

DEFENDER

DRUK YUL
JOURNEY



DEFENDER JOURNEYS

A series of journeys across India, for you to explore the natural wonders of our beautiful country. From the natural beauty of Coorg, the stunning coastal regions to the whitewashed peaks of the Himalayas or the ephemeral dunes of Thar, every journey is a curated travel experience like no other.

You'll drive through awe-inspiring vistas and a myriad of landscapes behind the wheels of the iconic Defender.

SILIGURI – PARO – SILIGURI
FEBRUARY 24 TO MARCH 2, 2024
MARCH 2 TO 9, 2024
MARCH 10 TO 17, 2024
MAY 4 TO 11, 2024

The Druk Yul Experience is a unique and fascinating journey that'll allow you to explore and discover the Land of the Thunder Dragon - Bhutan.

You'll voyage through the heart of Bhutan and its picturesque Himalayas, visit ancient forts, explore historic monasteries, and enjoy stays at exotic locations.



WHAT YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO

Touring ancient forts and monasteries, visiting idyllic Buddhist temples.

An enticing drive through high mountain passes and dense sub-tropical forests of the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan.

Soaking in the country's unique Tibetan-Buddhist heritage.

Staying at the finest luxury hotels in exotic locations.

A dedicated team of instructors assisting you along your journey.

Negotiating difficult off-road trails with ease behind the wheel of your Defender.



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DAY 1 – SILIGURI | THE 'GATEWAY OF NORTH-EASTERN INDIA'

You'll arrive at the 'gateway of North-Eastern India' where you'll be greeted at your luxury hotel and spend the day in West Bengal's second largest city.

You'll spend the evening with your fellow travellers for dinner and a pre-drive briefing.

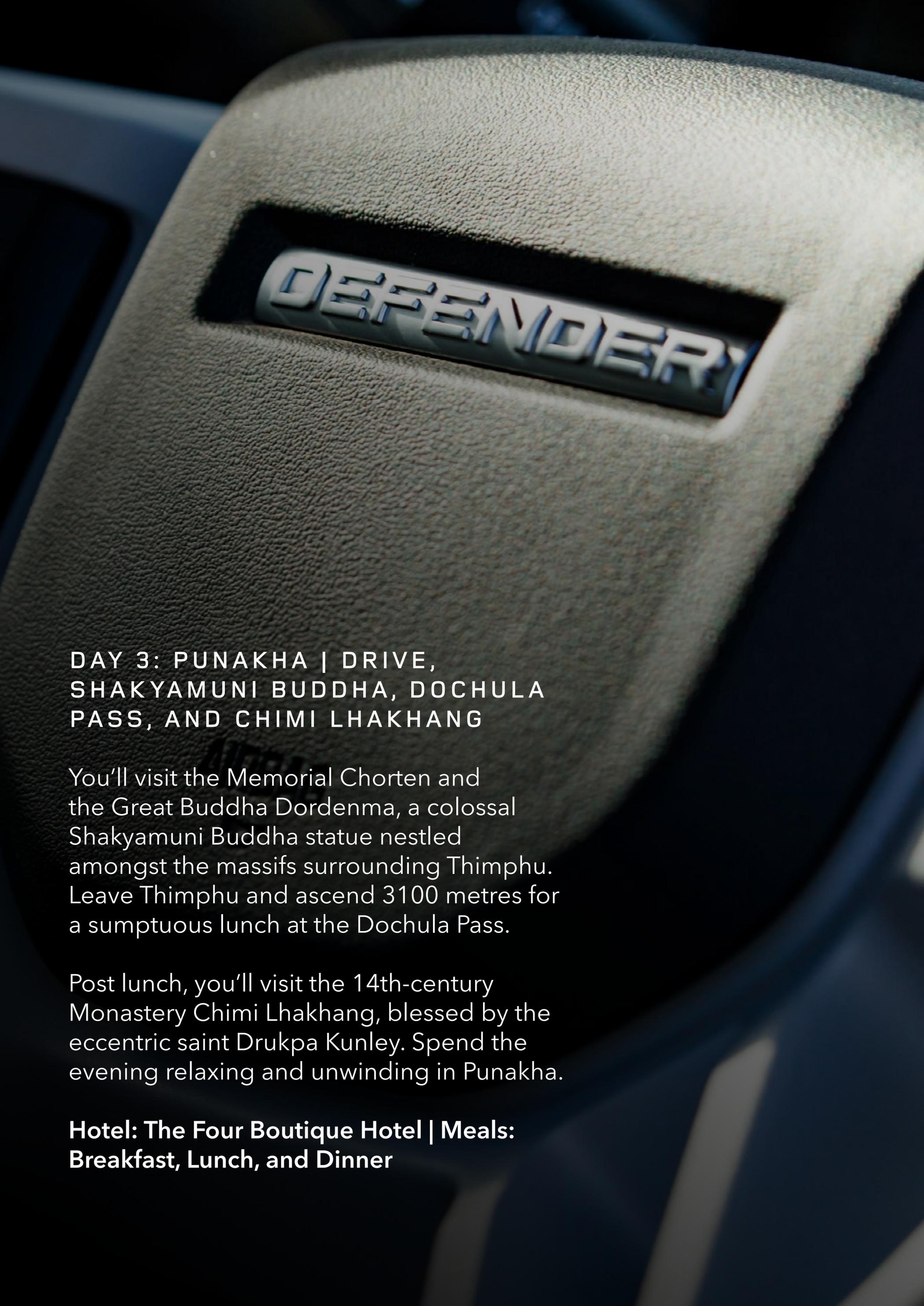
**Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Siliguri |
Meals: Dinner**



DAY 2 – THIMPHU | DRIVE TO THE LAND OF THE THUNDER DRAGON

Drive to Phuentsholing, Bhutan's economic and industrial capital, where you will have lunch and get your travel permits. Make your way to Thimphu and spend the evening at leisure to explore its sights and sounds.

**Hotel: Le Méridien, Thimphu | Meals:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**

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DAY 3: PUNAKHA | DRIVE, SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA, DOCHULA PASS, AND CHIMI LHAKHANG

You'll visit the Memorial Chorten and the Great Buddha Dordenma, a colossal Shakyamuni Buddha statue nestled amongst the massifs surrounding Thimphu. Leave Thimphu and ascend 3100 metres for a sumptuous lunch at the Dochula Pass.

Post lunch, you'll visit the 14th-century Monastery Chimi Lhakhang, blessed by the eccentric saint Drukpa Kunley. Spend the evening relaxing and unwinding in Punakha.

**Hotel: The Four Boutique Hotel | Meals:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**



**DAY 4 – PHOBJIKHA VALLEY
| DRIVE, RIVER RAFTING,
PUNAKHA DZONG, AND
GANGTEY MONASTERY**

You'll start your day with river rafting. Post that, you'll visit the Punakha Dzong, the second oldest and second largest 'fortified monastery' in Bhutan.

You'll then stop at the remarkable Gangtey Monastery of the Nyingma sect in central Bhutan. After arriving at Phobjikha Valley, spend your evening relaxing and unwinding before dinner.

**Hotel: Dewachen Hotel & Spa | Meals:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**

DAY 5 – PARO | OFF-ROAD TRAIL, AND DRIVE

You'll start your day by exploring 'off the beaten path' and negotiating unmatched terrains. Enjoy the extraordinary landscapes of Western Bhutan on your drive to Paro, a valley town known for its natural beauty and graceful, traditional houses dotting the valley and its surrounding hills.

Hotel: Le Méridien Paro | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner



DAY 6 – PARO | TAKTSANG MONASTERY, HOT STONE BATH, AND BEER TASTING

Hike up to Bhutan's most iconic landmark - the Taktsang Monastery, also known as the 'Tiger's Nest'. In the evening, indulge in a relaxing and reinvigorating hot stone bath before heading to Namgay Artisanal Brewery for beer tasting and dinner.

**Hotel: Le Méridien Paro | Meals:
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**





DAY 7 – SILIGURI | DRIVE

Leave for Siliguri with lunch en route in the border town of Phuentsholing. Reach Siliguri in time for dinner.

**Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Siliguri |
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**

DAY 8 – SILIGURI

Enjoy your final goodbye breakfast and wish everyone well on their next adventures.

Meals: Breakfast



VEHICLE

Defender 110 HSE with an Ingenium 4-cylinder 2.0 I P300 powertrain

OFF-ROAD LEVEL

2

LANDSCAPE

4

TYPES OF DRIVING

Mud & Ruts, Tarmac

ACCOMMODATION STYLE

Luxury 5-star hotels, traditional villas, and heritage bungalows

MAX NO. OF VEHICLES AND GUESTS

5 and 10 respectively

NO. OF INSTRUCTORS:

2

MINIMUM DRIVING AGE

19 years old + 1-year full license



Dewachen Hotel, Phobjikha



Le Méridien Thimphu



Le Méridien Paro



The Four Boutique Hotel

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ROUTE

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COST

₹ 5 00 000 (Prices in INR, for two adults on twin/double occupancy and subject to GST @5%)

*Including use of Defender, accommodation, meals, and experiences.

Subject to Terms & Conditions as detailed on www.cougarmotorsport.in/defender-journeys/

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