Final Itinerary for April 2013 Trip to Bhutan with Lama Karma Rinpoche

East and West Bhutan Group: 15 days in Bhutan (Mar 28th - Apr 11th)

West Bhutan Group: 9 days in Bhutan (Apr 3rd - Apr 11th)

March 26th-27th

* Depart from United States to Bangkok, Thailand
* Depart Bangkok, Thailand for Paro, Bhutan

March 28th

* Arrive at Paro airport

March 29th

* Rest from travels
* Some sightseeing

March 30th

* Drive to Punakha (east Bhutan)
* Stop at Dochula Pass for sightseeing, visit the 108 Chortens (Stupas) & Monastery
* Continue to drive & Lunch at Chimilhakhang Café
* Visit Chimilhakhang (Temple of Fertility)
* Reach Punakha & visit the Dzong (Fortress)
* Spend night in hotel at Punakha

March 31- April 1stst

* After breakfast drive to Bumthang (Cross Pelela Pass)
* On the way visit Trongsa Dzong & Ta Dzong (Watch Tower)
* Lunch at Trongsa
* Continue to drive to Bumthang (Cross Yotongla Pass)
* Spend night at hotel in Bumthang
* After breakfast start visiting & sightseeing of choice (Numerous holy places & Monasteries) Khurje lhakhang, Jampay lhakhang, Tamshing, Tang Mebartsho (burning lake), Kunchosum Lhakhang, and Four main Rocks of Bumthang etc. The group will be fully engaged with visits to the various religious sites and temples.
* Spend night at same hotel during the entire stay.

April 2nd

* Sightseeing in Gante
* Spend night at hotel in Gante

April 3rd

* Return Drive to Paro
* Meet His Holiness Ngawang Tenzin
* Meet travelers for West Bhutan tour portion
* Spend night at hotel in Paro

April 4th

* Spend day at indoor Paro Festival
* If possible, viewing of largest Tankha in Bhutan
* Lunch with monks at Paro monastery
* Spend night at same hotel

April 5th

* Day trek to Tiger’s Nest
* Spend night at same hotel

April 6th

* Drive to Thimphu
* Sightseeing in Thimphu
* Stay at hotel in Thimphu

April 7th

* Depart for Trek to Vajra Yogini Temple
* Medicine Buddha healing ceremony
* Camp near temple

April 8th

* Arrive at Vajra Yogini Temple
* Explore temple and nearby caves
* Observe/ participate in healing practices
* Camp near temple

April 9th

* Return trek to Paro
* Spend night in Paro hotel

April 10th

* Attend outdoor festival in Paro
* Paro sightseeing
* Spend night at same hotel

April 11th-12th

* Depart early morning from Paro Bhutan to Bangkok Thailand
* Depart from Bangkok Thailand to United States