

Black-Necked Crane Festival - Nov

11 days / 10 nights · Festival tour · Bhutan

Attend the Black-Necked Crane Festival in Gangtey Gonpa courtyard, where over 300 of the world's ~500 migratory black-necked cranes winter each year.

BEST SEASON	November (festival month, part of Bhutan's autumn high season)
DESTINATIONS	Thimphu, Punakha, Gangtey / Phobjikha Valley

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OVERVIEW

The annual Black-Necked Crane Festival celebrates the arrival of endangered cranes in the Phobjikha Valley's Gangtey Gonpa courtyard. The festival aims to generate awareness of crane conservation and strengthen community efforts — over 300 of the estimated 500 migratory black-necked cranes spend winter months in this alpine wetland valley at roughly 3,000m elevation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Folk songs, dances, crane-themed performances, and mask dances by locals
- School children's environmental conservation dramas
- Visits to Gangtey Monastery
- Bhutan's largest and most significant wetland ecosystem

PLACES COVERED

Paro › Thimphu › Punakha › Gangtey (Phobjikha Valley) › Bumthang

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 Arrive Paro

Arrive in Paro.

Meals: Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Paro

DAY 2 Thimphu exploration

Drive to Thimphu and sightsee.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Thimphu

DAY 3 Thimphu to Punakha

Cross Dochula Pass to Punakha.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Punakha

DAY 4 Punakha to Gangtey/Phobjikha

Continue to the Phobjikha Valley.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Gangtey

DAY 5 Black-Necked Crane Festival attendance

Attend the festival at Gangtey Gonpa.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Gangtey

DAY 6 Gangtey to Bumthang

Drive east to Bumthang.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Bumthang

DAY 7 Bumthang sightseeing

Explore Bumthang's temples and valleys.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Bumthang

DAY 8 Bumthang to Punakha

Return west to Punakha.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Punakha

DAY 9 Punakha to Paro

Continue to Paro.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Paro

DAY 10 Paro exploration

A day of sightseeing in Paro.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Overnight: 3-star hotel, Paro

DAY 11 Departure

Transfer to Paro International Airport for departure.

Meals: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Sustainable Development Fee
- 3-star hotel accommodation (twin/double sharing)
- E-visa processing

- Private tour with guide and driver
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, evening tea)
- Domestic transportation and airport transfers
- Sightseeing with entrance fees per itinerary
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Bottled water throughout

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International/domestic airfare
- Travel and medical insurance
- Guide/driver domestic flights
- Services not listed in inclusions
- Costs from strikes, mishaps, or political disruptions
- Beverages and personal expenses
- Guide/driver gratuities

PRICING

The price depends on nationality, group size, season and travel dates. Contact us for a personal quote for this itinerary.