

Monastery festival dates for 2018 in Ladakh

These are the dates for monastery and other festivals/important happenings in Ladakh in the year 2018.

Subject to Change.

January 2018

Spituk Gustor

14.-15. January 2018 in Spituk

February 2018

Dosmochey

13.-14. February 2018 in Leh and Likir

Yargon Tungshak

19.-20. February 2018 in Yarma (Nubra)

Stok Guru Tsechu

24.-25. February 2018 in Stok

March 2018

Matho Nagrang

1.-2. March 2018 in Matho

May 2018

Saka Dawa*

29. May 2018 all over Ladakh

June 2018

Yuru Kabgyad

11-12. June 2018 in Lamayuru

Hemis Tseschu

23.-24. June 2018 in Hemis

Shachukul Gustor

30. June- 01. July 2018 in Shachukul

July 2018

Stonge Gustor

1.-2. July 2018 in Stongde (Zanskar)

Karsha Gustor

11-12. July 2018 in Karsha (Zanskar)

Phyang Tserup

11.-12. July 2018 in Phyang

Korzok Gustor

15.-16. July 2018 in Korzok (Tsomoriri)

Thakthok Tseschu

22.-23. July 2018 in Sakti

Sani Naro Nasjal

26.-27. July 2018 in Sani (Zanskar)

October 2018

Diskit Gustor

7.-8. October 2018 in Diskit (Nubra)

Thiksey Gustor

27.-28 October 2018 in Thiksey

November 2018

Chemde Angchok

5.-6. November 2018 in Chemde

December 2018

Galdan Namchot**

2. December all over Ladakh

Losar***

8. December all over Ladakh

* **Saka Dawa** is the most important Tibetan Buddhist festival day - celebrating Shakyamuni Buddha's birth, enlightenment *and* parinirvana!

** **Galdan Namchot** is celebrated to commemorate Tsongkhapa, a famous teacher of Tibetan Buddhism whose activities led to the formation of the Gelug school of Tibetan Buddhism. Galdan Namchot also marks the beginning of the new year celebrations in Ladakh.

*** **Losar** is the New Year. Note that in Ladakh there is a different date for Losar than in Tibet and other tibetan societies.

It is time for planning your holiday for 2017. If you always wanted to go to Bhutan, you can think about that as well. To visit a monastery festival is a must for many travellers to Bhutan, so it is important to know the dates of those festivals. Here you find a list of the monastery festivals 2017 in Bhutan, as well as some special events and festivals outside of monasteries.

Monastery festivals in Bhutan 2017



Punakha Drubchen: 4.-6. March 2017

Punakha Dzong, Punakha

Punakha Tshechu: 7.-9. March 2017

Punakha Dzong, Punakha

Tharpaling Thongdrol: 12. March 2017

Tharpaling Lhakhang, Chummi, Bumthang

Chhorten Kora: 11. + 26. April 2017

Chorten Kora, Trashiyangtshé

Gomphukora Gom: 4.-6. April 2017

Kora Lhakhang, Trashigang

Talo Tshechu: 4.-6. April 2017

Talo Gonpa, Punakha 4th -6th April

Gasa Tshechu: 3.-6. April 2017

Gasa Dzong, Gasa

Zhemgang Tshechu: 4.-7. April 2017

Zhemgang Dzong, Zhemgang

Paro Tshechu: 7.-11. April 2017

Rinpung Dzong, Paro

Chhukha Tshechu: 9.-11. April 2017

Chhukha Dzong, Chhukha

Rhododendron Festival: 14.-16. April 2017

Lamperi Botanical Garden, Dochula, Thimphu

Domkhar Tshechu: 5.-7. May 2017

Domkhar, Chummi, Bumthang

Ura Yakchoe: 7.-10 May 2017

Ura Lhakhang, Bumthang

Nimalung Tshechu: 1.-3. July 2017

Nimalung Dratshang, Chummi, Bumthang

Kurjey Tshechu: 3. July 2017

Kurjey Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang

Haa Summer Festival: 5. July 2017

Haa

Mushroom Festiva: 15.-16. August 2017

Genekha, Thimphu

Masutaki Mushroom Festival: 23.-14. August 2017

Ura, Bumthang

Tour Of The Dragon (Radrennen): 2. September 2017

Bumthang nach Thimphu

Thimphu Drubchen: 26.-29. September

Tashi Chhodzong, Thimphu

Wangdue Tshechu: 29. September-2. October 2017

Tencholing Army Ground, Wangduephodrang

Gangtey Tshechu: 3.-5. October 2017

Gangtey Gonpa, Phobjikha, Wangduephodrang

Tamshing Phala Chhoepa: 29. September-01. October 2017

Tamshing Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang

Thimphu Tshechu: 30. September - 2. October 2017

Tashi Chhodzong, Thimphu

Thangbi Mani: 4.-6. October 2017

Tangbi Lhakhang, Choekor, Bumthang

Jumolhari Mountain Festival: 14.-15. October 2017

Dangochong, Thimphu

Jakar Tshechu: 29.-31. October 2017

Jakar Dzong, Choekhor, Bumthang

Dechenphu Tshechu: 30. October 2017

Dechenphu Lhakhang, Thimphu

Jambay Lhakhang Drup: 3.-7. November 2017

Jambay Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang

Prakhar Duchhoe: 4.-6. November 2017

Prakar Lhakhang, Chummi, Bumthang

Black Necked Crane Festival: 11. November 2017

Gangtey Gonpa, Phobjikha, Wangduephodrang

Mongar Tshechu: 26.-28. November 2017

Mongar Dzong, Mongar

Pemagatshel Tshechu: 26.-28. November 2017

Pemagatshel Dzong, Pemagatshel

Trashigang Tshechu: 27.-29. November 2017

Trashigang Dzong, Trashigang

Jambay Lhakhang Singye Cham: 3. December 2017

Jambay Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang

Nalakar Tshechu: 3.-5. December 2017

Ngaa Lhakhang, Choekhor, Bumthang

Druk Wangyel Tshechu: 13. December 2017

Dochula, Thimphu

Trongsa Tshechu: 26.-28. December 2017

Trongsa Dzong, Trongsa

Lhuentse Tshechu: 26.-28. December 2017

Lhuentse Dzong, Lhuentse

Nabji Lhakhang Drup: 2.-4. January 2018

Nabji Lhakhang, Nabji, Trongsa

This tour might be interesting for you



[Bhutan: Culture & Hiking with monastery festivals](#)

An impressive journey with a lot of cultural insight, inclusive of Paro monastery festival and many wonderful day hikes. But you will stay each night in a hotel; no camps; max. 10 pax.

Programme not yet available in english!

Date: **08.-22. April 2017**

Price: **3.390 EUR**



Seats available

Bhutan has a lot of monastery and not-religious festivals to offer. It is difficult to choose among them all. Our advice: If you have the time/possibility, visit festivals in the off-season. They are very special because they have less foreign visitors. Also travelling in off-season is more cheap than in high season. If you want to travel in high season be prepared to book early as flights and hotelrooms are quickly sold out during that time. Anyhow: The monastery festivals are a special highlight and if you go to Bhutan you should see at least one.



Overview: Festivals from July 2016 onwards

Here you will find not only monastery festivals but also non-religious festivities taking place between July 2016 and December 2016.

5.-6. July 2016

Haa Summer Festival in Haa

2.-3. August 2016

Merak Tsechu (=Monastery festival) in Trashigang

13.-14. August 2016

Matsutake Festival in Bumthang (Infos about the "mushroom"-festival under this Link:
<http://www.tourism.gov.bt/activities/matsutake-festival>)

15.-16. August 2016

Matsutake Festival in Genekha (see above)

15.-19. August 2016

Chha Festival in Lhuentse

25.-28. August 2016

Mountain Echoes in Thimphu (Literaturefestival - further Infos: <http://mountainechoes.org/>)

3. September 2016

Tour of the Dragon (Mountainbike-race over 268km - further infos:
<http://www.tourofthedragon.com/>)

9.-11. September 2016

Khaling Tshechu in Trashigang

7. October 2016

Thimphu Drubchen in Thimphu

9.-11. October 2016

Wangdue Tshechu in Wangdue Phodrang

9.-11. October 2016

Haa Tshechu in Haa

9.-11. October 2016

Gangtey Tshechu in Wangdue Phodrang

10.-11. October 2016

Geling Tshechu in Chhukha

10.-13. October 2016

Thimphu Tshechu in Thimphu

11.-13. October 2016

Tamshing Phala Chhoepa in Bumthang

14.-17. October 2016

Thangbi Mani in Bumthang

22. October 2016

Dechenphu Tshechu in Thimphu

25.-16. October 2016

Jomolhari Mountain Festival in Paro (more infos:

<http://www.tourism.gov.bt/activities/jomolhari-mountain-festival>)

6.-9. November 2016

Monggar Tshechu in Monggar

6-10. November 2016

Pemagatshel Tshechu in Pemagatshel

6.-9. November 2016

Shingkar Rabney in Bumthang

7.-9. November 2016

Chhukha Tshechu in Chhukha

7.-10. November 2016

Trashigang Tshechu in Trashigang

7.-10. November 2016

Jakar Tshechu in Bumthang

11. November 2016

Black Necked Crane Festival in Wangduephodrang (further infos:

<http://www.tourism.gov.bt/activities/the-annual-black-necked-crane-festival-11th-november>)

13.-15. November 2016

Nalaxhar Tshechu in Bumthang

14.-17. November 2016

Jambay Lhakhang Drup in Bumthang

25.-29. November 2016

Sumthrang Kanssoel in Bumthang

6.-8. December 2016

Gelephu Tshechu in Sarpang

7.-9. December 2016

Dungkar Tshechu in Lhuentse

7.-9. December 2016

Samtse Tshechu in Samtse

7.-10. December 2016

Lhuentse Tshechu in Lhuentse

8.-9. December 2016

Tang Namkha Rabney in Bumthang

9.-10. December 2016

Trongsa Tshechu in Trongsa

10.-12. December 2016

Samdrup Jongkhar Tshechu in Samdrup Jongkhar

11.-14. December 2016

Kangso Tshechu in Monggar

11.-13. December 2016

Dremetse Tshechu in Monggar

12.-16. December 2016

Chojam Rabney Festival in Bumthang

12.-14. December 2016

Korphu Tshechu in Trongsa

12.-14. December 2016

Nabji Lhakhang Drup in Trongsa

13. December 2016

Druk Wangyel Tshechu in Thimphu

19.-23. December 2016

Dagana Tsechu in Dagana

24.-29. December 2016

Pangkhar Choepa in Bumthang

Attention: Please reconfirm all dates - it is possible there are typing mistakes ☐