


Tibetan Calendar 2013 - Water Snake Year

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2013 is the water snake year on Tibetan calendar based on the changes of moon. Tibetan calendar calculation is a very complete and scientific calendar calculation system. It was praised as "the most authentic calendar calculation" by Chinese Academy of Sciences.

With a history of at least 1500 years, Tibet was isolated from outside world for a long time due to its poor transportation system, but just because of the long-term isolation, unique Tibetan culture has been breeding at the top of the world. Nowadays, the transportation at this area has been greatly improved with the operation of Qinghai-Tibet Railway and many airlines. More and more tourists flock into Tibet by train or air to enjoy the breathtaking natural beauty and experience the splendid culture of Tibet. If you have a Tibet tour plan in 2013, the following is a list of the major Tibetan festivals for your reference when making the trip plan to Tibet.

Tibetan Festival Calendar 2013

Festival	Date on Tibetan Calendar	Date on Solar Calendar	Festival Tours
Tibetan New Year (Losar)	Jan 1	Feb 11, 2013	6-day Tibet New Year Tour
Great Prayer Festival (Monlam)	Jan 4	Feb 14, 2013	5-day Lhasa and Samye Tour
Butter Lamp Festival	Jan 15	Feb 25, 2013	4-day Lhasa City Tour
Saga Dawa Festival	Apr 15	May 25, 2013	Saga Dawa Festival Tour
Gyantse Horse Racing Festival	Mid Apr	Jun 23-Jun 26, 2013	Gyantse Horse Racing Experience
Universal Prayers Festival	May 15	Jun 23, 2013	4-day Lhasa City Tour
Lingka Festival	May 1- May 20	Jun 9-28, 2013	Lhasa to Katmandu Tour
Holy Mountain Festival (Choekor Duechen)	Jun 4	Jul 12, 2013	Tibet trekking tour
Shoton Festival	Jun 30-Jul 6	Aug 6-12, 2013	6-day Shoton Festival Tour
Nagchu Horse Racing Festival	Jun to Jul	Jul to Aug, 2013	Budget Nagchu Horse Race Tour
Bathing Festival (Karma Dunba)	Jul 6-12	Aug 12-18, 2013	6-day Lhasa and Lake Namtso Tour
Ongkor Festival (Harvest festival)	Aug	Sept, 2013	Tibet Bike Tour
Palden Lhamo Festival	Oct 15	Dec 17, 2013	Lhasa-Gyantse-Shigatse Tour
Tsongkhapa Festival	Oct 25	Dec 27, 2013	Lhasa to EBC Tour
Tsuina Festival	Dec. 29	Feb 28, 2014	Lhasa City Tour

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January in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Feb.11, 2013	2 February 12	3 February 13	4 February 14	5 February 15	6 February 16
7 February 17	8 February 18	9 February 19	10 February 20	11 February 21	12 February 22	13 February 23
14 February 24	15 February 25	16 February 26	17 February 27	18 February 28	19 March 1	20 March 2
21 March 3	22 March 4	23 March 5	24 March 6	25 March 7	27 March 8	28 March 9
29 March 10	30 March 11					

Note: Tibetan festivals held in Jan. on Tibetan calendar:

1. Losar Festival or Tibetan New Year – Date: Jan. 1 (Tibetan Calendar).
2. Butter Lamp Festival (Losar Lantern Festival) – Date: Jan. 15 (Tibetan Calendar).

February in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mar. 12, 2013	2 March 13	3 March 14	4 March 15	5 March 16
6 March 17	7 March 18	8 March 19	8 March 20	9 March 21	10 March 22	11 March 23
12 March 24	13 March 25	14 March 26	15 March 27	16 March 28	17 March 29	18 March 30
19 March 31	21 April 1	22 April 2	23 April 3	24 April 4	25 April 5	26 April 6
27 April 7	28 April 8	29 April 9	30 April 10			

Note: There is two Feb. 8s, but no Feb. 20 on Tibetan calendar in 2013.

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March in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Apr. 11, 2013	2 April 12	3 April 13
4 April 14	5 April 15	6 April 16	7 April 17	8 April 18	9 April 19	10 April 20
11 April 21	12 April 22	13 April 23	14 April 24	15 April 25	16 April 26	17 April 27
18 April 28	19 April 29	20 April 30	21 May 1	22 May 2	23 May 3	25 May 4
26 May 5	27 May 6	28 May 7	29 May 8	30 May 9		

Note: There is no March 24 on Tibetan calendar in 2013.

April in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 May 10, 2013	2 May 11
2 May 12	3 May 13	4 May 14	5 May 15	6 May 16	7 May 17	8 May 18
9 May 19	10 May 20	11 May 21	12 May 22	13 May 23	14 May 24	15 May 25
16 May 26	17 May 27	19 May 28	20 May 29	21 May 30	22 May 30	23 June 1
24 June 2	25 June 3	26 June 4	27 June 5	28 June 6	29 June 7	30 June 8

Tibetan festivals in April on Tibetan Calendar:

1. Saga Dawa Festival - Date: April 15 (Tibetan Calendar)
2. Gyantse Horse Racing Festival – Date: Mid April (Tibetan Calendar)

Note: There are two April 2s, but no April 18 on Tibetan calendar in 2013.

May in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 June 9, 2013	2 June 10	3 June 11	4 June 12	5 June 13	6 June 14	7 June 15
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

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June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22
15	16	17	18	19	20	22
June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29
23	24	25	26	27	28	28
June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6
29	30					
July 7	July 8					

Tibetan festivals in May on Tibetan Calendar:

1. Universal Prayers Festival – Date: May 15 (Tibetan calendar)
2. Lingka Festival – Date: May 1 to May 20, highlights falling on May 15 (Tibetan calendar)

Note: There is no May 21, but two May 28s on Tibetan calendar in 2013.

June in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 July 9, 2013	2 July 10	3 July 11	4 July 12	5 July 13
6 July 14	7 July 15	8 July 16	9 July 17	10 July 18	11 July 19	12 July 20
14 July 21	15 July 22	16 July 23	17 July 24	18 July 25	19 July 26	20 July 27
21 July 28	22 July 29	23 July 30	24 July 31	25 August 1	26 August 2	27 August 3
28 August 4	29 August 5	30 August 6				

Tibetan festivals in June on Tibetan Calendar:

1. Shoton Festival (Yoghurt Festival) - Date: June 30 (Tibetan Calendar)
2. Horse Racing Fair and Archery Festival (Nakchu Horse Racing Festival and Gyantse Horse Racing Festival)
Date: between June and July (Tibetan Calendar)

Note: There is no June 13 on Tibetan calendar in 2013.

July in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Aug. 7, 2013	2 August 8	3 August 9	4 August 10

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5 August 11	6 August 12	7 August 13	8 August 14	9 August 15	10 August 16	11 August 17
12 August 18	13 August 19	14 August 20	15 August 21	17 August 22	18 August 23	19 August 24
20 August 25	21 August 26	22 August 27	23 August 28	24 August 29	24 August 30	25 August 31
26 September 1	27 September 2	28 September 3	29 September 4	30 September 5		

Tibetan festivals in July on Tibetan Calendar:

1. Bathing Festival - Date: July 6-12 (Tibetan Calendar)

Note: There is no July 16, but two July 24s on Tibetan calendar in 2013.

August in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Sep. 6, 2013	2 September 7
3 September 8	4 September 9	5 September 10	6 September 11	7 September 12	8 September 13	10 September 14
11 September 15	12 September 16	13 September 17	14 September 18	15 September 19	16 September 20	17 September 21
18 September 22	19 September 23	20 September 24	21 September 25	22 September 26	23 September 27	24 September 28
25 September 29	26 September 30	27 October 1	28 October 2	29 October 3	30 October 4	

Tibetan festivals in August on Tibetan Calendar:

(1). Ongkor Festival (Harvest Festival) - Date: in August (Tibetan Calendar)

Note: There is no August 9 on Tibetan calendar in 2013.

Intercalary August in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Oct. 5, 2013
2 October 6	3 October 7	4 October 8	5 October 9	6 October 10	7 October 11	8 October 12
9 October 13	10 October 14	11 October 15	13 October 16	14 October 17	15 October 18	16 October 19

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17 October 20	18 October 21	19 October 22	20 October 23	20 October 24	21 October 25	22 October 26
23 October 27	24 October 28	25 October 29	26 October 30	27 October 31	28 November 1	29 November 2
30 November 3						

Note: There is no August 12, but two Aug. 20s in intercalary August on Tibetan calendar in 2013.

September in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Nov. 4, 2013	2 November 5	3 November 6	4 November 7	5 November 8	7 November 9
8 November 10	9 November 11	10 November 12	11 November 13	12 November 14	13 November 15	14 November 16
15 November 17	16 November 18	17 November 19	18 November 20	19 November 21	20 November 22	21 November 23
22 November 14	23 November 25	24 November 26	24 November 27	25 November 28	26 November 29	27 November 30
28 December 1	30 December 2					

Note: There are two Sep. 24s, but no Sep. 29 on Tibetan calendar in 2013.

October in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Dec. 3, 2013	2 December 4	3 December 5	4 December 6	5 December 7
6 December 8	7 December 9	8 December 10	9 December 11	10 December 12	11 December 13	12 December 14
13 December 15	14 December 16	15 December 17	16 December 18	17 December 19	18 December 20	19 December 21
20 December 22	21 December 23	22 December 24	23 December 25	24 December 26	25 December 27	26 December 28
27 December 29	28 December 30	29 December 31	30 Jan. 1, 2014			

Tibetan festivals in Oct on Tibetan Calendar:

1. Palden Lhamo Festival – Date: Oct 15 (Tibetan Calendar)
2. Tsongkhapa Festival – Date: Oct 15 (Tibetan Calendar)

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November in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Jan. 2, 2014	2 Jan. 3, 2014	3 Jan. 4, 2014
5 Jan. 5, 2014	6 Jan. 6, 2014	7 Jan. 7, 2014	8 Jan. 8, 2014	9 Jan. 9, 2014	10 Jan. 10, 2014	11 Jan. 11, 2014
12 Jan. 12, 2014	13 Jan. 13, 2014	14 Jan. 14, 2014	15 Jan. 15, 2014	16 Jan. 16, 2014	16 Jan. 17, 2014	17 Jan. 18, 2014
18 Jan. 19, 2014	19 Jan. 20, 2014	20 Jan. 21, 2014	21 Jan. 22, 2014	22 Jan. 23, 2014	23 Jan. 24, 2014	24 Jan. 25, 2014
25 Jan. 26, 2014	26 Jan. 27, 2014	27 Jan. 28, 2014	29 Jan. 29, 2014	30 Jan. 30, 2014		

Note: There no Nov. 4 and Nov. 28, but two Nov. 16s on Tibetan calendar in 2013.

December in Tibetan Calendar 2013 ([Recommended Tibet Tours](#))

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Jan. 31, 2014	2 Feb. 1, 2014
3 Feb. 2, 2014	4 Feb. 3, 2014	5 Feb. 4, 2014	6 Feb. 5, 2014	7 Feb. 6, 2014	8 Feb. 7, 2014	9 Feb. 8, 2014
10 Feb. 9, 2014	11 Feb. 10, 2014	12 Feb. 11, 2014	13 Feb. 12, 2014	14 Feb. 13, 2014	15 Feb. 14, 2014	16 Feb. 15, 2014
17 Feb. 16, 2014	18 Feb. 17, 2014	19 Feb. 18, 2014	20 Feb. 19, 2014	21 Feb. 20, 2014	22 Feb. 21, 2014	23 Feb. 22, 2014
24 Feb. 23, 2014	25 Feb. 24, 2014	26 Feb. 25, 2014	27 Feb. 26, 2014	28 Feb. 27, 2014	29 Feb. 28, 2014	30 Mar. 1, 2014

Tibetan festivals in Dec on Tibetan Calendar:

1. Evil Expelling Festival – Date: Dec. 29 (Tibetan calendar)

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