

November 4 – 19, 2025

GLOBAL PEACE PRAYER FESTIVAL

Side Events



Executive Summary

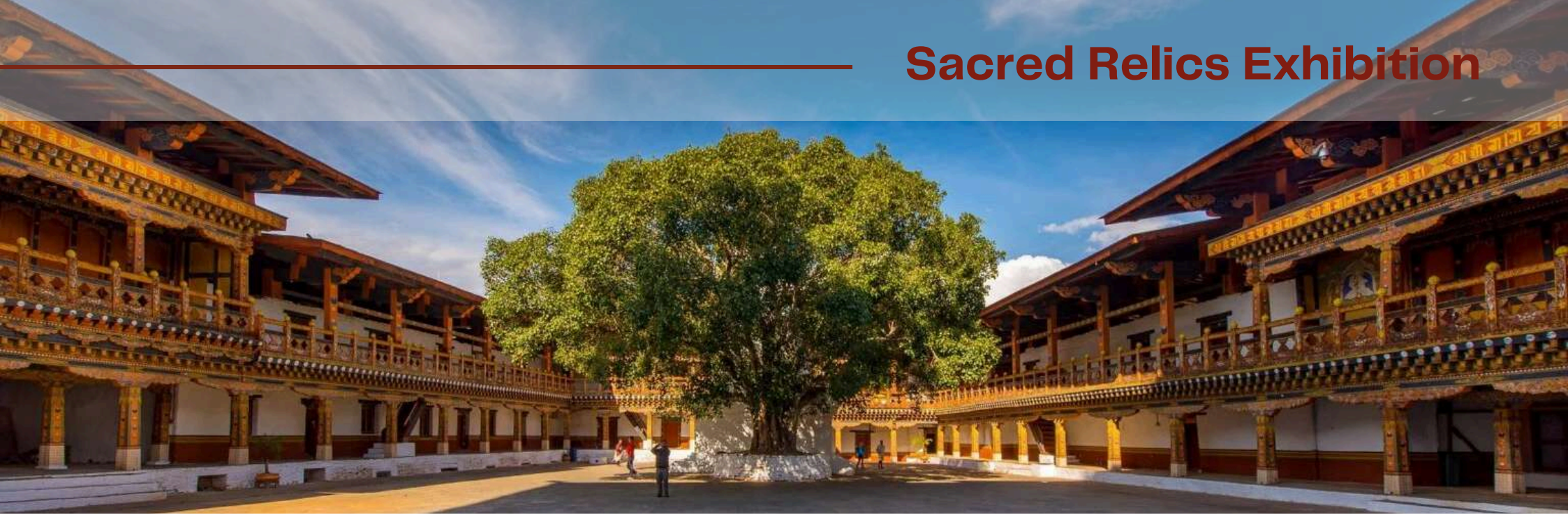
The Global Peace Prayer Festival 2025 is a landmark gathering uniting Buddhist leaders, practitioners, and peace advocates from across the world. The main program will feature rare and sacred rituals, including the Jabzhi Gyep, Global Peace Prayer, Bazaguru Recitation, Kalachakra Empowerment, and the Nuns' Initiation Ceremony.

To complement these spiritual highlights, the festival will host a series of side events from 4th to 19th November 2025, designed to enrich its spiritual core while celebrating Bhutan's cultural heritage and community livelihoods. These programs will showcase the country's spiritual, artistic, and community traditions, creating opportunities for artisans, entrepreneurs, and youth while fostering intercultural dialogue and global connections.

Key highlights include the Sacred Relics Exhibition at Punakha Dzong, Global Buddhist Practices, and Peace Dialogues and Dharma Talks led by eminent masters and scholars. Cultural programs at Tendrelthang will bring alive Bhutan's vibrant performing arts, while interactive demonstrations will feature the 13 Traditional Crafts (Zorigchusum), textile weaving, Sowa Rigpa medicine, and astrology.

Participants will also engage in eco-treks, yoga practices, and pilgrimage walks to sacred sites, and explore a pop-up market at Centennial Park showcasing handicrafts, organic products, and enterprises led by women and youth. Together, these side events weave spirituality, culture, and livelihood into a holistic celebration, positioning Bhutan as a global hub for peace, spirituality, and cultural diplomacy.

All activities will culminate in the commemoration of the 70th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo Jigme Singye Wangchuck, honoring His Majesty's extraordinary legacy of peace, unity, and Gross National Happiness.



Punakha Dzong: Kuenrey Chemmo

15th -17th Nov 2025

An exhibition of sacred relics will be open for public veneration, offering a rare opportunity for participants to experience Bhutan's profound spiritual heritage and connect with blessings that transcend generations.

Proposed Relics to be displayed:

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| 1. Rangjung Kharsa Pani. | 6. Tashi Gomang – <i>Seula Lhakhang</i> |
| 2. Yum Sonam Pelgi Bhutti Kunda - <i>Tse Lhakhang, Punaka;</i> | 7. Zhikhim Tandin – <i>Nobgang Lhakhang</i> |
| 3. Gewa Jamba Trizhugma - <i>Wangdiphodrang Dzong;</i> | 8. Guru Muti Choegay – <i>Tsamdra Goenpa.</i> |
| 4. Zhabdrung Kunda - <i>Jarogang Lhakhang</i> | 9. Kutshab Ten Nga – <i>Talo Goenpa</i> |
| 5. Zhabdrung Chazho Dordhrel - <i>Jarogang Lhakhang.</i> | |

Tshechu Performances

Tendrelthang (Tashhichodzong)

- i. Zhey
- ii. Drametse Nga Cham (Dance of the Drums)
- iii. Guru Tshengye Cham (Eight Manifestations of Guru Rinpoche)
- iv. Shawa Shachi (Dance of the Stag and Hounds)
- v. Zha Na Cham (Black Hat Dance)
- vi. Bardo Cham/Raksha Mangcham (Dance of the Intermediate State)



Live Demonstrations

4th-19th Nov, 2025



Traditional Arts and Crafts of Bhutan

National Institute for Zorigchusum

Live demonstration & exhibition (Zorigchusum);



Textile arts.

Royal Textile Academy

Exhibition & Live Demonstration/Behind the scenes on request



Sowai Rigpa

- i. Exhibition and experiential sessions on Bhutan's traditional medical system.
- ii. Showcase of multi-ingredient formulations;
- iii. Diagnosis and external therapies.
- iv. Traditional Medicine showcase and sale by Menjong Sorig.



Astrology

Parigzampa Astrology School

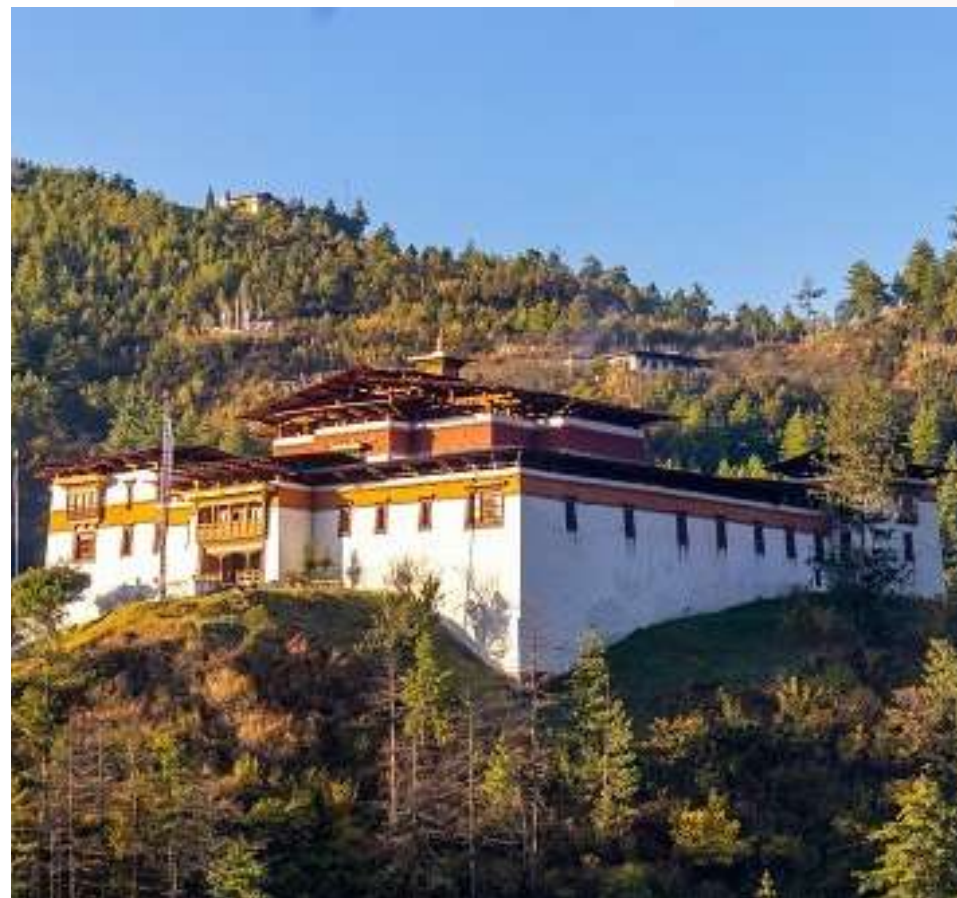
- i. Traditional Tsepa birth chart consultations;
- ii. Guidance on auspicious dates and life decisions;
- iii. Public sessions on Buddhist cosmology and astrology;
- iv. Creation and sale of protective charts & amulets

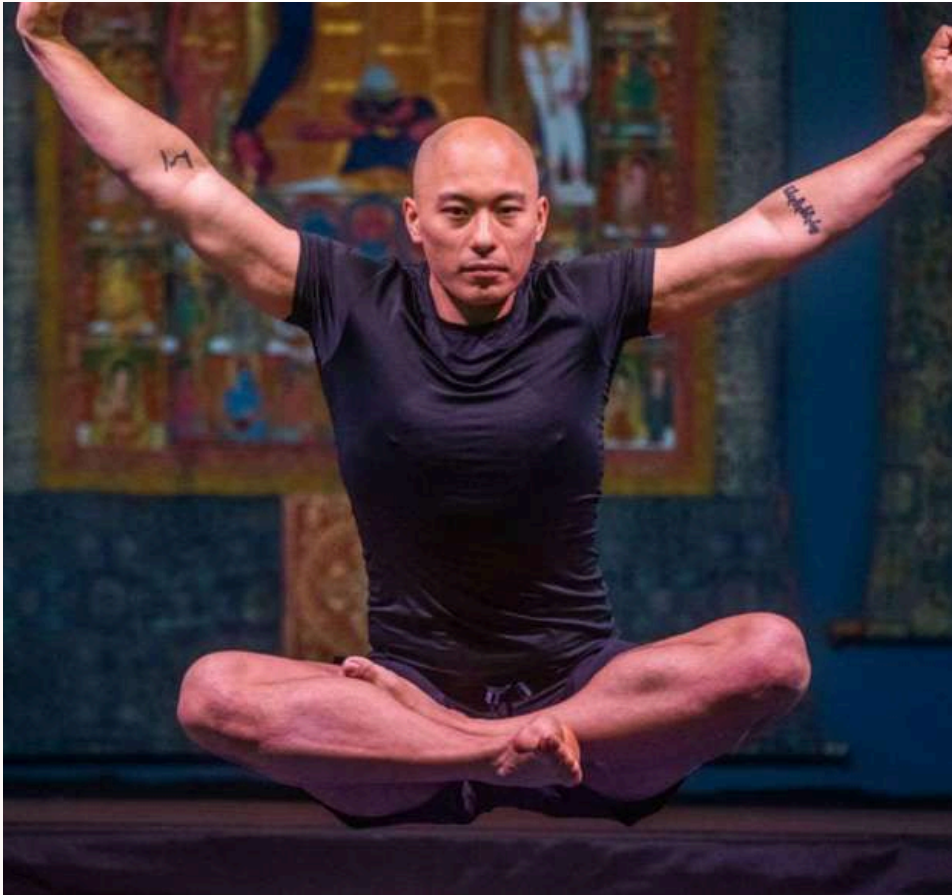
Eco-Treks & Guided Pilgrimage Walks

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Thimphu

1. Phajoding
2. Talakha Goenpa
3. Lungchutse temple & meditation caves;
4. Tharda Nye;
5. Tango Monastery;
6. Cheri Monastery;
7. Doededrak;
8. Pumola Lhakhang;
9. Simtokha Dzong;
10. Changangkha Lhakhang.





Niguma Yoga led by H.E. Kalu Rinpoche, blending ancient yogic traditions with modern well-being.

Auditorium RIM

Led by HE Kalu Rinpoche

Morning session Lung;

Afternoon Session Practice

Sale of Souvenirs & Memorabilia



Handicraft: Traditional Bhutanese crafts, textiles, and sacred objects

Kaja Throm/OGOP/CSI/ Key Event Venues

- Souvenir/memorabilia development & selection
- Stall set up- venue allocation

Organic & Herbal Products: Local produce, teas, and wellness items

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Cultural Souvenirs: Curated collection of Global Peace Prayer merchandise, Butter lamps, incense, prayer flags, thangkas, spiritual keepsakes etc.

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Pilgrimage Tours Outside Thimphu (Self-Funded through Local Travel Agencies)



Punakha

- Punakha Dzong
- Chimi Lhakhang
- Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten
- Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang Nunnery, Wolokha
- Talo Monastery
- Nalanda University (Daley Goenpa/Dalida)



Paro

- Taktsang Monastery
- Kyichu Lhakhang
- Jangtsa Dumtseg Lhakhang
- Duntse Lhakhang
- Druk Choeding Temple
- Chhoeten Lhakhang
- Tachog Lhakhang
- National Museum of Bhutan, Ta-Dzong



Bumthang

- Jambay Lhakhang
- Kurjey Lhakhang
- Tamshing Lhakhang
- Konchogsum Lhakhang
- Jakar Dzong
- Tharpaling Monastery
- Nimalung
- Ura Lhakhang
- Mebar Tsho
- Wangduecholling Palace Museum & Cultural Center

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Trongsa

- Trongsa Dzong
- Royal Heritage Museum- Tower of Trongsa



Haa

- Lhakhang Karpo
- Lhakhang Nagpo
- Shekhar Drak
- Chhundu Lhakhang
- Tagchu Goemba



Wangduephodrang

- Gantey Goenpa
- Phobjikha Valley
- Bajo Lhakhang
- Phayul Goenpa
- Nyizergang Chorten
- Wangduephodrang Dzong



The Global Peace Prayer Festival is a collective aspiration for peace,
compassion, and harmony for all beings.



