Programme for the Raising of 108 Stupas

1– 4 November 2026 | Gelephu Mindfulness City

Day 1: Sunday, 1 November 2026

Programme Overview

The programme comprises three main events:

1. Event 1: Raising of the 108 Stupas
2. Event 2: Main Ceremony
3. Event 3: Tashi Drup Ceremony

Event 1

Raising of the 108 Stupas

Stupa Raising Sites (East Bank of the Mau River)

1:30 AM Arrival of construction volunteers at their designated stupa sites.

1:45 AM Arrival of Lopon Lhengyes, Lam Netens and monks at their designated stupa locations.

Stupa 1 Site

2:00 AM Arrival of His Holiness the Je Khenpo.

2:20 AM Arrival of His Majesty the King, His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo and members of the Royal Family.

- Reception with Sedrang and Poepho Jali

2:45 AM Commencement of Sungchoe.

3:00 AM Commencement of the raising of the 108 stupas (marked by the sounding of 58 sets of dungchens).

Main Event Site (West Bank of the Mau River)

2:00 AM Arrival of attendees.

2:30 AM Arrival of Venerable Dorji Lopon.

2:45 AM Commencement of Sungchoe and the recitation of Mani.

Event 2
Main Ceremony (Main Event Site)

8:00 AM All guests to be seated.
8:15 AM Arrival of His Holiness the Je Khenpo.
8:30 AM Arrival of members of the Royal Family.
8:45 AM Arrival of His Majesty the King, His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo and Their Majesties the Gyalyums.
9:00 AM Arrival of His Majesty the King, Her Majesty the Queen and Their Royal Highnesses the Gyalseys and Gyalsem.

- Grand Chipdrel procession
- Jibi Pawo
- Marchang
- Offering of Choe-Mi (butter lamps)

Ceremonial Marking of the Completion of the 108 Stupas

- Sounding of Dungchens.
- National Anthem.
- Address by His Majesty the King.

Lunch for invited guests at three designated locations within the Main Event Site.

Event 3
Tashi Drup Ceremony for the 108 Stupas (Main Event Site)

4:00 PM All guests to be seated.
4.10 PM Arrival of His Holiness the Je khenpo.
4:15 PM Arrival of members of the Royal Family.
4:30 PM Arrival of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo.
4:45 PM Arrival of His Majesty the King.

- Reception with Poepho Jali

5:00 PM Commencement of Tashi Drup Ceremony for the 108 Stupas, presided by His Holiness the Je Khenpo.
6:00 PM Drone show.

End of Programme

Day 2: Monday, 2 November 2026

Programme Overview

The programme comprises three main events:

1. Event 1: Tashi Rabney Ceremony
2. Event 2: Opening of the 108 Guardians
3. Event 3: Royal Reception of Invited Guests

Event 1

Tashi Rabney Ceremony (Main Event Site)

6:30 AM All attendees to be seated.
6:30 AM Arrival of Lopon Lhengyes and Lam Netens.
6:45 AM Arrival of His Holiness the Je Khenpo.
7:00 AM Commencement of Tashi Rabney Sungchoe (consecration prayers).
8:00 AM All guests to be seated.
8:15 AM Arrival of members of the Royal Family.
8:30 AM Arrival of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo.
8:45 AM Arrival of His Majesty the King, Her Majesty the Queen, and Their Royal Highnesses the Gyalseys and Gyalsem.

- Reception with Poepho Jali

9:00 AM Tashi Ngasoel.

- Zhudrel Phuensum Tshogpi Tendrel
- Offering of Ku Sung Thug Mendrel to His Majesty the King

11:00 AM Recitation of Mani continues.
12:30 PM Lunch for invited guests at three designated locations within the Main Event Site.
1:30 PM Recitation of Mani continues.

Afternoon: Visit to the Stupa Sites for Invited Guests

Event 2

Opening of the 108 Guardians (Ceremonial Ground, Gelephu)

11:30 AM Opening of the 108 Guardians.

Three 90-minute sessions, with 36 invited guests per session.

- First session: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- Second session: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
- Third session: 3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

Event 3

Royal Reception for Invited Guests at 108 Village, Tareythang

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Arrival of guests.

End of Programme

Day 3: Tuesday, 3 November 2026

Circumambulation of Stupas and continuation of Mani recitation.

9:00 AM Arrival of attendees at Stupa 1for circumambulation.
Simultaneously recitation of Mani will continue at the Main Event Site.

End of Programme

Day 4: Wednesday, 4 November 2026

Offering of Bum-ter Thukmoen for Shambala Dzong at Phulari
7:00 AM Arrival of monks.
7:15 AM Commencement of Sungchoe.
9:00 AM Arrival of His Holiness the Je Khenpo.
9:20 AM Arrival of members of the Royal Family.
9:30 AM Arrival of His Majesty the King and His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo.

- Reception Poepho Jali
- Bum-ter Thukmoen
- Phebja

Wang and Lung by Spiritual Masters at the Main Event Site

2.00 PM Long Life Empowerment by His Holiness Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje.

End of Programme

Note
Volunteers: Everyone actively involved in raising the stupas, including those working and helping on site.
Attendees: Those coming to attend the prayers and witness the occasion but not taking part in the work.