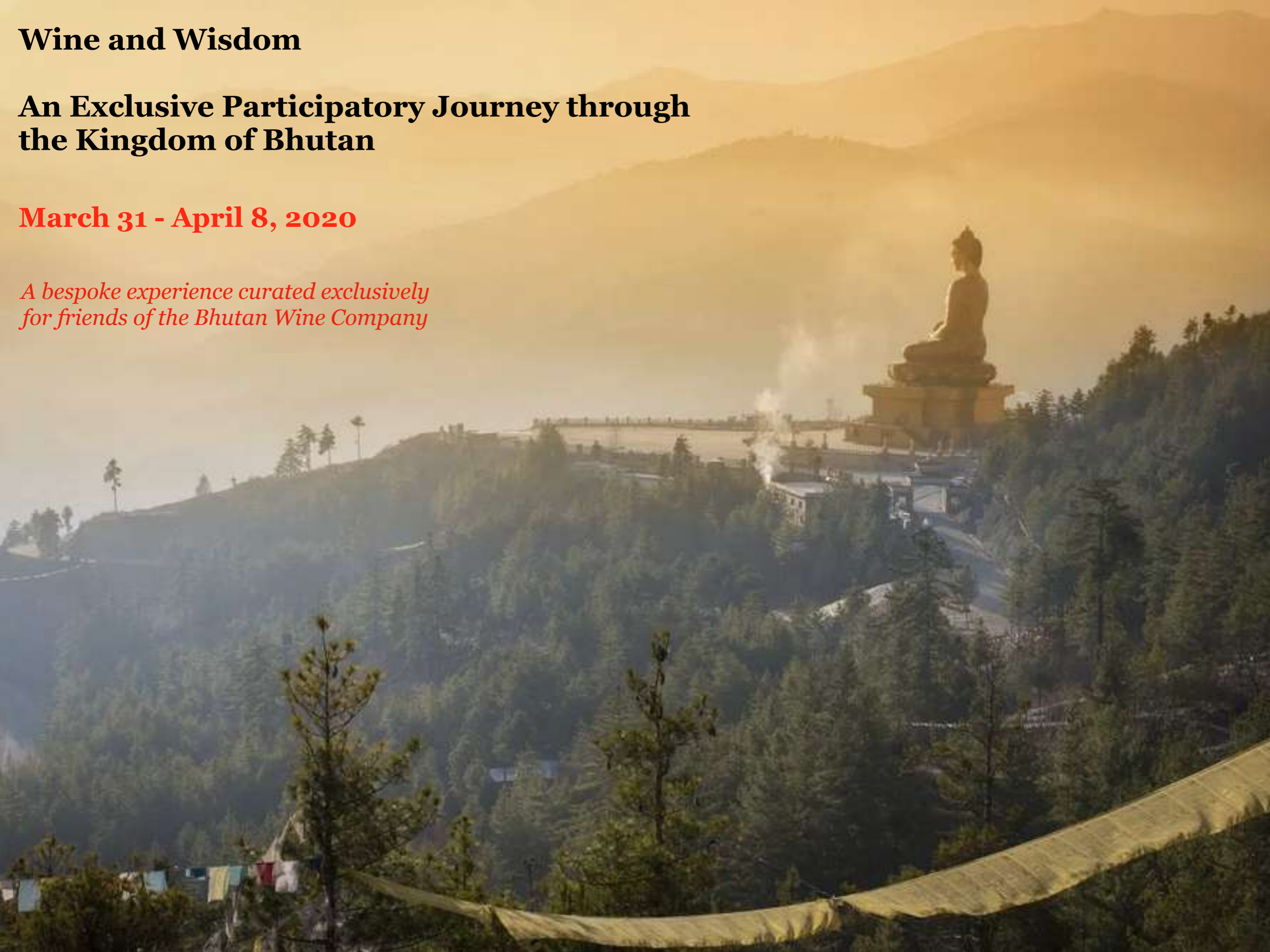


Wine and Wisdom

An Exclusive Participatory Journey through the Kingdom of Bhutan

March 31 - April 8, 2020

*A bespoke experience curated exclusively
for friends of the Bhutan Wine Company*





On this journey, guests will participate in the founding of the fine wine industry in the mystical Kingdom, collaborating with government officials, wine specialists and traditional villages in the social development of new vineyards.

Become immersed in Gross National Happiness, the teaching of Compassion in Action and the gentle ways of the Bhutanese people. We invite you to join us in this ground-breaking cross-cultural endeavor.

Itinerary at a Glance

March 31 - April 8, 2020

Day 1: Thimphu (arrive Paro Airport via Bangkok)
Luxury lodging at the ZhiwaLing Ascent Hotel

Orientation with Bhutan Wine Team
Biodiversity Center
Memorial Chorten, Buddha Dordenma
Takin Reserve, City Food and Cultural Day Tour

Day 2: Thimphu
Cheri Monastery Hike
Lunch with Minister of Agriculture

Afternoon Options:
1. Compassion in Action
Macaque Monkey Re-Integration Program
2. Hot Stone Bath & Spa

Evening Option: Urban Nightlife

Day 3: Thimphu
Wang Sisina Vineyard
Planting Malbec & Cabernet Franc

Participants assist in:
Vineyard layout, preping vines, planting,
initial vine training, mulching

Day 4: Punakha Valley via Dochula Pass
Luxury lodging at the Dhensa Boutique 5-Star Resort

Ser Bhum Vineyard
Vine Training & Vineyard Leafing

Afternoon: Punakha Fortress
Evening: Yoga / Spa / Relaxation

Day 5: Punakha
Morning River Rafting the beautiful Mo Chhu River

Afternoon: Suspension Bridge & Small Villages
Talo Monastery & Music of Bhutan

Day 6: Punakha
Wangdue Phrodrang Agricultural Research Center
Gaselo Vineyard
Planting Chardonnay & Cabernet Sauvignon
Onsite lunch with Special Nation Builder

Afternoon: Chimi Lhakhang Fertility Monastery

Day 7: Paro
Luxury lodging at the ZhiwaLing Heritage
“National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World”

Yusipang Vineyard & Paro Seed Research Center
Rinpung Dzong & Meditation with Monks

Afternoon: Paro Tshechu, Bhutan’s largest festival

Day 8: Paro
Tiger’s Nest Hike and Blessing Ceremony

Afternoon: Spa / Relaxation / Shopping

Day 9: Paro
Morning: 6 a.m. Thongdrel unveiling Paro Festival

11:50 a.m. departure to Bangkok

Your Luxury Accommodations

Dhensa Boutique Resort luxury accommodations in Punakha center on serenity, in everything from the grounds, to the beds, food, and spa services.



ZhiwaLing Heritage Paro is locally-owned and the only “National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World” in Bhutan. This spectacular luxury hotel features an onsite tea house, temple and full-service spa.

ZhiwaLing Ascent Thimphu is locally-owned and boasts the newest hotel construction in Thimphu. Enjoy world-class international fare, yoga and spectacular mountain views.



The Vineyards

PARO

Located just above the town of Paro, near the international airport, sits our Paro vineyard. Located at around 7,500 feet in elevation, the Paro vineyard offers majestic 360 degree views of the Paro valley and its surrounding peaks. This vineyard has terraced slopes, where we have planted head-trained vines at ten foot spacing intervals to take advantage of the drying local winds. Additionally, we have two flat blocks, one which is planted with north-south rows and one with east-west rows. Both blocks are designated for VSP trellises.



YUSIPANG

Located outside of Bhutan's capital city of Thimphu, on the East West road from Thimphu to Punakha, this gorgeous vineyard offers stunning views of the valley below and a dizzying array of Himalayan peaks. Situated at 8,900 feet in altitude, this is our highest vineyard, and as such benefits from strong sun exposure in summer months. This vineyard offers steep terraced southeast facing slopes. The terraces are planted with both single and double rows of vines, which are head trained. We believe that Cabernet Franc and Petit Manseng will perform exceptionally well here.



Ser Bhum Vineyard Hongtsho, Bhutan



BAJO

Nestled in the beautiful Punakha Valley, this vineyard will relish dry, hot temperatures throughout the year as it sits in a protective rain shadow and enjoys gentle warming breezes year round. We anticipate our red varietals, particularly Cabernet Sauvignon, will flourish here, as will Chardonnay. The Bajo vineyard is completely flat, at around 4,000 feet in elevation, and is located just above the Sankosh river. This vineyard is also designated for VSP trellises.



Thimphu

The city of Thimphu boasts nearly 130,000 people speaking a wide range of languages. Visitors enjoy a rich slate of activities in the nation's capital: spiritual centers, museums, government institutions, colleges and farmer's markets.

Activities



- 1. Meet locals in the heart of Thimphu town*
- 2. Enjoy the village music at Monasteries*
- 3. Hang Prayer flags*

Compassion in Action Afternoon in Thimphu

**Optional Visit with Marianne and Hendrik
at the Macque Monkey Re-intergration Center**





Wang Sisina

On our third day, we'll plant the majestic Wang Sisina vineyard with Malbec & Cabernet Franc vines.

**All participants will have permanent naming plaques on the rows they plant.*



Dochula is the pass between Thimphu and Punakha where hundreds of prayer flags flap in the wind, sending out merit to all sentient beings. On a clear day the views are astonishing. Visible are many snow covered 7.000-metre summits including Gangkhar Phuensum, the world's highest unclimbed mountain.

***Dochula
Pass***



There are plenty of things to explore in the beautiful and fertile Punakha Valley. Punakha Dzong is the valley's foremost visitor attraction, but you'll also visit Chimmi Lhakhang and participate in a centuries-old fertility ritual, float down the river on a gentle rafting trip, and head uphill to peaceful Sangchhen Dorji Luendrup Nunnery for brilliant valley views.

Punakha



Punakha

- 1. River rafting the Mo Chhu River, the cleanest river on Earth*
- 2. Village planting and music*
- 3. Make friends at the Sangchhen Dorji Luendrup Nunnery*





On our sixth day, we'll be planting Cabernet Sauvignon & Chardonnay at the new Gaselo Vineyard in the village of Wangdi in the picturesque valley of Wangdue Phodrang .





Paro Festival



Hike to Tiger's Nest, Bhutan's most iconic structure and monastery, and take in some of Paro's most breathtaking views along the way.

Paro

Your Personal Guide - Mr. Rinchen Dorji



Rinchen is originally from Central Bhutan. With 15 years of industry experience, Rinchen has led countless expeditions across all regions of his country—with his most recent being with Vogue Magazine.



Enjoy the best Bhutan has to offer—from local eats to Asian fusions and award-winning dining experiences.



INCLUDED

- All 5-Star accommodations
- Business-class roundtrip flight Bangkok - Paro
- All vineyard activities
- Professional guide & driver; private vehicle
- All government visas & permits
- All internal transfers
- All cultural activities
- 3 meals per day

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare from your hometown to Bangkok
- Passport fees and visa photos
- Personal items (alcohol, a-la-carte, other meals)
- Spas and hot-stone baths
- Room service and valet/laundry service
- Overnight stays or costs in Bangkok
- Phone calls
- Other items not specifically mentioned as included



Thank You!