

11 Days Bhutan Tangbi Mani Festival Special Package

The festival or Tshechu in Bhutan are one of the fundamental examples of the culture in Bhutan that many people have come to admire and treasure it. The Tshechu or festival is performed in Honor of Guru Rinpoche, the saint who brought Buddhism to Bhutan.

Tsechus are performed in almost every district attracting thousand of Bhutanese people in A spirit of festivity and deep faith, the festival last up to four days in which a series of highly Stylized masked dance rituals are performed. Tshechus takes place throughout the country in every district at different times of year. The local Tshechus are often more interesting as Visitors get better perspective of a festival.

D1 08 Oct (Sat) Singapore – Bangkok **SQ976 16:00 – 17:25**
Assemble at Changi Airport and depart for Bangkok.

D2 09 Oct (Sun) Bangkok – Paro – Thimphu **KB131 06:50 – 10:00**

Arrival at Paro (by Druk Air) and transfer to Thimphu. Drive to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan. En-route stop at Chuzom (confluence) where Paro River joins Thimphu River. Check into your hotel on arrival. After lunch, visit the famous weekend market. Stroll through the market to see the variety of food of the country. In addition, many stalls contain Bhutanese handicrafts and household items. This is perhaps good opportunity for photography and to mingle with locals who comes from the nearby villages to sell their farm products. Few minutes' walk to the south of weekend market is the Changlingmithang archery field. If you are lucky, you may catch a game of archery in progress. Overnight at hotel in Thimphu.

D3 10 Oct (Mon) Thimphu – Punakha

After breakfast this morning, enjoy the scenic drive to Punakha with a stop for lunch at Dochu La Pass (3,100 meters), where on a clear day you can get spectacular views of the Himalayas. From the pass, drive downhill through the forests of rhododendron, fir and hemlock. You will arrive at Punakha after traversing through rice field and along the bank of Punakha River. On the way, you will stop at Metshina Village and take a 20-minute walk through the rice fields to Chimmi Laxhang, which is a fertility temple dedicated to Devine Madman or Lama Drukpa Kuenley. Receive a special fertility blessing from Lama's wooden phallus if you wish. You can also visit the splendid Dzong of Bhutan. Overnight at hotel in Punakha.

D4 11 Oct (Tue) Punakha – Bumthang

After early breakfast you will drive to Bumthang, the cultural heartland of the country. The route is along a spectacular winding road, crossing 3,300-meter-high Pele La pass, and at certain times of year it's possible to see yaks. You will stop in Trongsa for lunch. After lunch you'll proceed to Bumthang with lush valleys and hilly forests. Along the way you will stop at a yathra (textile weaving) factory, where the yathras are designed with patterns unique to Bumthang, and you can even watch some of the weavers at their looms. Check into hotel on arrival. Overnight at hotel in Bumthang.

D5 12 Oct(Wed) Bumthang full day witness Tangbi Mani Festival.

Enjoy full day of festival dances and celebrations with the people of Bumthang and nearby villages. Overnight at hotel in Bumthang.

D6 13 Oct(Thu) Bumthang excursion and sightseeing.

Today's sightseeing in Bumthang includes Jakar Dzong, the administrative center of the valley; Kurjey Lhakhang, one of the most sacred places, because Guru Rinpoche left his body imprint on the cave when he was meditating. After lunch, you will also have a chance to tour Tamshing Lhakhang, a treasure house of interesting religious Buddhist paintings. Overnight hotel in Bumthang.

D7 14 Oct(Fri) Bumthang – Trongsa - Gangtey.

You'll begin the day at the Bumthang market, and then drive to Gangtey. Along the way you'll visit Trongsa Dzong, the masterpiece of Bhutanese architecture. Later drive down the valley of Trongsa and to the lush valley of Gangtey widely known as the winter home of the endangered Black Necked Cranes. Its situated in Phobjeykha Valley at 3000 meter. Overnight at hotel in Gangtey.

D8 15 Oct(Sat) Gangtey to Thimphu.

Light sightseeing in Thimphu valley. Visit Memorial Chorten, built in memory of the third King of Bhutan, the National Library, which holds collection of ancient Buddhist texts and manuscripts, and traditional paper factory or in the evening you can stroll through Thimphu town and absorb the life style of the people. Overnight at hotel in Thimphu

D9 16 Oct(Sun) Thipmhu to Paro.

Today you will return to Paro and sightseeing around Paro. Visit Taa Dzong , the old Watch Tower which was renovated and converted into National Museum in 1968. Visit the ruins of Drugyel Dzong, built in 1647 by Zhabdrung Nawang Namgyel to commemorate the victory over Tibetan Invaders, which indicates by the name of the Dzong meaning Victorious Bhutanese Fort. Drive to Thimphu. Overnight Paro.

D10 17 Oct(Mon) Paro. Tiger's Nest Monastery Hike

After breakfast, you will hike to Taktsang or the "Tiger's Nest" Monastery perched precariously on the cliff 900m above Paro valley. It is the most famous monastery in Bhutan. Guru Rimpoche, the 8th century spiritual master is said to have flown on the back of tigress to meditate in a cave where Taktsang Monastery now stands. Lunch will be served in the Cafeteria Restaurant, located about halfway up on the mountain. Explore the monastery, and if you wish, you can sit for a short meditation before you hike down to the valley floor. Overnight at hotel in Paro.

D11 18 Oct (Tue) Departure from Paro.back Singapore via Bangkok

KB130 / SQ979 10:50 – 15:40 / 18:30 – 21:55

Tour Fare : Twin room sharing basis

Package Inclusive of :

1. International air tickets : Sin-BKK-PARO-BKK-SIN
2. Hotel accommodations on 3 or 4 stars, meals, transportation
3. Tour Guide, Entry Fees
4. Visa fee and special permits

Package Exclusive of :

Additional Information:

Hotels used in this package are as follows: (3*/4* Category)

Thimphu: Hotel Migmar (9/10), and Hotel Phuntsho pelri.(15/10)
Punakha: Hotel Y.T
Bumthang: Hotel peling (Royal Hotel) owned by the Middle queen.
Gangtey: Farm house(Hotel)
Paro: Gangtey palace (Hotel).