

ROY CRUISER
EXPLORING TOGETHER

THE
DRAGON DRIVE
LUXURY SELF-DRIVE EXPEDITION TO
BHUTAN
FROM INDIA



THE ULTIMTE LUXURIOUS ROAD EXPEDITION
FROM BANGALORE TO BHUTAN



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ABOUT DRAGON DRIVE

The Dragon Drive from Bangalore to Bhutan is an epic self drive adventure that takes you across India into the mystical Himalayan kingdom, famously known as the “Land of the Thunder Dragon.”

Starting from Bangalore, the journey spans thousands of kilometres through diverse landscapes, highways, forests, plains, and finally the winding mountain roads of Bhutan.

Travelling in a convoy adds to the thrill, combining adventure with exploration.

It's not just a road trip it's a blend of LUXURY, adventure, culture, and unforgettable Himalayan experiences.



ROY CRUISER is a well established and the largest Indian Self Drive community headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

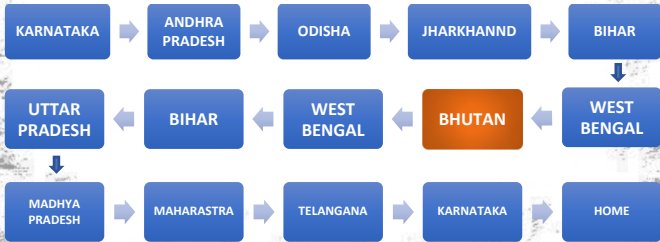


We have been awarded by ASIA & INDIA Book Of Records For largest international convoy movement of 34 vehicles.

WHAT'S THE **PLAN**?

FLAG OFF : 19th DEC 2026 | END DATE : 6th JAN 2027

DURATION : 18 NIGHTS | 19 DAYS



DAY WISE PLAN

Day ZERO : A day to meet and greet and know other participants and about this Expedition.

We invite all participants for a lunch meet a week before we start this Mega Expedition to make you understand the overview of Expedition, precautions, things to carry and we also answer all your doubts before we start the Drive.

We all decide convoy formation and put expedition stickers on cars.

We distribute RC Expedition Kit and other physical documents as well A day to meet and greet and know other participants and about this Expedition.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 01 (Dec 19) Sat : Bangalore → Vijayawada (600+ km, 10h)

You'll gather at 6:00 AM at a common meet up point for a grand flag-off.

After breakfast we begin the long, scenic drive through Andhra Pradesh's verdant countryside.

Arrive by night, check in at Vijayawada hotel.

Overnight stay post dinner in Vijayawada.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 02 (Dec 20) Sun : Vijayawada → Vizag (350 km, 6:30 h)

Breakfast at Vijayawada Hotel then depart around 8:30 AM. Drive towards Vishakhapatnam and check in at hotel (Mostly Novotel)

Evening beach walk and explore museum & famous RK beach in the evening.

Overnight stay Post dinner at the luxurious beach view hotel at Vishakhapatnam.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 03 (Dec 21) Mon : Vizag → Bhubaneswar (420 km, 7:30 h)

Breakfast at Vizag Hotel then depart around 8:30 AM.

Drive towards Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha and check in at hotel. On the way we visit Asia's Largest Back water lagoon **Chilika Lake**.

Evening time walk we explore local street food of Bhubaneswar. One can visit famous Lingaraj Temple.

Those who wish to visit Jagannath Dham Puri can drive to Puri post dinner for night darshan and we will assist you to do so.

Overnight stay Post dinner at Bhubaneswar.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 04 (Dec 22) Tue : Bhubaneswar → Dhanbad (500 km, 10h)

Early Breakfast at Bhubaneswar Hotel then depart towards Dhanbad, the coal capital city of India which is located in Jharkhand state. Check in at hotel.

Today we drive through West Bengal and reach Dhanbad.

A quick briefing will be done by BCCL team regarding next day morning visit to active Coal Mines of Dhanbad.

Overnight stay Post dinner at Dhanbad.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 05 (Dec 23) Wed : Dhanbad → Nalanda (240 km, 4:30h)

Early morning visit to open coal mines to witness coal mining live and back to hotel for Breakfast. Then depart towards Rajgir/Nalanda.

Today one can also visit Bodh Gaya before reaching Nalanda.

Evening time we will visit to "The Lost Library" of **Nalanda University**"

Overnight stay Post dinner at Nalanda Resort.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 06 (Dec 24) Thu : Nalanda → Siliguri (450 km, 8-9h)

Post breakfast we drive towards the Siliguri located at so called “Chicken Neck” of India.

We drive through plains of river Ganges today in Bihar.

Upon reaching Siliguri check in at hotel and prepare for next day Border Crossing to Bhutan.

Overnight stay Post dinner at Siliguri Hotel.

Those who are joining from Siliguri can merge the team today



DAY WISE *PLAN*

Day 07 (Dec 25) Fri : Siliguri → Paro (Bhutan) (300 km, 7-8h)

TODAY WILL BE THE DAY TO ENTER BHUTAN

After breakfast we drive towards **India Bhutan** Border (Jaigaon)

We do immigration process and head towards Paro.

Upon reaching Paro check in at Luxurious hotel (**Le Meridien Riverfront**).

Overnight stay Post dinner at Siliguri Hotel.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 08 (Dec 26) Sat : Paro Local (Day To Relax)

After an early breakfast, proceed for a hike to the iconic Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched dramatically at an altitude of approximately 3,120 m.

The round-trip trek takes about 4–5 hours and offers spectacular views of the valley.

After returning to Paro, visit key attractions such as Rinpung Dzong and the National Museum of Bhutan.

The evening is at leisure, with the option to arrange a cultural program.

Dinner and overnight stay in Paro.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 09 (Dec 27) Sun : Paro → Thimphu (40 km, 1h)

Today, drive towards the pristine Haa Valley via the spectacular Chele La Pass (approx. 3,988 m), the highest motorable pass in Bhutan.

The journey offers panoramic Himalayan views. In Haa Valley (altitude ~2,700 m) visit the sacred Lhakhang Karpo and Lhakhang Nagpo, followed by an outdoor farmhouse lunch.

Later, continue your drive to Thimphu (altitude ~2,334 m). The total journey spans approximately 135 km and takes around 5–6 hours.

Dinner and overnight stay in Thimphu.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 10 (Dec 28) Mon : Thimphu → Punakha (70 km, 2h)

After breakfast, drive to Punakha, covering around 75 km in 2.5–3 hours.

En route, stop at the scenic Dochula Pass (3,100 m), known for its 108 stupas and sweeping Himalayan vistas.

Descend into the warmer valley of Punakha (altitude ~1,200 m) and visit the magnificent Punakha Dzong.

The evening is free for curated experiences or relaxation.

Dinner and overnight stay in Punakha.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 11 (Dec 29) Tue : Punakha → Bumthang (200 km, 4-5h)

Begin your day with a long but rewarding drive towards Phobjikha Valley (altitude ~3,000 m).

Visit the serene Gangtey Monastery overlooking the glacial valley.

Continue onward to Bumthang (altitude ~2,600 m), often regarded as the cultural heart of Bhutan.

Dinner and overnight stay in Bumthang.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 12 (Dec 30) Wed : Bumthang Local

Today is at leisure to explore the beautiful Bumthang Valley.

You may take short drives to visit important monasteries such as Jakar Dzong and Kurjey Lhakhang, enjoy nature walks, interact with locals, or arrange cultural activities such as archery or outdoor dining experiences.

With its serene landscapes and spiritual ambiance, Bumthang offers a relaxed and immersive experience.

Dinner and overnight stay in Bumthang.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 13 (Dec 31) Thu : Bumthang → Gelephu (240 km, 6-7h)

After breakfast, begin your drive towards Gelephu, descending from the central highlands to the southern plains.

The journey offers changing landscapes, from alpine forests to subtropical terrain.

On arrival in Gelephu (altitude ~300 m), check in to your hotel.

An evening to celebrate new year with fellow participants.

Gala Dinner, Music and overnight stay in Gelephu.



DAY WISE *PLAN*

Day 14 (Jan 01) Fri : Gelephu → Siliguri (300 km, 6-7h)

On this final day of Bhutan, we drive back to Siliguri.

Overnight stay in Siliguri post dinner.

Day 15 (Jan 02) Sat : Siliguri → Patna (455 km, 8-9h)

After breakfast, begin your drive towards Patna capita city of Bihar also know as Patliputra. We do possible sightseeing in Patna .

Overnight stay post dinner in Patna.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 16 (Jan 03) Sun : Patna → Varanasi (270 km, 5:30h)

On this day post breakfast we drive towards spiritual capital Varanasi also known as Kashi.

After check in at hotel we go for Ganga Boating and witness famous Ganga Aarti. We visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple in the evening. **Overnight stay in Varanasi post dinner.**

Day 17 (Jan 04) Mon : Varanasi → Jabalpur (450 km, 8h)

Post breakfast we start our journey towards Jabalpur. We target to reach Bhedaghat directly to experience cable car.

Check in and overnight stay post dinner at Jabalpur Hotel.



DAY WISE PLAN

Day 18 (Jan 05) Tue : Jabalpur → Medchal, HYD (730 km, 13h)

Post breakfast we start our journey towards Hyderabad. We choose to stay next to ORR to avoid Hyderabad traffic.

Check in and overnight stay post dinner at Medchal Hotel.

Day 19 (Jan 06) Wed : Medchal → Bengaluru (600 km, 10h)

A day to drive back home after the last breakfast together at Hyderabad after conquering BHUTAN.



COST OF THE TRIP

COST PER PERSON : 2,28,000 INR + 5% GST

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Luxury Hotels on twin sharing basis (4 & 5*)
- ✓ All Day Breakfast & Dinner
- ✓ Daily Surcharge Rs. **1200** per person per night
- ✓ All mentioned sightseeing with local guides
- ✓ Cultural Show in Paro
- ✓ Boating at Varanasi & Cable car at Bhedaghat
- ✓ 1 crew car & 1 Back Up Van in Bhutan
- ✓ Drinking Water and Snacks Supply
- ✓ Emergency Rescue Support

EXCLUSIONS

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| ✓ Transportation | ✓ Vehicle Permit (Rs. 4500 Per Day) |
| ✓ Personal Expenses | ✓ Medical/Travel Insurance |
| ✓ Lunch | ✓ Vehicle Services & Repair |
| ✓ Personal expenses | ✓ Room Heaters |

HOTEL TYPE

- VIJAYAWADA: NOVOTEL
- VIZAG : NOVOTEL/THE PARK
- BHUBANESWAR : SWOSTI PREMIUM
- DHANBAD : GRAND MIRAGE (RADISSON)
- KRIPANADHI RETREAT RAJGIR
- SILIGURI : AURUM
- PARO : LE MERIDIAN RIVERFRONT
- THIMPHU : LEMON TREE
- PUNAKHA : RKPO
- BUMTHANG : YURLING
- GELEPHU : HOTEL KUKU GRAND
- SILIGURI : AURUM
- PATNA : YTD
- VARANASI : THE FERN/ SIMILAR
- JABALPUR : VIJAN MAHAL
- MEDCHAL(HYD) : SUBHAM PRESTIGE

NOTE: HOTEL IS SUBJECTD TO THEIR AVAILIBILITY

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Payments: For all the services contracted, certain advance payment should be made to hold the booking, on confirmed basis & the balance amount can be paid either before your departure from your country or upon arrival in INDIA but definitely before the commencement of the services.

Management personnel's hold the right to decide upon the amount to be paid as advance payment, based on the nature of the service & the time left for the commencement of the service.

Safari Tickets are subjected to its availability.

Apart from above in some cases like Special Train Journeys, hotels or resorts bookings during the peak season (X-Mas, New Year), full payment is required to be sent in advance.

Mode of Payment: Overseas advance payment can be made through Wire Transfer to our bank.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of cancellation of tour / travel services due to any avoidable / unavoidable reason/s we must be notified of the same in writing. Cancellation charges will be effective from the date we receive advice in writing, and cancellation charges would be as follows:

- 30 days prior to travel: 25% of the Trip / service cost
- 29 - 20 days prior to travel: 50% of the Trip / service cost
- Less than 19 days prior to travel: 100% of the Trip / service cost
- 72 hours prior to travel OR No Show: No Refund

Note: Written cancellation will accept on all working days, except Sunday, Any cancellation sent on Sunday will be considered on next working day (Monday).

In case you cancel the trip after commencement, refund would be restricted to a limited amount only which too would depend on the amount that we would be able to recover from the hoteliers/contractors we patronize. For unused hotel accommodation, chartered transportation & missed meals etc. we do not bear any responsibility to refund.

Wildlife Safaris cancellation: All the wildlife safaris booked into any of Indian Wildlife National Park/Sanctuaries are non-refundable. Even date change request will be Considered as cancellation and no payment will be refunded/ adjusted against it.

Our Liabilities & Limitations

Please note that after the finalization of the Tour/ service cost, if there are any Hike in entrance fees of monuments / museums, Taxes, fuel cost or guide charges – by Govt of India, the same would be charged as extra.

All itineraries are sample itineraries, intended to give you a general idea of the likely trip schedule. Numerous factors such as weather, road conditions, the physical ability of the participants etc. JULY dictate itinerary changes either before the tour or while on the trail.

We reserve the right to change any schedule in the interest of the trip participants & safety, comfort, general well-being. Our rates are based on the prevailing rates as negotiated by us with the hotels, airlines etc.

Hotels and Airlines retain the right to modify the rates without notice. In case of such changes the rates quoted before the modification, can be changed by us according to the modifications by hotels or airlines. All hotel bookings are based on usual check in and check out time of the hotels unless indicated in the itinerary.

We shall not be responsible for any delays & alterations in the program or expenses incurred – directly or indirectly – due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accident, breakdown of machinery or equipment's, breakdown of transport, weather, sickness, landslides, political closures or any untoward incidents.

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