

## Shechen Monastery Events Calendar: Winter/Spring 2017

Tibetan date	Western Date	Time	Program of Events Winter/Spring 2017
30/10 to 10/11	29 Dec to 7 Jan		Kagye Deshe Dupa "kagye tortog" Shechen Nepal
25-30 11th month	22-27 Jan		Shechen Bodhgaya : Rangjung Pema Nyingthik drupcho
1-10 days 12th month	28 Jan to 6 Feb	daily	Nyingma Monlam in Bodhgaya, India
18th day, 12th month	13-Feb	all day	Ceremonies for anniversary of Kunkhyen Longchen Rabjam
		6.00 pm	Dialectics debate by the Shedra Students
22nd day, 12th month	17-Feb	8.00 am	<b>Yamataka Drupchen Begins:</b> Blessing of the Ground
		6.00 pm	Blessing of the Torma
23-27th	19-23 Feb	6.00 am	Yamantaka Gutor, "torma throwing rites" to avert negativity of the new year.
28th day, 12th month	24-Feb	4.00 am	Prayers
		11.30 am	Cham, sacred lama dances related to the Yamantaka ritual
29th day, 12th month	25-Feb	3.00 am	Prayers
		1.00 pm	Conclusion of the ceremony with the burning of the Torma
30th day, 12th month	26-Feb	4.00 am	Offering tormas to dharmapalas and offering thanks.
<b>Tibetan New Year "Losar" 2144 (27th February 2017) Year of the Fire Rooster</b>			
8th day, 1st month (8th day missing this year)	6-Mar	8.00 am	<b>Vajrasattva Drupchen begins (Minling Dorsem)</b> Blessing of the Ground and Tagön (Introductory ritual) for the Vajrasattva Drupchen
		3.00 pm	Closing the Mandala for the Minling Dorsem Drupchen
10th day, 1st month	7-Mar	3.00 pm	Closing the Mandala for the Minling Dorsem Drupchen
11th-17th day	8-14 March	6.00 am	Main part of the Minling Dorsem Drupchen for seven days (15th day also marks Chotrul Duchen)
18th day	15-Mar	3.30 am	Receiving Blessing from the Mandala of Minling Dorsem Drupchen
20th day	17-Mar	8.00 am	Blessing of the Ground and Tagon For the Tsokchen Duepa & Four Ka'ma Drupchens
21st day	18-Mar	9.00 am	<b>Five Ka'ma Drupchen and Ceremonies begin</b> <b>Ka'ma Tsal Cham (Lama Dance associated with Ka'ma Teachings)</b> Anniversary of Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo
24th day	21-Mar	1.00 pm	(Gyenkod) Closing the Mandala For the Five Ka'ma Ceremonies
25-30 day 1st month	22-28 Mar	all day	Main part of the Tshokchen Duepa Dupchen & Four Ka'ma Drupcho for Seven Days
29th day 1st month	27-Mar		Puja and Garcham (Dance) Anniversary of Penor Rinpoche
30th day, 1st month	28-Mar		Fire Puja
2nd day 2nd month	29-Mar	3.00 am	Receiving Blessing from the Mandala of Tshokchen Duepa & Four other Drupchens Anniversary of Terdak Lingpa
8th day, 2nd month	4-Apr	6.00 am	<b>Ceremony of Lama Sangdu for Three Days</b>
9th day, 2nd month	5-Apr	5.00 am	Lama Sangdu Puja
		11.00 am	Rehearsal of the Tse-chu Dance Festival in the Courtyard
10th day, 2nd month	6-Apr	3.00 am	Lama Sangdu Puja
		9.00 am	<b>Great Tse-Chu Festival of Sacred Dances</b>
11th day, 2nd month	7-Apr	9.00 am	Lama Sangdu Empowerment