

Welcome to Bhutan – The Land of the Thunder Dragon!

We are delighted to have you here in our beautiful country. To make your stay truly memorable and ensure a seamless payment experience, please take note of the following important guidelines:

Smart Tips for Hassle-Free Payments

1. Enable Your Cards for International Use

Before traveling, confirm with your bank (or through your mobile banking app) that your debit/credit cards are enabled for international transactions, including use in Bhutan.

2. Inform Your Bank About Your Travel Plans

Notify your bank about your travel dates and destination. This helps prevent unexpected transaction declines and ensures a smooth payment experience during your stay.

3. Check Card Network Compatibility

Ensure that your card network — eg: Visa, Mastercard, UnionPay, JCB, or American Express — is supported by banks in Bhutan.

For more details on accepted card networks, visit the Royal Monetary Authority (RMA) of Bhutan website: www.rma.org.bt

Key Things to Do Before You Pay

1. Be Aware of Transaction & Withdrawal Limits

Check the transaction limit set by your issuing bank.

At ATMs in Bhutan, kindly read the on-screen instructions for withdrawal limits per transaction to avoid declines.

2. Consult Merchant, Guides, and Banks.

Any declines in payments, consult your immediate merchant or guide for assistance. If the failure persists, contact the immediate bank for assistance.

3. Important Note for Regional (Indian) Tourists

Cards issued in India that are denominated in USD will not work in Bhutan due to FEMA regulations by the Reserve Bank of India.

Please carry cards that are valid for India, Bhutan, and Nepal to avoid declines.

We wish you a wonderful experience in Bhutan!