

Punakha Dzong

Pungtang Dechen Phodrang Dzong or **Punakha Dzong** was constructed

by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal in 1637-38. It is the winter home of Bhutan's Central Monastic Body led by HH the Je Khenpo. The Dzong houses the most sacred relics of the Southern Drukpa Kagyu School including the Rangjung Kasarpani, and the sacred



remains of Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal and Terton Padma Lingpa.

In 1907, Punakha Dzong was the site of the coronation of Ugyen Wangchuck (or Deb Nagpo) as the first King of Bhutan.

The Punakha Dzong is one of the most historic dzongs in the whole country. It is located between the confluences of two rivers: Pho (male) chhu and Mo (female) chhu.

Punakha is bordered by Thimphu, Gasa, and Wangdue Phodrang dzongkhag.