

# Exkursion nach Bhutan und Nepal

*“Kultur und Praxis: Religiöse Pilgerstätten und Buddhistische Architektur im Himalaya-Raum”*

**Modul BA15a**

**29.08. 2026 bis 13.09.2026**

The module is divided into two seven-day segments: one in Bhutan emphasizing tantric-Buddhist traditions of Tibetan imprint, and one in Nepal exploring the Kathmandu Valley’s monuments and practices.

In Bhutan, participants visit major fortresses and temples, pilgrimage sites, monasteries, libraries, and art workshops, complemented by lectures on local history, pilgrimage, scholarship, and the links between religion and politics. In Nepal, students tour the historical cities of Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur, examine architecture and inscriptions, and engage with local cultures and the main religions represented at key pilgrimage sites. Encounters with local cultural groups are planned, and, when feasible, curated activities—dance, singing, handicrafts, and rituals—support exchange.



## Who: all Bachelor students

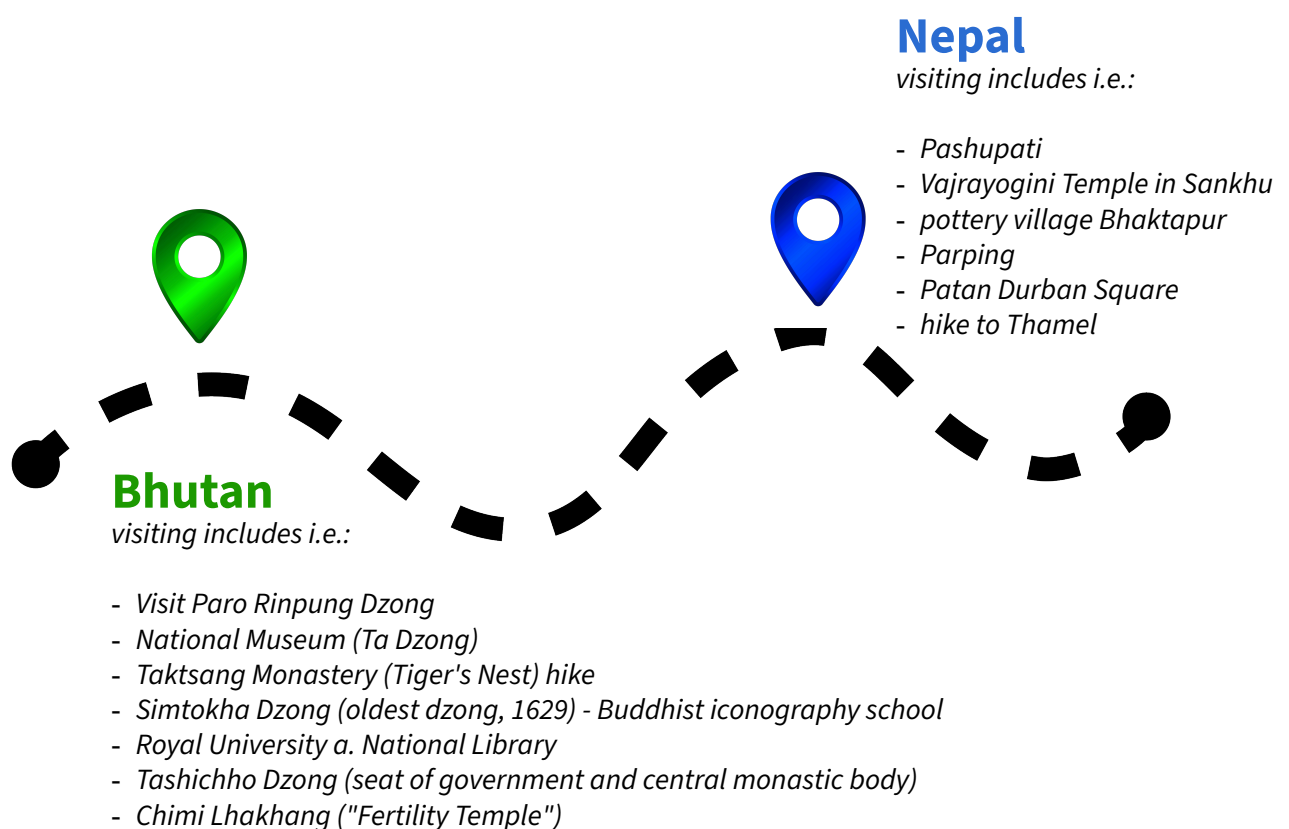
- course completion of STEOP mandatory
- course completion module 12a–c recommended

## Teachers: Jim Rheingans & Julian Schott

## Estimated price to be paid by each student: 1 300€

(may vary due to flight costs; includes most meals in Bhutan)

(additionally to paying 1 300€ themselves, almost 2 000€ of the travel expenses per student will be covered by the Faculty and Prof. Rheingans' funds as travel to Bhutan is usually expensive due to visa and travel agent costs)



## Signing up:

The excursion has limited places. Please kindly register your interest with: [istb@univie.ac.at](mailto:istb@univie.ac.at). To finally confirm, you will need to enroll in the module 15a once enrollment opens. It will be done based on the prerequisites for the module and then on a first come first served basis.