



# HAPPINESS GARDEN

Your opportunity to leave behind a "Happiness Tree" in Bhutan.

Tourism Council of Bhutan



## THE HAPPINESS GARDEN

The Happiness Garden is dedicated to the birth of His Royal Highness The Gyalsey (Prince of Bhutan), and to the conservation of our Mother Nature.

We would like to present our guests an opportunity to plant and dedicate a sapling to the Prince and Mother Nature. We hope to ensure that ultimately every nation has a "Happiness Tree" grown in the Garden.

The Garden consists of roughly 10 acres of an otherwise barren land interspersed with a few species of trees.

## LOCATION

The Garden is located at Kuenselphodrang, five kilometers from the capital city, on a hillock where one of the world's biggest Buddha statues (169 ft tall) stands, symbolizing universal peace and harmony. This vantage point also offers a spectacular view of the entire capital city and the surrounding valley.

To reach the garden, it entails a 10-minute drive from the centre of the capital city and an additional 20 minutes of walk along a scenic nature trail. The route provides excellent views of the Thimphu city through a forest of oak, rhododendron and blue pine.





## SELECTING YOUR TREE

The choice of the species has been made based on the soil and climatic suitability. The following species will be made available to you through an on-site greenhouse nursery or by sourcing from other nearby nurseries.

- Cypress
- Blue pine
- Oak
- Maple
- Dogwood
- Chir pine
- Rhododendron

## HOW TO PLANT YOUR HAPPINESS TREE

1. Drive to the entry of Kuenselphodrang Biking Trail. The entry point also has an open-air (outdoor) gym.
2. On reaching the garden, the garden's caretaker will provide you a sapling plant of your choice from among the varieties available.
3. After choosing the spot, you can say a prayer or make a wish and then plant your sapling in a ready-made pit.
4. You will also be given a stand, mounted with a wooden plane to write your name and address.
5. After taking photograph of you with the sapling - if you will - you will enter your address into a book of register.

## A NOMINAL FEE

You will have to pay USD 5 or its equivalent in local currency per sapling. Among others, the fee will cover the cost of the following:

1. Sapling
2. Pit
3. Leaf mould/manure
4. Mount for your name & address
5. On-site guiding services
6. Life-long care for your sapling (tree)
7. Maintenance of Happiness Garden

**Recommendation:** Please get in touch with your tour operator in advance to make necessary arrangements.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Using your address in the book of register, you will be updated, at least twice a year, on the progress of the growth of your plant. It will be sent via email or any other medium you may like.



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