



MACHA PUCHARE or Fish Tail Mountain, Pokhara Nepal

TRAINING IN TIBETAN SHAMANISM

TWO WEEKS OF EXPERIENTIAL STUDY

In A Millenniums Old Tradition

February 5-20, 2011

LED BY SUSAN FEINBLOOM and LARRY PETERS, PH.D

Experience a unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study ancient Tibetan shamanism from masters who learned the shamanic ways of divination, extraction, healing and trance from their elders in Tibet. Receive healings and teachings from shamans whose practice reflects traditions that predate Buddhism in Tibet, and share their stories.

Our group's two week journey will take place in beautiful rural Pokhara at the foot of the Himalayan Annapurna Range beneath towering Macha Puchare (see photo above). Our shaman (pau) teachers, Nyima and Richoe, live and practice in the Tibetan refugee camp at Tashi Phalkiel ("auspicious blooming").

Due to the hardships created under Chinese rule, the ancient shamanic practice of the Tibetan nomad herders is rare in Tibet. And in Nepal, the pressures of modernization threaten the old teachings with extinction.



PAU NYIMA DONDUP, Tibetan Shaman

Both Pau Nyima and Pau Rhichoe have been named "Living

Treasures” by the Foundation for Shamanic Studies (FSS), in recognition of the authenticity of their practice and in order to help their practice and record it for future generations. Group work will include demonstrations and experiential teachings of the Tibetan shamanic system including visualizing, use of the *melong* (mirror), as well as the use of *mala* (beads) for divination. Students will also study the integration of Tibetan Buddhism (Lamaism) and shamanism at Tashi Phalkiel where both exist side by side. There will be opportunities to attend evening and/or morning prayers/chanting at the camp monastery, as well as have an audience with a *rinpoche* (knowledgeable high ranking lama).



PAU RHICHOE, Tibetan Shaman with Larry Peters

The group is led by Dr. Larry Peters, an anthropologist, psychotherapist, FSS Field Associate and author of three books on Nepalese and Tibetan shamanism. Dr. Peters has brought group to Nepal to study shamanism since 1997. His most recent article on the shamanic practice of Nyima and Rhichoe appeared in *SHAMANISM*, the annual journal of the FSS (2009).



Larry Peters

The cost for the two-week advanced intensive, including roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles, inland air and bus transportation, good/clean hotels, translators, shaman’s fees, and more is \$4995. All levels of practice are eligible.

For more information, see www.tibetanshaman.com, email lpshaman@aol.com or telephone Dr. Peters at 310-455-2713.

FEE SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FEE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare Los Angeles to Kathmandu (business class approx. \$2000 additional)
- Hotels in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- Transportation (air and/or private bus) Kathmandu-Pokhara-Kathmandu
- Air conditioned bus for inland travel (Nepal)
- Nepal visa
- Fees to shamans and staff
- Tips to staff

FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Individual healings
- Excess baggage (limit 30kg)
- Entrance fees to temples and shrines
- Most meals
- Drums and other ritual gear
- Personal expenditures
- Tips for personal services

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| NEPAL TRIP FEE: | \$4,995 |
| REGISTRATION DEADLINE: | November 15, 2010 (with 50% deposit) |
| Full payment due: | January 1, 2011 (balance 50%) |

REFUND POLICY: \$500 service charge for refund before December 1. No refunds after December 1st (date of nonrefundable international flight purchase and hotel deposits).

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NEPAL SHAMANISM EXCURSION
WITH SUSAN FEINBLOOM AND LARRY PETERS
FEBRUARY 5-20, 2011

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 2/5/11 Depart LAX
2/7/11 Arrive Kathmandu
2/7/11 Travel from Kathmandu to Pokhara via air
- 2/7-16 Work with the Tibetan shamans (*pau*) at the Tashi Palkhiel Refugee camp. Observe and interact on key rituals of healing: extraction, soul reempowerment, fire ceremonies and more. Evening group rituals with the shamans. Individual (optional) healings.
- Visit the camp monastery. Chant and meditate early morning and late afternoons (optional). Have an audience with the Rinpoche.
- Teachings on
- The interrelationship of Buddhism and shamanic practice.
 - Shamanic experiential work on divination with the mala
 - How to make a shaman's altar
 - Amulet making
 - Drum making (if there is enough group interest)
- and enjoy the wonders of Pokhara at the base of the Annapurna Range of the Himalayan Mountains, including the opportunity to:
- View sunrise at Sarankot
 - Visit the Peace pagoda
 - Horseback riding in the mountains
 - Paragliding
 - White water rafting
 - Easy over-night treks with ritual
- We will set aside one or two days to do these optional activities
- 2/17 Travel from Pokhara to Kathmandu (possibly by bus to visit another sacred site)
2/18-19 Visit Dakshinkali, Boudhanath, Pasupathi (Nepal's most famous holy places)
2/20 Depart Kathmandu and arrive LAX (same date)