

Bhutan is known for its vibrant festivals, called “tshechus,” which celebrate the country’s rich culture and Buddhist heritage. Here are some notable festivals:

1. Thimphu Tshechu: Held in the capital, this festival features traditional dances and elaborate costumes, attracting large crowds.
2. Paro Tshechu: One of the most famous festivals, it includes the unveiling of a giant thangka (a religious painting) and various mask dances.
3. Punakha Drubchen: Celebrated to commemorate the victory over Tibetan invasions, it features traditional dances and reenactments of historical events.
4. Jambay Lhakhang Drup: Known for its fire blessing ceremony, this festival includes various performances and rituals held in Jambay Lhakhang.
5. Wangdue Tshechu: This festival is celebrated in Wangdue Phodrang and showcases vibrant dances and local traditions.

These festivals typically involve colorful costumes, music, and community gatherings, playing a vital role in preserving Bhutanese culture.

6. Hike to Taktsang (The Tiger’s Nest)

Tiger’s Nest, or Paro Taktsang, is a famous monastery perched on a cliffside in the Paro Valley of Bhutan. Built in the 17th century, it is a significant pilgrimage site and offers stunning views of the surrounding landscape. The monastery is named after Guru Padmasambhava, who is believed to have meditated there. Visitors typically undertake a scenic hike to reach the site, which is a symbol of Bhutanese spirituality and architecture. It takes 4 hours from the base to reach the monastery and 3 hours to return. For the elderly people who cannot walk uphill and walk down, horse ride is provided at competitive additional cost.