



Norbu Bhutan Travel Pvt Ltd



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Dear Readers,

Greetings from Norbu Bhutan Travel!

The purpose of our electronic bimonthly newsletter is to keep our clients in the picture as to what is of interest or new in the Bhutan travel industry. It is a step to enhance our service to nurture the bonds of trust and goodwill with our guests and partners on which lie the foundations of our company.

Started in 2008, we have earned a reputation for excellence in the travel industry. Today, we are a professional and competitive inbound tour operator that has successfully avoided the pitfall of over expansion at the risk of losing the "personal touch" that we foster in all our services. We boast a hand selected network of hotels, highly trained guides and the best of transportation facilities. Above all, we make it our business to provide our guests with the journey a lifetime that is made easier by the unique beauty of Bhutan.

Our company is licensed by the **Tourism Council of Bhutan**, which is the government agency monitoring all tourism policies, guidelines and activities. We are also an active member of the **Association of Bhutanese Tour Operators**.

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Bhutan home to 103 Tigers and still counting

Located within the Northwestern, central and south central parts of Bhutan, between the ranges of 150m to 4,000 m the national tiger society on July 29, 2015 reported an increase from 75 tigers in 1998 to 103 tigers in 2015.

The highest concentration is found in Zhemgang.

Globally there are 3,200 tigers in the wild.



TOUR OF THE DRAGON

An extremely challenging mountain bike race that takes participants through central and western Bhutan, The race starts off in Bumthang with the finish line in Thimphu.

It is held on the first Saturday of September every year. This is the perfect time as the monsoons have just ended and the cool, crisp autumn weather is just beginning as the heat of summer fades.

The race was created by His Royal Highness Prince Jigyel U. Wangchuck who is President of the Bhutan Olympic Committee, an all around sportsman and keen biking enthusiast. Considered one of the most challenging one-day events in the world, it covers 268 kilometers of absolutely stunning Himalayan landscapes.

Much like the infamous Paris Roubix, the Tour of the Dragon is a trial that no self-respecting cyclist will want to pass up. It covers elevations ranging from 1,200-3,340 meters.

Last year the race was completed.

THIMPHU TSHECHU AND DROMCHOE



One of the biggest festivals in the country is the **Thimphu Tshechu**. This festival is held in the capital city for three days beginning on 10th day of the 8th month of lunar calendar. This Tshechu is witnessed by thousands of people many of which travel from neighboring Dzongkhags (districts) to attend the festivities. The actual Tshechu is preceded by days and nights of prayer and rituals to invoke the gods.

When it was initiated by the 4th Desi, Gyalse Tenzin Rabgay in 1867 the Tshechu consisted of only a few dances being performed strictly by monks. These were the Zhana chham and the Zhana Nga chham (Dances of the 21 Black Hats), Durdag (Dance of the Lords of the Cremation Ground), and the Tungam chham (Dance of the Terrifying Deities).

Besides the annual three day Tshechu, Thimphu also celebrates a one day festival known as the **Thimphu Dromchoe**. The day long festival dates back to the 17th century. It was first introduced by Kuenga Gyeltshen in 1710, which was recognized as the reincarnation of Jampel Dorji, son of Zhabdrung Nawang Namgyel. The dromchoe is celebrated 3 days prior to the Thimphu Tshechu.

Ariya Hotel, Thimphu



Located at the southern entrance of the nation’s capital, Ariya’s personally appointed rooms have all the modern amenities for exceptional comfort and luxury. The range of facilities, which include banquet, conference hall and lounge, a restaurant offering international and local cuisine, bar, café, wifi enabled and the Ariya Touch Spa.



Rooms	No. of Rooms
Superior Rooms	20
Deluxe	8
Suite	16
Serviced Apartments	2
Extra Beds	
Total Rooms	46



Dragons Nest Resort, Punakha



Beautifully situated beside the Punakha River, below the National highway between Wangdiphodrang and Punakha, Dragon's Nest is a haven of peace and serenity. With private bathrooms and modern amenities, the breathtaking view of the valley and the calm of the lush environment provide guests with a memorable experience.



Rooms	No. of Rooms
Double	2
Twin	14
Total Rooms	16



Did you know....?

The national flower of Bhutan is the Himalayan Blue Poppy which only grows at altitudes of 3500m to 4500m on the mountain terrain above the tree line.



Expected Temperature in September/October

Month	Values	Paro	Thimphu	Punakha	Trongsa	Bumthang	Mongar	Trashigang
	in							
	Celsius							
September	Max	23.4	23.1	27.5	22.6	21.6	24.7	30.0
	Min	11.7	15	19.1	14.2	12.1	19.4	21.9
October	Max	18.7	21.9	26.1	21.8	19.5	22.7	29.1
	Min	7.4	10.4	14.7	11.7	5.9	15.8	17.7

*To be noted that average temperatures are recorded from valley floors. There can be considerable divergences from the recorded figures depending upon elevation.

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