

Year long tributes to Guru Padmasambhava - Tsechus !

Visit *Bhutan* 2015
Celebrate happiness



Bhutanese tradition is an expression of Happiness, Pride and Values. There are festivals all year long and nationwide by districts in honour of Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava). Come dressed up in your finest and join in the Bhutanese family fun. Most festivals are held at the Dzongs or monasteries therefore giving you an experience of art, architecture and culture. As in many religions, spiritual stories are told in books for Enlightenment. Spiritual Expression takes place in these Tsechus and it is considered a Blessing in just attending the tsechus.

Demography: 1st time Visitor/ Leisure Traveller / Traveller
Duration: Year Long
Best to visit: Year Long

Best features you will find on these Tsechus:

- * See the Bhutanese in the best of their colourful handwoven attires and customary jewelry.
- * Opportunity to join the Bhutanese families in their sumptuous but fiery traditional Bhutanese meals and share of Happiness
- * Observe the intricately carved and painted masks and sophisticated outfits of dancers swirling to meditative steps and expressions imparting stories, teachings and blessings.
- * Obtain Enlightenment by mere sight of a Tsechu (local belief).
- * Collect pictures of various unique designs of the "thangkha" (silk appliqué) from different districts. It will become your most precious collection of blessings from the Land of Happiness.
- * Masked men (monks and laymen) or a.k.a Acharyas (Saints) who perform the dances with such finesse.
- * Witness the values of traditional performances which take a receptive mind and a right motivation to learn and master.

Why is it low carbon:

1	Use of Renewable Energy in operations among tourism stakeholders. (Ex: : at the monasteries)	√
2	Offer Carbon Certified Products and services for tourists (Ex: Natural resources made available)	√
3	Low Carbon Tourism Products and Services (Tourism value chain measures carbon foot-prints).	√
4	Low Fuel Consumption Transportation	√
5	Inclusive Tourism Activities with Community (Ex: community festivals)	√
6	Low Carbon Tourism Practices (Ex: Guidelines on attending tsechus, waste management)	√

Carbon Indicator in **kgCO₂ equivalent per guest night** (high impact sector - Hotels)



American average = 33



European average = 27.0



Bhutan average = 2.5

