



2025 Festivals

Bhutan is a land where vibrant traditions and deep spiritual heritage come alive, especially through its year-round festivals. These events offer a rare window into the heart of Bhutanese culture, from the spiritually profound Tshechus to the colourful Rhododendron Festival, which celebrates the nation's natural beauty. Bhutan's festivals are not just celebrations; they are moments when entire communities come together, providing an intimate understanding of the country's rich culture.



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Below, you will find the tentative dates for Bhutan's most popular 2025 festivals—ideal opportunities to plan an unforgettable journey to this magical kingdom.

Bhutan Festival Calendar - 2025

January – March

March in Bhutan is a time of vibrant celebrations, beginning with the Punakha Drubchen from March 6th to 8th at the historic Punakha Dzong. This is followed by the Punakha Tshechu from March 9th to 11th, a grand event that brings the former capital to life with colourful dances and spiritual rituals.

For those seeking a more intimate cultural experience, the Tharpaling Thongdrol in Bumthang on March 14th offers a deeply spiritual significance. The Tangsibi Mani festival from March 15th to 17th in Ura, Bumthang, further enriches the experience with local traditions in a serene setting.

Sl. No	Festival	Place	Dates
1	Punakha Drubchen	Punakha Dzong, Punakha	6 th - 8 th Mar
2	Punakha Tshechu	Punakha Dzong, Punakha	9 th - 11 th Mar
3	Tharpaling Thongdrol	Tharpaling Lhakhang, Chumi, Bumthang	14 th Mar
4	Tangsibi Mani	Tangsibi Lhakhang, Ura, Bumthang	15 th - 17 th Mar



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April – June 2025

As spring blossoms across Bhutan, April and May bring a vibrant series of festivals that highlight the country's deep cultural roots and natural beauty. Begin your journey with the spiritual Gomphukora in Trashigang or the colourful Talo Tshechu in Punakha, both taking place from April 5th to 7th. The highlands come alive with the Gasa Tshechu and the Zhemgang Tshechu during the same period.

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The highlight of this season is the Paro Tshechu at Rinpung Dzong from April 8th to 12th, featuring sacred mask dances and rituals. Nature lovers shouldn't miss the Rhododendron Festival at Lamperi Botanical Park in Thimphu from April 22nd to 24th. In May, immerse yourself in the Domkhar Tshechu in Bumthang and conclude with the mystical Ura Yakchoe festival from May 9th to 13th.

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1	Gomphukora	Gom Kora Lhakhang, Trashigang	5 th - 7 th Apr
2	Talo Tshechu	Talo Gonpa, Punakha	5 th - 7 th Apr
3	Gasa Tshechu	Gasa Dzong, Gasa	5 th - 7 th Apr
4	Zhemgang Tshechu	Zhemgang Dzong, Zhemgang	5 th - 7 th Apr
5	Paro Tshechu	Rinpung Dzong, Paro	8 th - 12 th Apr
6	Rhododendron Festival	Lamperi Botanical Park, Thimphu	22 nd - 24 th Apr
7	Domkhar Tshechu	Domkhar, Chumi, Bumthang.	7 th - 9 th May
8	Ura Yakchoe	Ura Lhakhang, Bumthang	9 th - 13 th May

July - September

As summer unfolds, Bhutan invites you to explore its rich cultural and spiritual traditions in Bumthang. The Nimalung Tshechu from July 3rd to 5th, followed by the Kurjey Tshechu on July 5th, offers a deep connection to Bhutanese spirituality.

In September, thrill-seekers can participate in the Tour of the Dragon and Dragon's Fury Mountain bike races on September 6th, challenging themselves on rugged routes from Bumthang to Thimphu and Lobeysa to Thimphu. The month concludes with the Thimphu Drubchen on September 28th, followed by the Wangdue Tshechu from September 30th to October 2nd.

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1	Nimalung Tshechu	Nimalung Dratshang, Chumi, Bumthang	3 rd - 5 th Jul
2	Kurjey Tshechu	Kurjey Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang	5 th Jul
3	1. Tour of the Dragon 2. Dragons Fury (Mountain Bike Race)	1. Bumthang to Thimphu 2. Lobeysa to Thimphu	6 th Sep
4	Thimphu Drubchen	Tashi Chhodzong, Thimphu	28 th Sep
5	Wangdue Tshechu	Wangduephodrang	30 th Sep - 2 nd Oct

October – December

As autumn blankets Bhutan, the festival season peaks with a spectacular array of cultural experiences.

Begin October in Bumthang with the Tamshing Phala Choepa from October 2nd to 4th or the grand Thimphu Tshechu at Tashi Chhodzong, also from October 2nd to 4th. The vibrant Gangtey Tshechu from October 5th to 7th in Wangduephodrang and the mystical Thangbi Mewang from October 7th to 8th in Bumthang promise deep cultural immersion.

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The month continues with the thrilling Jhomolhari Mountain Festival from October 14th to 15th in Thimphu, a must for adventure enthusiasts. Tshechus in Pemagatshel, Chhukha, and Dechenphu, as well as the Jakar Tshechu in Bumthang, offer a variety of spiritual and cultural experiences.



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November's highlights include the Jambay Lhakhang Drup, Prakhar Duchhoed, and the Black-Necked Crane Festival on November 11th in Phobjikha. The year concludes with the Mongar and Trashigang Tshechus in the east, and December brings the Phuntsholing Tshechu, Jambay Lhakhang Singye Cham, and the grand Druk Wangyel Tshechu at Dochula on December 13th. The Trongsa and Lhuentse Tshechus from December 27th to 31st end the year on a high note.

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1	Tamshing Phala Chhoepa	Tamshing Lhakhang, Bumthang	2 nd - 4 th Oct
2	Thimphu Tshechu	Tashi Chhodzong, Thimphu	2 nd - 4 th Oct
3	Gangtey Tshechu	Gangtey Gonpa, Wangduephodrang	5 th - 7 th Oct
4	Thangbi Mewang	Thangbi Lhakhang, Choekor, Bumthang	7 th - 8 th Oct
5	Pemagatshel Tshechu	Pemagatshel Dzong, Pemagatshel.	29 th Oct - 1 st Nov
6	Jhomolhari Mountain Festival	Dangochong, Thimphu	14 th - 15 th Oct

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7	Chhukha Tshechu	Chhukha Dzong, Chhukha	29 th - 31 st Oct
8	Dechenphu Tshechu	Dechenphu Lhakhang, Thimphu	31 st Oct
9	Jakar Tshechu	Jakar Dzong, Choekhor, Bumthang.	29 th Oct - 1 st Nov
10	Jambay Lhakhang Drup	Jambay Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang	5 th - 8 th Nov
11	Prakhar Duchhoed	Prakar Lhakhang, Chumi, Bumthang	6 th - 8 th Nov
12	Black Necked Crane Festival	Gangtey Gonpa, Phobjikha, Wangduephodrang.	11 th Nov
13	Mongar Tshechu	Mongar Dzong, Mongar	28 th - 30 th Nov
14	Trashigang Tshechu	Trashigang Dzong, Trashigang.	29 th Nov - 1 st Dec
15	Phuntsholing Tshechu	Phuntsholing, Chhukha	28 th - 30 th Nov
16	Jambay Lhakhang Singye Cham	Jambay Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang	4 th Dec
17	Druk Wangyel Tshechu	Dochula, Thimphu	13 th Dec
18	Trongsa Tshechu	Trongsa Dzong, Trongsa	27 th - 31 st Dec
19	Lhuentse Tshechu	Lhuentse Dzong, Lhuentse	27 th -31 st Dec

Bhutan's 2025 festival calendar is a vibrant showcase of the nation's deep cultural and spiritual heritage. Each festival offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in Bhutanese traditions, whether through the colourful Tshechus, the adventurous mountain festivals, or the serene celebrations of nature.

By planning your visit around these events, you can experience Bhutan at its most lively and authentic, ensuring an unforgettable journey that resonates long after you have returned home.

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