

## Zhiwa Ling Resort Wedding Blessing Package

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A Bhutanese wedding is much more than a simple exchange of vows and rings. It includes a number of religious rites performed by Buddhist monks and lamas. This represents the importance of the bond between a husband and wife. (or partners).

The ceremony takes place in the Zhiwa Ling's own temple located on the second floor of the Resort.



### *Chipdrel Ceremony:*

Is a traditional reception. In this ceremony, the bride and groom are escorted by the monks, mask dancers to the temple for the wedding.

### *Moelem:*

The ceremony starts with the lama and the other monks prayers. It is a special prayer ceremony conducted by five monks where the monks seek help from the guardian deity for the successful wedding ceremony.

### *Marchang Ceremony:*

It is the ceremony offering of alcoholic beverage to deities with special prayer. This ceremony is conducted at the beginning of important occasions.

### *Droem and Diza:* (Saffron tea and mashed porridge of black dhal)

After the Marchang ceremony, there is an elaborate session of serving fruits, tea and nuts to the couple and the guests. This ceremony is conducted only for the very important people.

- ❖ Serve Suja Desi.
- ❖ Butter tea with saffron rice
- ❖ Serve Doma Pani followed by cut fruits and nuts. (Shugdrel)

### *Barche Lam Se:*

This is a prayer ceremony conducted to protect the couple from any misfortune. This type of prayer is essentially recited when one is about to start a new venture and take any new task.

### *Kha Da:* (White Scarf)

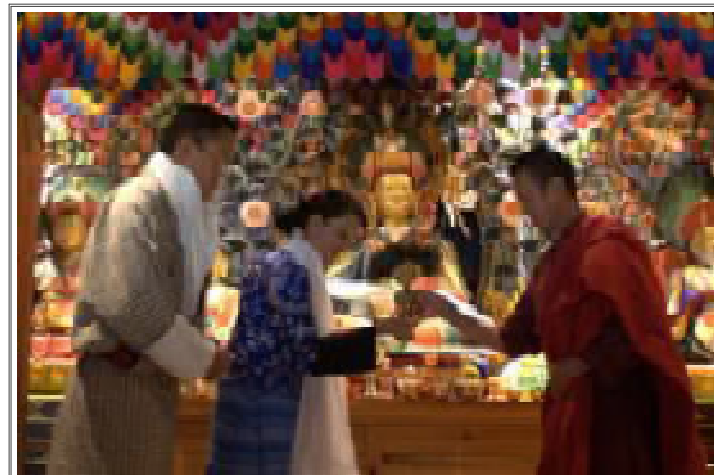
A white scarf is presented by the Lama to the couple and they are spiritually wedded. The guests offer the Kha Da after the Lama.

Ara (Local spirit warmed with fried eggs)

As a symbol of unity, the couple shares the drink from the same cup. (Milk can be substituted instead of Ara)

### *Additional Inclusions:*

- ❖ Folk and masked dances for 1 hour (Lobby of Zhiwa Ling Resort)
- ❖ Celebration archery session. (equipment provided along with archery participants)
- ❖ Traditional dress Gho (for bridegroom) & Kira (for bride)



+ *Wedding Blessing Ceremony:*

Total Package Cost @ US\$ 975.00

+ Add the cost of this package to our luxury upgrade hotel rates at *Zhiwa Ling Resort.*