

Drepung Gomang Tibetan Monks Tour

*Pittsburgh visit Friday, February 10th, 6-8pm
Schoolhouse Yoga, South Side location, 2737 E Carson Street*



Drepung Gomang is a Tibetan Buddhist monastery established in the Gelug tradition, founded by Je Tsong Khapa. The Gelug tradition lays special emphasis on the place of ethics, as expressed through monastic discipline, as the ideal basis for religious education and practice. Drepung Gomang College is renowned among all the Gelug Monasteries (Ganden, Sera, and Drepung) for its emphasis on and expertise in the field of logic and debate.

Drepung Monastery was founded in 1416 near Lhasa, the capital of Tibet. Gomang Dratsang is the oldest of the four colleges of Drepung. In 1959, before the invasion of Communist China, Drepung monastery had more than 10,000 monks. Gomang alone had about 5,500. Since its beginning, Gomang College has produced many eminent Buddhist masters and has been a very important Tibetan and Buddhist learning center.

Escape from Tibet: only about 100 monks managed to escape with His Holiness the Dalai Lama when he fled Tibet in 1959. They lived first in Boxa, North India, and then, in 1969, 62 of the surviving Gomang monks were given 42 acres of land in Mundgod, south India. There they started to rebuild Drepung Gomang Monastic Dratsang in its present location. Today approximately 2,000 monks live on these few acres.

This tour group is led by Geshe Nawang Tsondu, a monk who has achieved the equivalent of a PhD. He will give a talk on the main tenets of Buddhist philosophy and is happy to answer your questions about the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. The group will close with evening prayers.

This tour will help raise funds to educate, feed, house and care for almost 2,000 exiled Tibetan Monks. Requested donation, \$20. For more info, please visit www.schoolhouseyoga.com or call 412-401-4444.