



## Bhutan Network Operators Group

### Bhutan Network Operators Group 6 (btNOG6) Meeting Paro, Bhutan, 3-7 June 2019

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A. btNOG6 MEETING

##### 1. Conference Venue

Venue: [Tashi Namgay Resort](#)

Address: *Opposite Paro International Airport*

Telephone: +975-8-272 318

City: Paro

##### Contact point at the conference venue

Name: Mr. Manoj Adhikari

Entity: btNOG6 Coordination Team

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##### 2. Workshop Venue:

Venue: [Tashi Namgay Resort](#)

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City: Paro

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##### 3. Local contact person

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##### 4. Accommodation and hotel reservations

btNOG6 Coordination Team has secured special rates with a number of hotels nearby, details of which are given in the table below.



btNOG6 Coordination team can make reservations on your behalf. You may contact Mr. Manoj Adhikari at [manoj.adhikari.bt@gmail.com](mailto:manoj.adhikari.bt@gmail.com) for the hotel reservation.

You can also make reservations directly by contacting the hotels either by phone or by e-mail. Contact details of the hotels are given in the table on the next page. Should you subsequently find that you will be unable to attend the meeting, the reservation must be cancelled sufficiently in advance



### Map of the Venue

Google Map: [Tashi Namgay Resort, Paro, Bhutan](#)

### List of Hotels-

SN	Hotel	ROOM	RATE* (Nu)	RATE* (USD)	DIST FROM venue (Km)	ROOMS Available	Contact (+975)	Email
			at Ex rate 1=69					
1	<b>Khangkhu Resort (3 Star)</b> <a href="https://khangkhuresort.com/">https://khangkhuresort.com/</a>	Deuxe (S)	3000	43	1.4	4	17170351	<a href="mailto:khangkhu.resort2010@gmail.com">khangkhu.resort2010@gmail.com</a>
		Deuxe (T)	3300	48				
2	<b>Hotel Drukchen (3 Star)</b>	Suite	5500	80	2	6	8271660	<a href="mailto:drukchen123@gmail.com">drukchen123@gmail.com</a>
		Deluxe (T)	3700	54		20		
3	<b>Le Meredian Paro (5 Star)</b> <a href="https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pbhpr-le-meridien-paro-riverfront/">https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pbhpr-le-meridien-paro-riverfront/</a>	Classic	Le Meredian Paro has noted confirmed their room availability.					<a href="mailto:reservation.paro@lemeridien.com">reservation.paro@lemeridien.com</a>
		Deluxe						
		Grand Deluxe						
		Corner Suite						
4	<b>Naksel (4 Star)</b> <a href="http://naksel.com">http://naksel.com</a>	Superior Single Occupancy		155	10.2	7	17170453	<a href="mailto:reservations@naksel.com">reservations@naksel.com</a>
		Deluxe Single Occupancy		246		24		
		Junior Suite Single Occupancy		347		5		



		Executive suite Single Occupancy		505		2		
		Superior Double Occupancy		173		7		
		Deluxe Double Occupancy		264		24		
		Junior Suite Double Occupancy		365		5		
		Executive suite Double Occupancy		524		2		
5	<b>Hotel Tashi Phuntshok (3 Star)</b> <a href="https://www.summithotels.in/paro-himalayan-tashi-phuntshok-hotel-and-spa/">https://www.summithotels.in/paro-himalayan-tashi-phuntshok-hotel-and-spa/</a>	Deluxe	3680	53	2.7	29	2332359	<a href="mailto:reservations@hhlbhatan.com">reservations@hhlbhatan.com</a>
6	<b>Hotel Dragon</b>	Standard (S)	1300	19	3.8	6	17640267	<a href="mailto:hoteldragonbondey@gmail.com">hoteldragonbondey@gmail.com</a>
		Standard (T)	1300	19		4		
7	<b>Tenzingling (3 Star)</b>	Double Deluxe	2800	41	10.4	12	8272773	<a href="mailto:tenzinling@gmail.com">tenzinling@gmail.com</a>
		Double Single	2775	40		23		
		Double Suite	6500	94		4		
		Single Suite	6000	87		4		

\*rates are all taxes included.

**NOTE:** Most of the hotels in Paro are sold out. All the participants are advised to make their reservation immediately.

<https://nog.bt>

email: [btnog6-coord@nog.bt](mailto:btnog6-coord@nog.bt)



#### 4. Flights and ground transportation

Paro International Airport is the only international airport in Bhutan. It is located in a beautiful Paro Valley which is 54 kilometres (1 hr drive) from the nation's capital Thimphu. For information on Paro Valley, please visit <https://www.bhutan.travel/destinations/paro>.

btNOG6 Coordination Team will arrange Airport Transfer for all the International Participants - to and from the hotel. International Participants need to share their travel itinerary with Mr. Manoj Adhikari [manoj.adhikari.bt@gmail.com](mailto:manoj.adhikari.bt@gmail.com) and Mr. Sonam Penjor [s\\_penjor@rub.edu.bt](mailto:s_penjor@rub.edu.bt) for the airport transfer arrangement. btNOG6 Coordination Team will also arrange local transportation for International Participants to travel to btNOG6 Conference Venue.

### B. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1. Visa formalities

Indian, Bangladeshis and Maldivian nationals can obtain a visa at the port of entry on producing a valid passport with a minimum of 6 month validity (Indian nationals may also use their Voters Identity Card (VIC)).

All other visitors must obtain a visa clearance prior to travel to Bhutan. btNOG6 Coordination Team shall facilitate in processing visa for all the international participants attending the btNOG6 Conference *for the duration of btNOG6 Conference only*:

1. International Participants should download and fill up the visa application form. Visa Application Form is available for download from <http://www.mfa.gov.bt/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/bhutan-visa-application-form.pdf>
2. International Participants should send completed visa application along and copy of photo-page of your passport by email to Mr. Karma Jamyang at [kjamyang@dit.gov.bt](mailto:kjamyang@dit.gov.bt) on or before 10 May 2019.
3. btNOG6 Coordination Team will make the visa application fee payment for all the Foreign Participants amounting to USD 40 (Ngultrum. 2500) to obtain their visas.
4. International Participants will be required to refund the visa application fee during Conference Registration on 3 June 2019.
5. btNOG6 Coordination Team shall send electronic visa to the foreign participants once processed.
6. At your point of entry, you will be required to show your printed copy of the visa. The visa will then be stamped into your passport.
7. Please note that btNOG6 Coordination Team cannot support visa application from International Participants for any purpose other than to attend btNOG6 Conference.

You may contact Mr. Karma Jamyang at [kjamyang@dit.gov.bt](mailto:kjamyang@dit.gov.bt) Mobile # +975-17171988 for any clarification on the visa application process.

#### 2. Vaccinations

No vaccination certificate is required for entering the country.

#### 3. Language

The National language of Bhutan is Dzongkha [dzoŋkʰa]. Most of the Bhutanese speaks English.

#### 4. Measuring System:

The official measuring system in Bhutan is the International Metric System

#### 5. Driving sense

In Bhutan vehicles drive on the left side of the road.

#### 6. Electricity supplying

Bhutan is a carbon neutral destination. Our energy is clean and green generated by hydro power. All hotel rooms including meeting venue runs 220/240V/50Hz with round hole two-pin and three-pin power outlets.

The most common type of electric plug-in are C and D. Type G is found in some of the hotel rooms.

Type C



Type D



Type G



It is recommended that you bring flat-to-round pin converters for your electronics if necessary, however, most hotels offer multi plug sockets.

#### 7. Climate

Paro experiences dry winter months (December through February) and almost no precipitation until March, when rainfall averages 20 millimeters a month and increases steadily thereafter to a high of 220 millimeters in August for a total annual rainfall of nearly 650 millimeters. June marks the start of the monsoon season in Bhutan. Temperatures in June typically range from 15° to 27°C in Paro.

#### 8. Currency

Bhutan's currency is the Ngultrum (Nu.). Foreign currency can be exchanged into local currency in the airport and banks.

ATMs are located within all main towns throughout Bhutan, where money can be withdrawn using a Pin based Cards - VISA, MasterCard and Maestro Cards and JCB Cards. For concerned travelers a list of ATM locations throughout Bhutan is found here: <https://www.bob.bt/atmlocator/>

In addition, POS (Point of Sale) services are available nationwide, meaning visitors can pay by credit card at most hotels and handicrafts stores. While the dollars and euros are generally

accepted, foreign currency can be exchanged into local one in banks and other authorized establishments. The most commonly accepted credit cards are American Express, VISA, Diners Club and MasterCard.

Exchange rates are liable to fluctuate. As reference, the dollar exchange rate as of 12 April 2019: USD 1 = Nu. 67

Please visit Central Bank Website - Royal Monetary Authority - <https://www.rma.org.bt/> for the latest Currency Exchange Rates.

## Pictures of bills:



More pictures of bills available on <https://www.rma.org.bt/contemporary-circulation-banknotes.jsp>

## 9. Shopping - VAT refunds

VAT is not applicable in Bhutan.

## 10. Business hours

Banks and exchange offices: Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 17:00 hours.

Company offices: Generally, from 09:00 to 17:00 hours.

Shops and businesses: In the major cities, Monday to Sunday from 10:00 to 8:00 hours.  
Shops close for a day once a week.

Cafes, patisseries and pizzerias: Most of the cafes open from 10:00 to 8:00 hours.

Restaurants: Lunch is served from 12:00 hours and dinner from 18:00 hours.  
Many fast-food establishments are open round the clock.

## 11. Other useful information

You can find further information on the city of Paro and Bhutan on the following Web page:  
<http://www.tourism.gov.bt/>