Thimphu Tshechu festival

3 Star Hotel Package

2070USD per person

*Including healthy meals

5 Star Hotel Package

3700USD per person

*Including healthy meals

Trip Style: Culture + Festival

Trip Difficulty: Leisurely

The Thimphu Festival (Tsechu) is one of the grandest of Bhutan's festivals and attracts the largest audience. Featuring dances performed by trained monks and laymen in amazing masks and costumes, Tsechus (festivals) are one of the best ways to experience the ancient living culture of Bhutan. A Tsechu is a Buddhist festival in honour of Guru Rimpoche, the saint who brought Buddhism to Bhutan. The Thimphu Tsechu was established by the 4th Temporal Ruler, Tenzing Rabgye (1638-1696) in 1670. This festival also provides a great opportunity to witness locals gathered in their finest Gho's and Kira's in a celebration of their culture and faith. This tour also visits sacred sites in Paro, Thimphu and Punakha.There is also an optional day tour of the beautiful Haa Valley available as part of this tour.

DURATION: 7 days

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Day 01:: Arrival in Paro (2,250m); Transfer to Thimphu (2.350m)

Welcome to Bhutan, the Land of the Thunder Dragon. Our expert local guide and driver from our company will greet you at the paro airport and escort you to your hotel and help you check into your designated hotel. Today, we will take it easy to acclimatize to the altitude. Drive to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan following the Pachu River.The drive takes approximately 2 hours and en route you can stop on the way to see the Tamchhog Lhakhang, a hereditary place of worship for the Bhutan's iron bridge builders.

During your Excursion to Thimphu, admire the beautiful mountain scenery, before visiting the National Memorial Chorten to meet the elderly generation in circumambulation. Later, see Tashichho Dzong, a 13th-century Buddhist monastery the most beautiful Bhutan dzong as well as the headquarters of Bhutan government. You will also discover the National Library and Folk Heritage Museum, a 300-year-old old-style house converted into a museum. Which is dedicated to connecting people to the Bhutanese rural past though exhibition of artifacts used in rural households. Then, gather for your welcome dinner and let's have your first taste of Bhutanese cuisine

Stay overnight in Thimpu

Day 02:: Full day spend in Thimphu - Attend the Thimphu Festival

The entire day will be spent in joining the Thimphu Festival to enjoy numerous mask dances and folk dances, together with joker's actions in the crowd. The festival's masked dances are presented by monks clad in colorful brocade attire and permeated by chants and reading of Buddhist scripts. The finale of festival constitutes the unfolding of a huge cloth thanka, a sacred scroll, depicting Padma Smabhawa and imagery from Buddhist pantheon.

Man y locals gather together in their finest Gho's and Kira's in festive mood with deep faith for their culture and tradition. It is a great chance for you to witness the ancient living culture of Bhutan

Stay overnight in Thimpu

Day 03:: Full day in Thimphu - Attend the Thimphu Festival

The next day will continue with the fascinating Thimphu Festival. Or, in the afternoon, we can head to visit other well-known heritage sites in Thimphu, like Changangkha Lhakhang, the oldest temple situated in the valley built in 12th century. It not only offers a panoramic vista of Thimphu Valley, but also houses the amazing figurine of Chenresig in tis 11 headed thousand-armed manifestation form in the inner sanctum. You will also visit the Takin Preserve to see the national animal of Bhutan.

Stay overnight in Thimphu

Day 04:: Drive from Thimpu to punakha over dochula pass

Today after having our healthy breakfast in our luxury hotel, We process to drive over the Dochula Pass, enjoying the colorful prayer flags en route to Punakha valley. We Stop at Chimi Lhakhang which isTemple of the Divine Madman, a storied fertility temple, the we continuing to Punakha Dzong, also called the “Palace of Great Happiness.”

Stay overnight in Punakha.

Day 05:: Overland Drive to Paro from Punakha

Today after our breakfast we begin our overland drive to Paro, stopping to visit local farmers at their farmhouse to better understand their traditional way of life. Once in Paro, view the religious *thangka* (scroll) paintings and the natural history collection at the National Museum of Bhutan. Proceed to Rinpung Dzong, a monastery and fortress on a mountain river.

Stay overnight in Paro.

Day 06:: Hike to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger’s Nest)- 3-5 hours hike

Today, you may choose to try the climb to Taktsang Monastery (“Tiger’s Nest”). This hike is a moderate to difficult one but you'll be able to do it if you have at least an average level of fitness. The hike takes between 3 to 5 hours depanding on your pace. Standup on the cliff of Paro Valley, Taktshang Goemba (3,120 meters) is the landmark of Paro as well as the holiest temple in Bhutan. It’s said that Guru Padmasambhava (also known as Guru Rinpoche) had flied here on the back of a tigress and meditated in the caves on the Cliffside for three months. From here, you can catch a panoramic view of Paro Valley upon your descent; celebrate your trek with a Champagne toast.

Stay overnight in Paro.

Day 07:: Depart from Paro to Home

Today we will bid fond farewell to this gorgeous Himalayan country and take an early flight back to your destination. You can fly back to home via Bangkok/Delhi/Singapore. We hope by now you would have made some friends and also kept many photos and lovely memories of Bhutan! And we look forward to seeing you again in this stunning land of endless Attractions! Tashi Delek!