

## BHUTAN



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**Capital: Thimphu Time: GMT + 6**

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**Background:** Under British influence a monarchy was set up in 1907; three years later a treaty was signed whereby the country became a British protectorate. Independence was attained in 1949, with India subsequently guiding foreign relations and supplying aid.

**Location:** Southern Asia, between China and India

**Map References:** Asia

**Area:** total: 47,000 sq km land: 47,000 sq km water: 0 sq km

**Climate:** varies; tropical in southern plains; cool winters and hot summers in central valleys; severe winters and cool summers in Himalayas

**Terrain:** mostly mountainous with some fertile valleys and savanna

**Natural Resources:** timber, hydropower, gypsum, calcium carbide

**Population:** 2,005,222

**Nationality:** noun: Bhutanese (singular and plural) adjective: Bhutanese

**Ethnic Groups:** Bhote 50%, ethnic Nepalese 35%, indigenous or migrant tribes 15%

**Religions:** Lamaistic Buddhist 75%, Indian- and Nepalese-influenced Hinduism 25%

**Languages:** Dzongkha (official), Bhotese speak various Tibetan dialects, Nepalese speak various Nepalese dialects

**Economy:** The economy, one of the world's smallest and least developed, is based on agriculture and forestry, which provide the main livelihood for 90% of the population and account for about 40% of GDP. Agriculture consists largely of subsistence farming and animal husbandry. Rugged mountains dominate the terrain and make the building of roads and other infrastructure difficult and expensive. The economy is closely aligned with India's through strong trade and monetary links. The industrial sector is technologically backward, with most production of the cottage industry type. Most development projects, such as road construction, rely on Indian migrant labor. Bhutan's hydropower potential and its attraction for tourists are key resources. The Bhutanese Government has made some progress in expanding the nation's productive base and improving social welfare. Model education, social, and environment programs in Bhutan are underway with support from multilateral development organizations. Each economic program takes into account the government's desire to protect the country's environment and cultural traditions. Detailed controls and uncertain policies in areas like industrial licensing, trade, labor, and finance continue to hamper foreign investment.

**Industries:** cement, wood products, processed fruits, alcoholic beverages, calcium carbide

**Currency:** 1 ngultrum (Nu) = 100 chetrum; note - Indian currency is also legal tender  
Railways: 0 km

**Highways:** total: 3,285 km paved: 1,994 km unpaved: 1,291 km (1996 est.)

**Ports and Harbors:** none

**Airports:** 2 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 1 1,524 to 2,437 m: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 1 914 to 1,523 m: 1 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** required by all except nationals of India

**Duty Free:** permitted goods: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g of tobacco, 1 litre of spirits, 250ml of eau de toilet.

**Health:** a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travelers coming from an infected area. Malaria, cholera, typhoid, and polio risks. All water should be regarded as potentially contaminated.

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1974 hotel with Bhutanese decor. Rooms & suites with bath & phone; some with air conditioning. Room service; restaurant; bar. Meetings to 200. Car rental & tours available. Badminton, volleyball & table tennis; fishing nearby

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