Dumje Festival Trekking

This is a very special festival in the Khumbu area celebrated in the month of May or June every year. There is much dancing, drinking, and merrymaking in addition to the more serious rituals and dances performed by the monks.
The Dumje Festival celebrates and honors the anniversary of Guru Rinpoches birth on the lotus flower. Lama Sangwa Dorje is the founder of the earliest monasteries of Khumbu and he was the first to start the Dumje Festival in Pangboche about 360 years ago in order to coincide with the birth anniversary of Guru Rinpoche.

The festival serves as a religious and community duty to help bring the villagers together. Each family has its turn to provide the food and drink for the entire village during the 4 days of celebration. It could sometimes lead the family to bankruptcy.

Dumje Festival is performed by the Tengboche Monks in Tengboche, Namche Bazaar, Khumjung and Pangboche of Khumbu and Junbesi of Solu. The dates may vary by one or more days as the Tengboche Rinpoche, the Abbot of Tengboche Monastery may alter the schedule depending on local events.
The festival in Namche is the most interesting and popular one among them all.

Fast Fact
Trek Days 16
Total Days in Nepal 20
Maximum Elevation 5545 meters
Trek Grade Moderate to Difficult
Accommodation Lodge / Camping

Duration: 16 days

Price: $1520

Rating: 3 Star

Grade: Strenuous

Destination: Nepal

Activity: Trekking in Nepal

Region: Everest Region

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive in Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu, transfer to hotel and welcome dinner in the evening.

Day 2: Sightseeing in Kathmandu

Sightseeing in Kathmandu and preparation for the trek.

Day 3: Kathmandu-Lukla

Fly from Kathmandu to Lukla (2800m) - 40 minutes and commence trek to Phakding (2600m) - 3h.

Day 4: Phakding - Namche

Phakding - Namche Bazaar (3450m) - 6h30.

Day 5: Acclimatization day

Acclimatization day in Namche Bazaar.

Day 6: Namche Bazaar - Tengboche

Namche Bazaar - Tengboche (3870m) - 6h30.

Day 7: Tengboche - Dingboche

Tengboche - Dingboche (4350m) - 6h.

Day 8: Dingboche - Lobuche

Dingboche - Lobuche (4930m) - 5h30.

Day 9: Lobuche - Gorakhshep

Lobuche - Gorakhshep (5200m) - 4h. Exploration to Everest Base Camp (5300m).

Day 10: Gorakhshep - Kalapattar

Gorakhshep - Kalapattar (5545m) - Lobuche - 6h30.

Day 11-15 : Dumje Festival

Observe and entertain Dumje Festival.

Day 16: Tengboche - Namche Bazaar

Tengboche - Namche Bazaar - 5h.

Day 17: Namche Bazaar - Lukla

Namche Bazaar - Lukla - 6h.

Day 18: Lukla to Kathmandu

Fly from Lukla to Kathmandu - 40 minutes.

Day 19: Farewell time

Free day and farewell dinner in the evening.

Day 20: Final departure

Depart to airport