

**Tibetan Festivals and Events Calendar in 2011**

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Events	Main Attractions	In Tibetan Calendar	In Solar Calendar 2011
Tibetan New Year	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.	1 st of the first lunar Month	March 05
Butter lantern Festival	It is the last high tide of celebrations of the Tibetan New Year. people go to pray in temples and monasteries, Lamas show the butter sculptures shaped in the image of deities, animals, plants, and human figures.	15 th of the first lunar Month	March 19
Tsurphu Monastery Festival	Ritual dancing carried out by monks, unfolding of a great Thangka	10 th of the fourth Lunar Month	June 11
Sagadawa Festival	Sakyamuni's Enlightenment day, Huge numbers of Polgriams walk Lhasa's Lingkor circuit and Mt Kailash Kora.	15 th of the fourth lunar Month	June 15
Drigong-ti Festival	Celebrate for 2 or 3 days, a special ceremonies and cham dancing will be held inside the monastery.	26 th of the fourth lunar Month	June 27
Tashilhunpo Festival	Celebrate for 2 or 3 days, a special ceremonies and cham dancing will be held inside the monastery.	13 th of the fifth lunar Month	July 13 Last three days
Samye Festival	Celebrate for 2 or 3 days, a special ceremonies and cham dancing will be held inside the monastery.	15 th of the fifth lunar Month	July 7
Chokor Duchon Festival	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 Prbonka to the Dode Valley.	4 th of the sixth lunar Month	Aug 3
Ganden Monastery	Ganden Monastery displays its 25 holiest relics which are normally locked away. A large offering	15th of the sixth lunar	Aug 13

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Festival		Month	
Shotun Festival or Yogurt Festival	Hanging at dawn of a huge Thangka at Drepung Monastery, Lamas perform opera in the main courtyard. The Giant Buddha Thangka is showed at the hill behind Drepung.	30th of the sixth lunar Month	Aug 29
Naqu Horse-racing Festival	To celebrate in Northern Tibet grassland and various activities are held in the grassland of Naqu, such as horserace, yak race, tug of war, lifting stones, Tibetan operas.	-	Aug 10 to Aug 16
Drepung Festival	Celebrate for 2 or 3 days, a special ceremonies and cham dancing will be held inside the monastery.	8 th of the seventh lunar month	Sept 5
Drak Yerpa Festival	Celebrate for 2 or 3 days, a special ceremonies and cham dancing will be held inside the monastery.	10 th of the seventh lunar month	Sept 7
Bathing Festival	During the seven days, tens of thousands of Tibetan men and women go to river or lake to have baths.	12 th of the seventh lunar month	Sept 9 Last seven days
Gaden Ngachen Chenmo	Also called Tsonkhapa Festival, to memorize as the death anniversary of Tsongkapa. monasteries and house hold burns countless butter lamps everywhere and chant prayers in his honor.	Oct 25	Dec 20
Ghost Exorcising Festival	Also called Gutor, when people begin to prepare for the new year, the Tibetan women will start to clean the horse and prepare food, People also visit the monastery to worship and donate money and gifts to the monks. Tibetans also set off firecrackers to get rid of evil spirits which is lurking around.	Dec 29	Feb 20

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