

Paro Tshechu Festival



Dates March 26-30, 2010

Trip Duration 6 nights / 7 days

Difficulty Rating Easy

Highlights Because this festival has the easy access of being located near the only airport in Bhutan, it is one of the most visited. By visiting only Paro and our capital, Thimphu, you can stay in some of Bhutan's best hotels and enjoy the conveniences of easy access and modern amenities.

Cost \$1500 per person in groups of 3 or more. (For FIT group surcharge \$40 for single pax and \$30 for 2 pax)
Includes ground transportation to and from Paro airport, transportation and entrance fees to all listed activities, entry fees, all meals, accommodations

Itinerary

Day 1 Paro. Arrive at Paro Airport. You will be received by our guide at the Paro International Airport and escorted to your hotel for refreshment. Visit the National Museum of Bhutan and Paro Dzong. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2 Paro. Full day at the Paro Tshechu festival in which some rites/rituals are performed with masked dance are performed by local people and monks. This is the only time of the year that the families get together and come out with their best dress to witness the festival. Overnight at hotel.

Day 3 Paro. Full day Paro valley sightseeing. Hike to Tiger's Nest, Taktshang Monastery. Lunch at Taktshang teahouse with its spectacular view of the famous monastery. It is perched on the edge of a steep cliff, about 3000 ft above Paro Valley . The hike to reach the viewpoint to the monastery makes for a nice half-day excursion. In the evening you can explore Paro town. Overnight at hotel.

Day 4 Paro - Thimphu. Drive to Thimphu; visit the National Library to see some unique and historic books. Our books are not hard bound in the typical manner. Next, the Traditional Painting School and then the Traditional Paper Factory. After lunch, souvenir shopping or more touring, as you wish. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 5 Thimphu. Day excursion to the 13th century Phadoding Monastery. Dinner and overnight in Thimphu.

Day 6 Thimphu - Paro. Attend the last and final day of the Paro festival. If you get up at 3:00 am and head to Paro Dzong, you will be able to see the unfurling of the Thongdrol (a giant Thangka applique) with the procession by monks and lamas. Later drive to Haa Valley for magnificent views of Mount Jhomolhari and the surroundings. Farewell dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 7 Paro. Early morning drive to Paro international airport after breakfast.

