

BHUTAN CULTURAL TOUR WITH HOT STONE BATH - 5 DAYS

Visit ancient fortresses and monasteries and immerse yourself in the local Bhutanese culture...



Trip Level: Easy | Group Size: Min. 2-14 | Min. Age: 6 | Altitude : 1400 m

Arrival on: Paro, Bhutan | Departure from: Paro, Bhutan

OVERVIEW

Discover the cultural highlights of Bhutan, a mountain kingdom where modernity has failed to erase its unique traditions. If you are interested in Bhutanese culture and traditions, then this trip is for you. Here life moves at a slow pace and you will feel the comforting rhythm as you go about visiting places and meeting people. Visit traditional forts and palaces and monasteries said to be built by Buddhist monks with supernatural powers. Experience nature in abundance and interact with the Bhutanese for whom happiness matters more than

material wealth...

Bhutan Cultural Tour takes you to the fascinating cultural hubs in the ‘Land of the Thunder Dragon.’ Discover one of the greenest nations in the world. Journey across a mountain kingdom where ‘Gross National Happiness’ is used to measure prosperity. You will be one of the chosen few visitors to step on this mountain kingdom that remained hidden from foreign eyes for centuries. The five days of your **Bhutan short tour** will be spent totally in immersing yourself in Bhutan’s unique Himalayan culture.

CULTURAL IMMERSION WITH TRADITIONAL HOMESTAY AND A HOT-STONE BATH!

Your journey begins from the city of Paro and covers the cultural hubs of Thimphu and Punakha. Step into ancient fortresses and palaces built by Bhutanese royals. Set your eyes on ancient Buddhist relics and murals. Drive past a high mountain pass Dochula Pass (3100m) en route Thimphu to Punakha. Visit local homes and sacred monasteries and interact with monks and locals. Your itinerary includes a **homestay** in a traditional Bhutanese home. Amble down busy local markets and paddy fields. Learn how to wear a traditional Bhutanese dress. Enjoy a relaxing soak at the traditional **Hot Stone Bath**. The finale and highlight of your **short trip to Bhutan** is the incredible **hike to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger’s Nest)**, nestled on a cliffside, high above the **Paro Valley**.

SOME MORE INTERESTING TOURS

Are you interested in visiting the major Buddhist pilgrimage sites in Nepal and Bhutan? We have just the right itinerary for you – [Nepal and Bhutan Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour](#). If you want to discover more of Bhutan then we suggest you book our longer [Bhutan Heritage Tour](#).

Note:

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Bhutan’s cultural hubs- Paro, Punakha and Thimphu
- Step inside ancient *dzongs* and sacred Buddhist monasteries
- Hike to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger’s Nest)
- Immerse yourself in local culture- visit local homes, marketplaces and farmsteads
- Dress up in traditional attire and enjoy a traditional Hot Stone bath

MEALS

Your vacation is an important investment. While planning a holiday, you have to research and make some major decisions. You need to decide, where and how you will spend your money. To avoid the stress, many opt for the services of a tour company and leave it to the experts to plan their holiday. By choosing to book with an agency, you can enjoy peace of mind knowing that everything has been taken care of by professionals. In order to cater to the needs of different types of travelers, we have on offer two packages – Standard and Deluxe. A Standard Package cost a little less and is ideal for that traveler who is traveling within a budget. The Deluxe Package is

for those looking for a higher level of service and facilities. If you have already decided to book this tour, do select the package that best suits your budget and the kind of experiences you want to explore, and secure your spot.

BEST TIMES

Spring, Autumn and early Winter are the best seasons to take this trip. During these seasons the daytime temperatures are just right, neither too hot nor too cold. It may be a little chilly during the early mornings and evenings in Autumn and early Winter. During Spring, the flowers bloom and it is a delight to visit the Bhutanese countryside. Paro Dzong, covered by purple jacaranda blooms, looks heavenly during this time.

ACCOMMODATIONS

In Paro you will be staying at the beautiful **Tashi Namgyal Resort** overlooking the Pa Chu River. The resort is located near the international airport and offers comfortable deluxe rooms, cottages and executive sites with attached bathrooms. At Thimpu your address is the **Namgay Heritage Hotel**. This hotels offer luxurious deluxe rooms and premium suites.

Featured amenities at both these establishments include free Wi-Fi, multi cuisine restaurant, bar, spa, fitness centre etc.

In Punakha enjoy a **local homestay**. You will be staying at a traditional farmhouse with a local family. If you wish to skip the homestay, you will be accommodated at **Drubbchu Resort**, which offers similar facilities like the above mentioned hotels.

MEALS

All meals are included in the trip price. Restaurants and eateries in Bhutan serve continental, Indian and Bhutanese dishes. Traditional Bhutanese dishes are made with cheese, chilies, meat, mushrooms, red rice and buck wheat.

ITINERARY

1: ARRIVE PARO. SIGHTSEEING IN PARO & DRIVE TO THIMPHU

Enjoy phenomenal views of sacred Bhutanese peaks – the snowcapped Jumolhari and Jichu Drake- while flying into Paro. Bhutan has only one international airport located in Paro. Your guide will meet you at the airport terminal. Have lunch or some refreshments at a restaurant before heading to Ta Dzong, an ancient watchtower now converted into the National Museum. The museum houses armors used by Bhutanese warriors in the bygone days, ancient *thangkas* (scroll paintings), old stamps, festival masks, manuscripts etc. Afterwards head down to Rinpung Dzong, also known as Paro Dzong or the ‘Heap of Jewels Fort’. The exhibits at this ancient fort include exquisite paintings depicting the life of Lord Buddha. ‘Little Buddha’ a movie by Bernardo

Bertolucci was filmed here. Later take a scenic drive to Thimphu, the country's capital. Overnight in Thimphu.

Meal Included : | Lunch | Dinner

2: THIMPHU SIGHTSEEING. DRIVE THIMPHU TO PUNAKHA

Head to one of the oldest Buddhist temples in the valley Changkha Lakang. The temple is about eight hundred years old and sits high above the city of Thimphu. Parents of new-born babies bring their infants to this temple with the hope that they could get an auspicious name from one of the resident monks. Later head down to the main city and try dressing up like the locals. Your guide will take you to a shop where you can rent a traditional dress. The male's traditional attire is known as 'Gho' while the female's is known as 'Kira'. The shop's attendant will help you get dressed. Take pictures and commit this moment to memory. Later visit the local market or the school of traditional arts. Late afternoon, bid goodbye to Thimphu and drive to Punakha, the winter residence of Je Khenpo(Chief Abbot) and his council. En route stop briefly at Dochula Pass and enjoy mesmerizing views of Himalayan peaks. The pass is dotted with 108 memorial chortens built by the Queen Mother. After a brief stopover continue driving towards Punakha. Head to a traditional local home where you will spend the night. Overnight in Punakha.

Meal Included : | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

3: DRIVE FROM PUNAKHA TO PARO

Enjoy a traditional Hot Stone Bath before heading to Punakha Dzong. The Hot Stone Bath is taken in a traditional wooden or stone tub where hot stone slabs are immersed in the bath water to heat it. After the traditional bath head to Punakha Dzong, a traditional fortress dating back to 17th century. This grand whitewashed monument lies at the confluence of the Mo Chhu (silent mother) and Pho Chhu(noisy father) rivers. Cross a wooden cantilever bridge to enter the *dzong*. One of the most beautiful and ancient *dzongs* in Bhutan, Punakha Dzong now houses a monastery and a government office. Later drive to Paro. On the way stop at Lobesa and walk past traditional farms and mustard and paddy fields to Chimi Lakang Temple. The temple is dedicated to a Buddhist ascetic named Drukpa Kuenley or the 'Divine Madman', who lived during the 14th century. He is known as the 'Mad Saint' or 'Divine Madman' for his unconventional methods of preaching Buddhism. After visiting the temple you continue driving towards Paro. Cross the picturesque Dochula Pass and the capital Thimphu before finally arriving in Paro. Upon reaching Paro, head to a hotel and take a well deserved rest. Overnight in Paro.

Meal Included : | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

4: PARO - HIKE TO TAKTSANG MONASTERY (TIGER'S NEST)

This day is packed with adventure. Have an early start and drive to the starting point of Taktsang Monastery Hike. The monastery hangs precariously on a rocky cliff 3000 feet above Paro valley. It is a steep ascent right upto the monastery. Pony rides are available till the halfway point. Though the hike up to the monastery may be tough, once you reach the top you are rewarded with astounding 360 degree views of the Paro valley and the surrounding peaks. Visit the monastery and pay obeisance to the guardian deities. It is said that this place has been blessed by Padmasambhava or Guru Rinpoche. The monastery is also known as Tiger's Nest because

according to legend Padmasambhava flew to this cliff on a tiger and meditated here. Overnight in Paro

Meal Included : | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

5: DEPART PARO

After a delightful stay it's time to bid farewell to Bhutan. Your guide will drive you to the airport on time to catch your international flight.

Meal Included : | Breakfast

Note on itinerary

WHAT'S INCLUDED

PRICE INCLUDES

- Airport pick up & drop off service for international and domestic flights
- All ground transportation by comfortable private vehicle as per the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking tour guide with government license.
- All Local and Government taxes, administrative charges
- Accommodation at government approved 3 star hotels in Bhutan
- Special permit and Bhutan Visa fee.
- In Bhutan, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner and bottled mineral water during the trip.

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Travel and medical insurance.
- Personal expenses (laundry, drinks, beverages, snacks, phone calls, extra porters, battery recharge, bottle or boiled water, souvenirs, hot showers etc.)
- International flights
- Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu in case of early arrival or late departure.
- Expenses not listed in the 'Price Includes' section
- Tips for guide and driver

Note :

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Passport and Visa - Bhutan

Except for India, Maldives and Bangladesh, all other visitors need to obtain a visa for Bhutan. Visas are

obtained through an online system by your licensed Bhutanese tour operator directly or through a foreign travel agent. Tourists are required to send the photocopy of their passports to their tour operator, who will then apply for their visa. Once the full payment of the holiday (including your visa fee of USD 40) is made, the tourism council of Bhutan will process the visa within 72 working hours.

Best time to visit Bhutan

Spring (mid February- March – April), Autumn (September – October) and early Winter (November) are the best seasons to visit Bhutan. Northern Bhutan lies close to the Himalayan Mountains and this makes it much colder than the rest of the country. The region receives snowfall during winter. Southern Bhutan with its tropical climate is the warmest. During the monsoon season (June to August) there is heavy rainfall and humidity. The endangered Black-Necked Cranes migrate to Phobjika Valley from Tibet during late October. October to mid-February is the ideal time for bird-watching tours.

Climate in Bhutan

Bhutan's climate ranges from hot and humid in the tropical belt (southern and central Bhutan) to freezing in the north. Spring and Autumn (popular tourist seasons) are generally pleasant with clear skies and mild temperatures. There is heavy rainfall during monsoon or summer season. While the north remains shrouded in clouds the rest of the country gets drenched with heavy rainfall during this time. In winter there is heavy snowfall in the northern parts, while the southern and eastern regions enjoy pleasant weather.

Meals-Bhutan

The national dish of Bhutan is 'Ema Datshi' (chili with cheese sauce) and 'Zow Shungo' (rice with mixed vegetables). 'Jasha maru' (chicken stew), 'Phaksha Paa' (pork prepared with vegetables and spices), 'Hapai Hanteu' (Bhutanese meat dumplings), 'Kewa Datshi' (baked potatoes and yak cheese), 'Tshoem' (beef with mushrooms) etc. are some of the important local dishes. Bhutanese widely consume rice (red rice grown locally), meat items (yak meat, pork, chicken, beef and mutton), chili peppers, dairy products (milk, cheese) and organic vegetables. Popular beverages include butter tea or Pho cha, 'Ara' an alcoholic drink and beer.

Tourism Policy- Bhutan

Bhutan tourism policy is based on sustainability and environmental protection. According to the Bhutanese government tourism in the country must be "ecologically friendly, economically viable and socially and culturally acceptable". The government strictly regulates the number of tourists visiting the country annually. Independent traveling is not allowed and it is mandatory for all foreign tourists to book their tours with a government registered tour operator in Bhutan.

Banking and Forex In Bhutan

Bhutan's unit of currency is Ngultrum (NU). Once you fly into Bhutan, you can exchange currency at the money exchange counters at Paro International Airport. Bank of Bhutan accepts foreign currency as well as travelers' cheques. Foreign currencies that are accepted include US Dollar, Euro, Pound Sterling, Indian Rupee, Swiss Franc, Canadian Dollar, Australian Dollar, Japanese Yen etc. Since banking and ATM facilities are

available only in the major cities it is advisable to carry local Ngultrum while traveling in the rural areas. Only a few upscale establishments (hotels and handicraft stores) accept credit cards. When you shop for items or exchange currency you will be given receipts. Hold on to these as you may need to show the same while leaving the country. If you purchase antique items, you will be asked to show the receipt (of purchase) at the customs checkpoint. Receipt of foreign exchange (that you had received while exchanging currency on entering the country) may also be needed while **exchanging the local currency** to USD or other currencies.

Bhutanese Language

‘Dzongkha’ is the national language of Bhutan. Other than the national language, Sharchop, Nepali and Lepcha are widely spoken in Bhutan. English is used as the medium of instructions in most of the country’s educational institutions.

People and Traditional Dress of Bhutan

The Sharchops, living in the eastern part of Bhutan are believed to be the earliest inhabitants of Bhutan. In the western part of the country live the Ngalongs, descendants of Tibetan settlers. Southern Bhutan is populated by Lhotsampas, settlers who came from Nepal during the nineteenth century. Brokpa, Dhakpa, Lepcha, Doya, Layap and Lhopu make up the indigenous tribes.

When you visit Bhutan you will rarely find Bhutanese wearing western clothes. Almost all of them will be attired in their traditional attire. While the men wear a kilt-like garment called ‘Gho’, women are seen wearing the traditional robe known as ‘Kira’, a blouse called ‘Wonju’ and a light jacket - ‘Taego’. These traditional dresses are made with textiles woven on traditional looms. Accessories worn by the women include brooches and necklaces and earrings made of precious stones.

Shopping in Bhutan

If on a trip to Thimpu, don’t forget to visit the lively ‘Weekend Market’. A local farmer’s market which is held during the weekends (from Friday afternoon till Sunday), the Weekend market has sellers from the rural areas selling handicraft items, cheese, honey, meat, vegetables, fruits, incense and an assortment of other goods. You can buy souvenir items at the market or the handicraft shops. Items worth buying include thangkhas, traditional handloom items, handmade wooden bowls (Dappa), bamboo baskets (Bangchung), wooden masks, handmade paper products, Bhutanese traditional jewellery, rugs etc. Paro, Thimpu and Phuentsholing are the best cities for shopping.

Emergency Contact Information

Please do not forget to provide your emergency contact information while filling out the form to book this trip. You can give the contact details of a family member or someone close to you.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TERMS & CONDITIONS AGREEMENT

Third Rock Adventures Private Limited

Please read the following Terms and Conditions that governs the relationship between you (client) and Third Rock Adventures Private Limited (hereinafter referred as the 'The Company') with the registration number **184629/074/075**. Please note that while booking a trip you are agreeing to the terms and conditions as well as the cancellation policy and certain limitations of liability set by the company. Both parties agree to these terms and conditions to resolve any legal or other disputes that may arise during the trip.

1. THE BOOKING CONTRACT:

Once your booking has been confirmed, the tour operator or the travel agent issues a written confirmation after you have deposited the amount for your trip. Do go through the confirmation details thoroughly and report any incorrect or incomplete information to the company immediately. Please ensure that your names are stated exactly as in your passport.

If you book on behalf of other participants, then you are deemed to be the designated contact person for every participant included on that booking. This also means that you are responsible for making all payments due in connection with your tour booking. You will have to notify us if changes or cancellations are required and you will be solely responsible for keeping your group informed.

If you book on behalf of others, then you represent and warrant that you have obtained all required consents. It is your responsibility for verifying the information that you provide on behalf of other people is complete and accurate and the company will under no circumstances be liable for any errors or omissions in the information provided to complete a booking.

2. BOOKING A TRIP:

- A 'trip' refers to any product itinerary or activities that you buy from us including Trekking, Tours, Expeditions and / or other adventure tour programs.
- The contract between the Company and the Client comes into existence only when the company sends a confirmation invoice or email to the customer.
- The company has the right to increase or decrease product (trip/tour) prices before booking are confirmed and the contract comes into force.
- The company will not be liable for any warranty, collateral agreement, prior agreement, and description of services or conditions other than expressed herein

3. BOOKING DEPOSIT, FINAL PAYMENT REQUIREMENT, AND LIFETIME DEPOSIT:

While booking a trip the non-refundable deposit should be sent to the company. The same amount (non-refundable deposit) is levied for standard as well as customized trips.

Deposit Payment:

To book a trip, a non-refundable deposit of 20% along with due airfares (if the client wants the company to arrange it) 30 days before the trip departure is required. If your booking is done 30 days or less prior to departure, then you must pay the full amount at the time of booking.

Final Payment:

For standard as well as customized trips the non-refundable deposit should be made 30 days prior to your trip's departure. The balance (final payment) should be paid within 30 days of the departure date. In case a booking is made less than 30 days before the departure date, then full payment is required at the time of booking.

Lifetime Deposit

When you are forced to cancel your booking due to unavoidable circumstances, you can rest easy. Your deposit will not go to waste. Your deposit can be retained, provided the reason for the cancellation can be taken as an emergency or an unavoidable circumstance (like illness etc). You should furnish plausible proof (documents like doctor's certificate etc.) for canceling the trip to retain your deposit. You can use the deposit later on to book the same trip or another trip of the same value at a later date.

Please note if the trip has been cancelled for non-payment or violation of these Terms & Conditions your deposit will not be counted as a Lifetime Deposit. Only one Lifetime Deposit is issued per cancelled booking per person. If the value of the Lifetime Deposit is greater than the value of the new trip (per person) then the company will not refund or credit the difference. You can also transfer or regift your Lifetime Deposit to a friend or family to book a trip with us by notifying us.

4. PAYMENT METHODS:

The company receives a booking deposit through the online payment system. We accept all major credit and debit cards. Kindly follow the instructions provided on the booking form.

Prices:

The prices quoted on [our website](#) are the current prices. The quoted price is for per person and is subject to minimum group size. If the minimum numbers are not met by the payment date, a small group surcharge will be levied to ensure the trip's operation. To check the price validity, inclusions and exclusions please do go through the trip notes. If the departures are past the validity date, there will be a likely increase on the trip cost due to a rise on operational costs. There may also be a reduction in trip prices in the instance of a drop in local service charges. Once the deposit amount is paid for your trip any subsequent discounts or price reductions that are advertised may not be applicable.

Third Rock Adventures reserves the right to amend tour prices at any time. Amendments may be done for many

reasons including, but not limited to, increases in ground operator services, exchange rate fluctuations, increased fuel costs, airfares, airport charges, or the need to engage alternative air or ground operators. If there is an increase in the tour price, it must be paid prior to the departure date.

5. CANCELLATION BY THE CLIENT:

Any cancellation by a client must be made in writing and acknowledged by the company. The date on which the request to cancel is received by the company or its agents will determine the cancellation charge applicable. The cancellation charges are expressed hereafter as a percentage of the total tour price. Please note these charges are levied when you don't furnish plausible proof (documents like doctor's certificate etc.) for canceling the trip.

- Cancellation 30 days or more before departure: Loss of deposit.
- Cancellation 7-29 days before departure: 50% of the cost of services booked.
- If you neither show up on the starting day of the tour nor inform the company about your absence: 100% of the cost of services booked.

The client is strongly advised to take out cancellation insurance at the time of making the booking.

Please note that no refunds will be made if you voluntarily leave a trip for any reason after the trip has begun.

No refunds will be made for any accommodation, transport, sightseeing, meals or services not utilized.

CANCELLATION BY THE CLIENT DURING AN EMERGENCY

When you cancel your booking at the last moment due to an emergency, there won't be any refund of your initial deposit. But if you inform us(via email) at least 7 days before the trip starts, stating the reason for the cancellation and furnishing valid documents as proof we will retain your deposit after deducting 20% from the initial deposit. You can use the remaining 80% to book a tour (added charges applicable for the chosen trip) for yourself, your family or friends.

6. CANCELLATION OF A TOUR BY THE COMPANY:

- The company reserves the right to cancel any trip you booked unless guaranteed to run.
- Third Rock Adventures reserves the right to cancel any trip, including a guaranteed trip, prior to departure in the event of natural disasters, flight cancellation, strikes, industrial action, wars, riots, sickness, quarantine, government intervention, weather conditions, or other untoward occurrences beyond its control. In such a case, the company will refund the trip price only. If the company cancels a departure which is guaranteed to run, the trip price will be refunded, or you will be entitled to take an alternative trip of the same value.

The significant alterations do not include a change of airline carrier, flight timetables or itineraries, provided the departure and arrival dates remain unchanged. Change in cabin category or hotel accommodation provided is of

the same category.

- The company is not responsible for any incidental expenses or consequential losses that the client may have incurred as a result of the booking such as visas, vaccinations, non-refundable flights or rail fares, non-refundable car parking or other fees, loss of earnings, or loss of enjoyment etc.

7. MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

In case of any medical condition, do inform the company at the time of the booking. A physically challenged condition or any other mental or physical debility which may hinder your ability to travel should be notified at the time of booking. Failure to notify the company may result in the client being refused to travel. It may also result in the loss of deposit amount or 100% of the trip cost.

There may be some trips that may be unsuitable for clients of a certain age, physical (mobility, pregnancy etc.) or mental conditions. It is the client's responsibility to check prior to booking. The company will not provide any special facilities unless it has agreed to do so in writing. The company will also do its best to meet the clients' special requests including dietary. Please note that such requests do not form part of the contract and therefore the company is not liable for not adhering to these requests.

The medical facilities vary from country to country and the company makes no representations and gives no warranties in relation to the standard of such treatments.

8. TRAVEL INSURANCE:

All travelers must travel with adequate and valid travel insurance. Your travel insurance must cover accidents, injuries, illnesses, death and medical expenses (including any related to pre-existing medical conditions), emergency repatriation (including helicopter rescue and air ambulance where applicable) and personal liability. It will be helpful if your insurance covers trip cancellation, curtailment, and loss of luggage and personal effects. You must carry proof of insurance with you and produce it when requested by the company employees or suppliers. If you are unable to provide proof of insurance when requested, the company reserves the right to cancel or suspend your participation on a trip or in certain activities that comprise part of a trip, at any time, including after the commencement of your trip, with no right of refund.

9. FLIGHT DELAYS AND CHANGES IN THE ITINERARY:

Please understand that mountain adventure is always unpredictable due to weather. Bad weather in the mountain regions can cause domestic flight delays. If the domestic flights get delayed or cancelled, the company will arrange accommodation (guest house) and food (lunch and breakfast) at the request of the client. However, the client is responsible to bear all additional expenses including food and accommodation costs. If you wish to make an alternative arrangement such as a Helicopter flight to avoid flight delays, all additional cost would be

your responsibility.

Third Rock Adventures will not be held responsible if the client misses his/her international flight. However, we would try and assist to make alternative arrangements wherever possible. Please also note that during outdoor activities, we may have to make some changes in the itinerary owing to bad weather conditions or events outside our control.

10. TRIP AMENDMENT:

If the booking amendment request is received by Third Rock Adventures 30 days or more prior to your original trip departure, the company will make the necessary amendment with a charge of US\$100 per person. In case you wish to make amendments within 30 days of the trip departure, the cost of an amendment may be higher depending upon the company's arrangements with other parties such as hotels, teahouses, ground operators or airlines.

11. VISA & PASSPORT:

You must carry a valid passport and visa when traveling with Third Rock Adventures. Please ensure your passport is valid for 6 months beyond the duration of the trip. Nepal Visa is available on arrival in Nepal. For Tibet & Bhutan, the company can make the necessary arrangements upon request. For India, the client will have to acquire the Visa from their own home country.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the correct visas for the countries you are traveling to. Third Rock Adventures will not accept responsibility if you are refused entry to a country or places because you lack the correct visa documentation.

12. INJURIES AND EVACUATION:

Third Rock Adventures will not be liable for any injury, health conditions, emotional or other conditions suffered by the client during the trip. Similarly, our package cost does not include any personal insurance. Hence, we advise the clients to take adequate travel insurance package, including medical emergencies and evacuation by Helicopter.

13. SERVICES MISSED OR UNUSED:

There will be no discounts or refunds for missed or unused services. These include voluntary or involuntary termination/departure from the tour due to sickness, the death of a family member etc, late arrival on the tour, or premature departure either voluntarily or involuntarily.

14. UPDATING OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The company reserves the right to update and amend these terms and conditions at any time. It is the responsibility of the client to keep himself/herself updated with any changes. The current version of terms and conditions will always be found on the website www.thirdrockadventures.com and will be the terms referred to in any dispute.