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Insider's tour

Get the inside scoop on Bhutan, a Buddhist kingdom on the Himalayas' eastern edge, during a fall tour that will be led by Lhatu Wangchuk, the country's former ambassador to the United Nations. The 14-day tour, organized by Geringer Global Travel, will depart from Bangkok, Thailand, and visit Thimphu, Punakha, Gangtey, Trongsa, Bumthang and

Paro, all in Bhutan. Highlights include a traditional dinner hosted by former Ambassador Wangchuk at his home, a talk on Bhutan by former Cabinet Secretary Dasho Penden Wangchuk, dinner at the Folk Heritage Museum in Thimphu, a hike to Taktshang (Tiger's Nest) Monastery and a visit to the annual Jakar Tshechu Festival in Bumthang.

Dates: Oct. 21-Nov. 3

Price: From \$5,060 per person, double occupancy. Includes hotel accommodations, meals, transfers and ground transportation, guide, entrance fees and Bhutan visa. International airfare not included.

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