



RHODODENDRON WEEK

3-9 April 2025

Join us in celebrating the breathtaking natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, and spiritual significance of the Brokpa community in Merak and Sakteng, located in Trashigang, Eastern Bhutan. This week-long event is dedicated to promoting sustainable tourism and empowering the local community.



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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

This event will take place across various locations

HIKING AND TREKKING

- Hike from Mendrula pass to Dammazhung/Jigmeling
- Hike to Borangtse Gonpa & Guru Lhakhang, Sakteng
- Trek along the Jomo Panda Trail via Nangchungla Pass (4,140 meters).
- Trek to Tsholung Gonpa en route to Sakteng.
- Hike to Songo brok and Broksar Tse, Merak and enjoy the stunning views

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Capture a memorable moment in traditional Brokpa attire at the dedicated photo booth, available at every event location.
- Traditional Brokpa cuisine available at multiple locations.
- Hands-on cultural experiences at every location.
- Showcase of a Brokpa marriage ceremony in Merak, where couples can marry in the traditional highlander way.



OTHER EXPERIENCES

- Young ladies' beauty contest at Merak.
- Demonstration of fermented cheese (yosha) preparation.
- Bonfire and cultural bonanza at every location.
- Sightseeing and videography.
- Yak sketching and drawing competition at every location.
- Rhododendron delicacies.
- Experience yak riding and interact with yak herders (Merak Gewog).

Additional activities will be included.

HOW TO GET THERE



From	To	Distance (km)	Approximate Duration	Mode of travel
Paro airport	Yonphula airport		35 minutes	Flight
Yonphula airport	Trashigang town	35.2	01 hours	Vehicle
Paro	Trashigang town (direct)	522.3	15 hours	
Paro	Bumthang (night halt)	305.6	08 hours	
Phuentsholing	Thimphu	145.5	04 hours	
Thimphu	Trashigang town (direct)	480.2	14 hours	
Thimphu	Bumthang (night halt)	263.6	07 hours	
Bumthang	Trashigang town	274.4	08 hours	

WHERE TO STAY



Homestays in Sakteng

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Dawa Choden Homestay
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Homestays in Merak

Ngaden Homestay
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Red Panda Homestay
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Sangay Dema Homestay
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