INTERESTING FESTIVALS

Tsechu is an annual Buddhist event in honor of the Great Guru, who introduced Buddhism to Bhutan. Crowds flock together in a spirit of reverence, blessing, festivity and celebration.

The Tsechu comes to life with colour, music, dance and drama as spectators gather to witness the masked dances, sword dances and the sacred rituals. These events, most of which are performed by monks in elaborate costumes, bring blessings to the onlookers, as well as instructing them on Buddhist Dharma.

Tsechus are celebrated in the courtyard of temples, dzongs and monasteries throughout Bhutan every year to pay homage to the Great Master.





LIVING CULTURE OF BHUTAN

Bhutanese culture is intimately woven around Buddhist traditions that are practiced in daily life. The day starts and ends with prayer. Sacred monasteries, stupas, religious institutions, prayer flags and prayer wheels are found across the Kingdom and form an integral part of the everyday life of the Bhutanese. On auspicious occasions, Bhutanese families go on a pilgrimage to offer prayers and light butter lamps, for the benefit of all the sentient beings.

The national dress of Bhutan is unique and is worn proudly by adults and children alike.

The distinctive Bhutanese architecture is evident in buildings ranging from magnificent Dzong to rural farmhouses.

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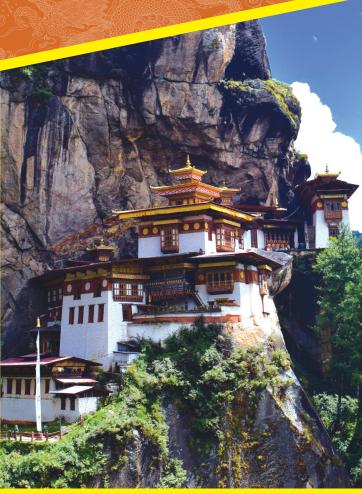
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WELCOME TO THE LAND OF THE THUNDER DRAGON

Bhutan is often referred to as the "Last Shangri La."

Closed to the outside world until 1974, Bhutan retains many of its age-old traditions, allowing visitors to experience life at a slower, more relaxed pace.

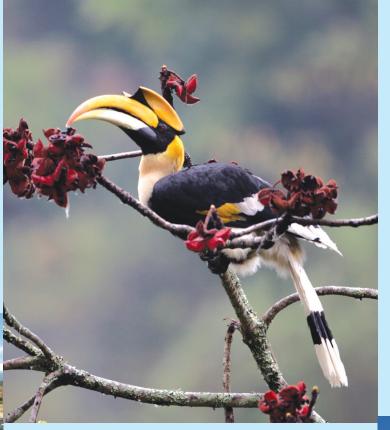
The tourism industry is growing rapidly with visitors able to choose from traditional local hotels to luxury lodges. Bespoke Bhutan Tours offer tailor-made tours across the country, for individuals and special-interest groups. Allow us to put together an itinerary to suit your interests and budget.



SERVICES AND EXPERIENCE

Bespoke Bhutan Tours is operated by Mr. Tshering Norbu, who has over 10 years experience of leading trekking and cultural tours across Bhutan.

Norbu worked for many years as a senior guide with luxury hotel chain, Amankora, leading guests from the UK, USA, Australa, Japan, Singapore, Spain, France, and Germany, to name but a few. He has undertaken numerous treks, throughout Bhutan, including the infamous Snowman Trek.



BIRDWATCHING IN BHUTAN

Bhutan serves as a paradise for bird lovers, with more than 770 species of birds found across the country. About 16 species are threatened.

From the Himalayan griffon, at high altitude, to the hornbill of the Manas National Park, Bhutan has something for all bird lovers.

Perhaps Bhutan's most famous species of bird is the black necked crane that usually breeds in the isolated valleys of Bhutan. You can see the cranes in their feeding grounds in the Phobjikha valley in Wangdi Phodrang and at Boomdeling in Tashi Yangtshe.

TREKKING IN BHUTAN

Trekking in Bhutan is an opportunity to get away from it all, with treks ranging from one or two days at relatively low altitudes to 26 days on the high altitude Snowman Trek, often describe as the "toughest trek in the world."

Trekking groups are accompanied by a trained guide, cook and camp assistants. Mules, and at higher altitudes, yaks, carry luggage and camping gear. Trekkers carry only a day pack with small personal items required for the day's hike.

The camp is set up each afternoon by the crew and all meals are cooked by the camp chef, leaving trekkers free to enjoy the stunning natural beauty of the Himalayas.

