

As mentioned in our earlier blog, the Hemis Festival 2016 is one of the most important celebrations in the whole Himalaya regions in 2016. Check out our blog: [Hemis Festival 2016: What is it about?](#) But in this blog we want to inform you about the official programme.

Attention: The programme has been changed. All events except the Hemis Monastery-Festival itself (this will stay in July) have been shifted to September - from 13th September to 1st October 2016!



### **1.-5. July 2016: Celebrating the diversity of Himalayas**

A Pan-Himalayan Celebration of different tribal and village traditions, with traditional sports activities, dance competition and many others

### **6.-13. July 2016: The 7th annual Drukpa Council**

Envisioned by His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa, His Holiness the 70th Je Khenpo and many other great Drukpa masters, the Annual Drukpa Council (ADC) is for it to become an annual event where all the masters of the lineage from Tibet, Bhutan, Ladakh, Kinnaur, Lahaul, Sikkim and other parts of the Himalayas and its followers could come together to revive some unique aspects of the Drukpa Lineage and share the 1000 over years old rich spiritual legacy with the world through the

inspiration of teachings, initiations and oral transmissions. This 7th edition of ADC will embrace different aspects of the Himalayan region, including an exhibition of the diversity of Himalayan cultures and traditions.

#### **14. July 2016: Hemis Festival**

The festival is held every summer, in honour of Guru [Padmasambhava](#)'s birth anniversary. Hemis has the largest silk embroidered brocade in Ladakh, which is unfurled, once in 12 years, in the year of the Monkey.

#### **15.-18. July 2016: Preparatory rituals and teachings**

His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa will lead yogis, yoginis, monks, nuns and lay practitioners in a series of preparatory rituals to purify obstacles and negativity, to get everyone ready for the program on 19 July 2015.

#### **19. July 2016: Naropa millennial anniversary**

On the millennial birth anniversary of [Naropa](#), His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa would don the Six Ornaments of Naropa to grant blessing, and this only happens once every 12 years.

#### **20.-22. July 2016: Public display and viewing of bone ornaments**

#### **23.-31. July 2016: Ritual parade of bone ornaments and pilgrimage**

A ritual parade of the Six Bone Ornaments and a walking pilgrimage from Hemis to a renowned prediction lake in Ladakh, along the way there will be holy sites of pilgrimage for reverence.

*!!Programme subject to change!!*



Naropa is in the center of attention of Hemis 2016

## **Are you going to join?**

If you want to attend this special occasion in 2016, you can contact us. One of our fix tours visits Hemis Festival on the most important day (on the other days you will see other highlights of Ladakh): [Basics of Ladakh with Hemisfestival](#)

If you prefer to visit Hemis Festival with your friends/family and/or if you want to spend more time at Hemis Festival, we will be happily building your own individual tour: [Contact](#)

### **Hemis Festival for buddhists**

If you are a buddhist and would like to join Hemis Festival with your buddhist group, we would like to help you with booking of **accommodations, flights and the arrangement of transports**. We could also reserve special seats for you at Hemis festival, so you are able to witness as much as possible.