

# Trongsa Tshechu Festival



**Dates** December 23, 2009 - January 3, 2010  
December 15-17, 2010

**Trip Duration** 11 nights / 12 days

**Difficulty Rating** Easy / Moderate

**Highlights** Trongsa was one of the most important towns in Bhutan. It was from here than our kingdom was unified. The Dzong and township occupy one of the most spectacular sites in Bhutan. Our lodging is at the new Yanghill Resort which, besides being one of best hotel facilities in Bhutan, affords the most dramatic panorama of the town, the dzong, and the steep river valleys.

**Cost** Cost depends on the group size. Contact us for details. Costs will include ground transportation to and from Paro airport, transportation and entrance fees to all listed activities, entry fees, all meals, accommodations.

**Itinerary**

Day 1 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. Sightseeing in Paro Valley and a visit to the Paro Dzong and National Museum. Overnight at hotel.

Day 3 Paro. Hike to Tiger's Nest, Taktshang Monastery. Lunch at Taktshang teahouse with its spectacular view of the famous monastery. Overnight at hotel.

Day 4 Paro - Thimphu - Punakha. Morning drive to Thimphu and then on to Punakha via Dochu-la Pass (10,000 ft). On clear days there are excellent views of the Himalayas. Afternoon sightseeing of the Punakha and Wangdue Valleys. Overnight at hotel.

Day 5 Punakha - Trongsa. Drive to Trongsa with a stop at Chendebji Chorten. Check-in and lunch in the hotel. In the afternoon, make an excursion to Kuenga Rabten, an ancestral home of the Royal Family. Overnight at hotel.

Day 6 Trongsa. Full day at the Trongsa Tshechu festival and in Trongsa township. Overnight at hotel.

Day 7 Trongsa. Full day at the Trongsa Tshechu festival and in Trongsa township, or free time on your own, Overnight at hotel.

Day 8 Trongsa - Gangtey. Drive to Phobjikha Valley, which is one of the most beautiful in the country. Lunch box will be served at Chendebji Chorten. Evening explore the valley on your own. Overnight in lodge at Gangtey.

Day 9 Gangtey - Thimphu. Drive to Thimphu. Cultural program in the afternoon and evening at your own leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10 Thimphu. Thimphu Valley sightseeing with visits to local sites such as the Children's Painting School, Thimphu Dzong, the National Heritage Museum and other sites. Overnight at hotel.

Day 11 Thimphu - Paro. Morning make an excursion to Cheri Monastery. On route view the Denchencholing Palace where the Queen Mother resides. Lunch in Thimphu. Afternoon drive to Paro. On route visit the Simtokha Dzong, which holds the Institute for Language and Cultural Studies. Farewell dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 12 Paro. Early morning drive to Paro international airport after breakfast.

