

Tibetan Festivals and Events Calendar 2014

Festivals or Events	Main Attractions	In Tibetan Calendar	In Solar Calendar
Tibetan New Year (Recommended Tour)	To celebrate the new year, Lamas are chanting and passing fire torches through the crowds. People are cheering for the coming new year by dancing, singing, and merrymaking.	1st of the first Tibetan month	March 02, 2014
Butter Lantern Festival (Recommended Tour)	It is the last high tide of the celebrations of Tibetan New Year. People go to pray in temples and monasteries. Lamas show the butter sculptures shaped in images of deities, animals, plants, and human figures.	15th of the first Tibetan month	March 16, 2014
Gyantse Damar Festival (Recommended Tour)	It is also known as Gyantse Horse Racing Festival. Contests in early times included horse race, archery, and shooting on gallop followed by a few days' entertainment or picnicking. Nowadays, the activities are enriched by ball games, track and field events, folk songs and dances, barter trade, etc.	10 th of the fourth Tibetan month	June 08, 2014
Tsurphu Monastery Festival (Recommended Tour)	Ritual dancing carried out by monks, unfolding of a great Thangka.	10th of the fourth Tibetan month	June 08, 2014
Saga Dawa Festival (Recommended Tour)	Sakyamuni's Enlightenment day. Huge numbers of pilgrims walk Lhasa's Lingkor circuit and Mt. Kailash Kora.	15th of the fourth Tibetan month	June 13, 2014
Drigung-til Festival (Recommended Tour)	Celebration lasts for 2 or 3 days, a special ceremony and cham dancing will be held in Drigung-til Monastery.	26th of the fourth Tibetan month	June 23, 2014
Tashilhunpo Festival (Recommended Tour)	Celebrated for 3 days. Different portraits of Buddha are exhibited each day. Cham dancing will be held inside the monastery.	13th of the fifth Tibetan month	July 10, 2014
Samye Festival (Recommended Tour)	Celebrated for 2 or 3 days. Religious ceremonies and cham dancing will be held in Samye Monastery.	15th of the fifth Tibetan month	July 12, 2014
Chokor Duchen Festival (Recommended Tour)	This festival celebrates Buddha's first sermon at Sarnath near Varanasi in India. Pilgrims climb the peak behind Drepung Monastery and also the ridge from Parbonka to the Dode Valley.	4th of the sixth Tibetan month	July 31, 2014
Ganden Monastery Festival	Ganden Monastery displays its 25 holiest relics which are normally locked away. A large offering	15th of the sixth Tibetan	August 10, 2014

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(Recommended Tour)	ceremony accompanies the unveiling.	month	
Shotun Festival (Recommended Tour)	At dawn, a huge Thangka will be unfolded at Drepung Monastery. Lamas perform opera in the main courtyard.	30th of the Sixth Tibetan month	August 25, 2014
Naqu Horse Racing Festival (Recommended Tour)	Celebrated in Northern Tibet's grassland. Various activities are held in the grassland of Naqu, such as horserace, yak race, tug of war, lifting stones and Tibetan operas.	-	August 10, 2014
Drepung Festival (Recommended Tour)	Celebrated for 2 or 3 days. Religious ceremonies and cham dancing will be held in the monastery.	8th of the seventh Tibetan month	September 02, 2014
Drak Yerpa Festival (Customize a Tour)	Celebrated for 2 or 3 days. Religious ceremonies and cham dancing will be held in the monastery.	10th of the seventh Tibetan month	September 04, 2014
Bathing Festival (Customize a Tour)	Lasting for seven days. Tens of thousands of Tibetan men and women go to river or lake to take a bath.	15th of the seventh Tibetan month	September 09, 2014
Gaden Ngachen Chenmo (Customize a Tour)	Also called Tsonkhapa Festival. It celebrates the death anniversary of Tsongkapa. Monasteries and households burn countless butter lamps everywhere and chant prayers.	25 th of the tenth Tibetan month	December 16, 2014
Ghost Exorcising Festival (Customize a Tour)	Also called Gutor. People begin to prepare for Tibetan New Year. Tibetan women will start to clean their house and prepare food. People also visit monasteries to worship Buddha and donate money or give gifts to monks. Tibetans also set off firecrackers to get rid of evil spirits.	29 th of the twelfth Tibetan month	February, 2015

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