

Shechen Monastery Events Calendar: Winter/Spring 2015-16

Tibetan date	Western Date	Time	Program of Events 2015-2016
3-9th day of 11th month	14-20 Dec 2015		Kagye Deshe Dupa "kagye tortog" Shechen Nepal
similar to above	similar to above		Shechen Bodhgaya : Rangjung Pema Nyingthik drupcho
1st day 12th month to 10th day 12th month	10-19th Jan 2016	daily	Nyingma Monlam in Bodhgaya, India
18th day, 12th month	26th January 2016	all day	Ceremonies for anniversary of Kunkhyen Longchen Rabjam
		6.00 pm	Dialectics debate by the Shedra Students
21th day, 12th month	30-Jan	8.00 am	Yamataka Drupchen Begins: Blessing of the Ground
22st day, 12th month	Sat 31-Jan	6.00 pm	Blessing of the Torma
23-27th	1-feb to 5-Feb	6.00 am	Yamantaka Gutor, "torma throwing rites" to avert negativity of the new year.
28th day, 12th month	06-Feb	4.00 am	Prayers
		11.30 am	Cham, sacred lama dances related to the Yamantaka ritual
29th day, 12th month	07-Feb	3.00 am	Prayers
		1.00 pm	Conclusion of the ceremony with the burning of the Torma
30th day, 12th month	08-Feb	4.00 am	Offering tormas to dharmapalas and offering thanks.
Tibetan New Year "Losar" 2143 (9th February 2016) Year of the Fire Monkey			
8th day, 1st month	15-Feb	8.00 am	Vajrasattva Drupchen begins (Minling Dorsem) Blessing of the Ground and Tagön (Introductory ritual) for the Vajrasattva Drupchen
9th day, 1st month	16-Feb	3.00 pm	Closing the Mandala for the Minling Dorsem Drupchen
10th-16th day	17-23 Feb	6.00 am	Main part of the Minling Dorsem Drupchen for seven days (15th day also marks Chotrul Duchen)
17th day	24-Feb	3.30 am	Receiving Blessing from the Mandala of Minling Dorsem Drupchen
20th day	27-Feb	8. 00 am	Blessing of the Ground and Tagon For the Tsokchen Duepa & Four Ka'ma Drupchens
21st day	28-Feb	9.00 am	Five Ka'ma Drupchen and Ceremonies begin Ka'ma Tsal Cham (Lama Dance associated with Ka'ma Teachings) Anniversary of Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo
23th day	2.3.2015	1.00 pm	(Gyenkod) Closing the Mandala For the Five Ka'ma Ceremonies
24th day 1st month, to 1st day 2nd month	4-10 Mar	all day	Main part of the Tshokchen Duepa Dupchen & Four Ka'ma Drupcho for Seven Days
30th day 1st month	09-Mar		Puja and Garcham (Dance)
1st day, 2nd month	10-Mar		Fire Puja & Anniversary of Penor Rinpoche
2nd day 2nd month	10-Mar	3.00 am	Receiving Blessing from the Mandala of Tshokchen Duepa & Four other Drupchens Anniversary of Terdak Lingpa
4=to 6th	12-14 Mar	9.00 am	<i>All Shechen Annual General Executive Meeting for Three Days</i>
8th day, 2nd month	16-Mar	6.00 am	Ceremony of Lama Sangdu for Three Days
9th day, 2nd month	17-Mar	5.00 am	Lama Sangdu Puja
		11.00 am	Rehearsal of the Tse-chu Dance Festival in the Courtyard
10th day, 2nd month	18-Mar	3.00 am	Lama Sangdu Puja
		9.00 am	Great Tse-Chu Festival of Sacred Dances
11th day, 2nd month	19-Mar	9.00 am	Lama Sangdu Empowerment
12th day, 2nd month	20-Mar	9.00 am	<i>Announcement for Annual Examination Results</i>
15th day, 2nd month to 8th day, 4th month	23 Mar to 14-May 2016		Monastery Vacation