While the other visitors will be allowed to enter without guide, we strongly recommend all to arrange a guide for better visitor experience.

8. Whether entry pass is refundable

Please note that the entry pass is non-refundable.

9. Verification of entry pass

Entry pass will be verified by the security official at the gate and entry will be facilitated.

10. Entry fee for those tourists who have confirmed their tour on or before 20th June 2022 and validated by TCB

Those tourists are exempted from payment of an entry fee and the information note on exemption is provided on copy of their visa. Tourist must produce a copy of visa to the security official at the entry gate. No separate entry pass will be required. Check the sample:

A	ny offence of above mentioned shall be liable for fines as spec	ified below:

Littering and urinating along road side: Nu.1,000/- as per waste prevention and management regulation, 2012;

Smoking in public places and other restricted area: Nu.500/- and shall produce proof of payment of import duty and tax;

Misuse of permit for other purposes: Nu. 3,300/- and subject to deportation as per IRR, 2015;

Purchase of restricted Items: Seizure of goods and applicable fines and penalties as per Customs Rules;

Tobacco products beyond permissible quantity: Seizure of goods and applicable fines and penalties based on quantity as per BNC rules and regulation;

Any other offences not listed here, fines are applicable as per the existing law.



Note: The above guest are old bookings and they need not have to pay any monument entry fees.

11. Clearances already issued by TCB for those visiting after 23rd September 2022

For those visiting monument after 23rd September 2022 but who have already received a clearance letter from the Tourism Council of Bhutan can visit the monument with the same clearance letter.

12. Days foreign visitor will not be permitted

- 15th day of 1st month (Chotrul Düchen),
- 10th day of 3rd month (Zhabdrung Kuchoe),
- 15th day of 4th month (Saga Dawa Düchen/Lord Buddha Parinirvana),
- 4th day of 6th month (Chökhor Düchen / First sermon of Lord Buddha),
- 22nd day of 9th month (Lha Bab Düchen/Descending day of Lord Buddha), and
- 10th day of 5th Month (Birth Anniversary of Guru Rinpoche)

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As of 22.09.2022

Information will be updated if required