

Lunar Days Key Events and List of Annual Celebrations

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These Happen Each Month

00-03 White Tara Practice – Healing
00-03 Yoga Tantra -- All Seeing
00-05 Dakini Day (minor)
00-08 Guru Rinpoche Day (minor)
00-08 Gyalwa Gyatso (Red Chenrezik)
00-08 Medicine Buddha
00-08 Milarepa Lhatrup
00-08 Tara Puja
00-09 Dharma Protectors (minor)
00-10 Daka/Heruka Day (Male Deities) Feast Day
00-10 Guru Rinpoche Day
00-10 Heart Yoga Practice
00-13 12 Guardian Deity Offerings
00-13 Purification (minor) Prayer-Flag day
00-14 Fire Puja day -- Purification
00-15 Amitabha Buddha Day/Full Moon Day
00-15 Chakrasamvara Day
00-15 Full Moon Assembly
00-19 Dharma Protectors (minor)
00-19 Medicine Buddha
00-23 Tara/Healing (major)
00-23 Vajravarahi Practice
00-25 Dakini Day (Female Deities) Feast Day
00-25 Heart Yoga Practice
00-27 Purification
00-28 Purification
00-29 Dharma Protector Day (major)
00-30 30th Lunar Day New Moon
00-30 Buddha Day, Reading of Sutras
00-30 Vairochana Practice

These Happen on the Particular Lunar Month & Day

01-01 Losar, Tibetan New Year (Gyalpo Losar) (Buddhist Holidays)
01-03 Tragshul Trinley Rinchen
01-04 Monlam 3 wks. Festival (Buddhist Holidays)
01-05 Drikung Konchok Ratna
01-05 Rigdzin Kunzang Sherab
01-08 Birthday of 3rd Karmapa, Ranjung Dorje

01-08 Birthday of H.E. Tai Situ Rinpoche
01-08 Parinirvana of 9th Karmapa, Wangchuk Dorje
01-08 6th Karmapa, Tongwa Donden (Karma Kagyu)
01-08 Change all House Prayer Flags (Karma Kagyu)
01-09 Long-Life Rites (7 days) (Karma Kagyu)
01-10 Cho Nga Chopa 10th to 15th day (Buddhist Holidays)
01-10 H.H. 12th Gyalwang Druchen B.D.
01-13 Birthday of 7th Karmapa, Chodrak Gyatso
01-13 Jikme Trinle Ozer, Dodrupchen
01-14 Milarepa's Aniversary (Parinirvana) (Karma Kagyu)
01-15 Chonga Chopa - Buddha Performance of miracles (Buddhist Holidays)
01-15 Parinirvana of 7th Karmapa, Chodrak Gyatso
01-15 Parinirvana of Marpa
01-15 Buddha's Incarnation (Buddhist Holidays)
01-15 Chotrak Gyatso, 7th Karmapa (Karma Kagyu)
01-15 Garab Dorje (birth)
01-15 Magha Puja (Theravadin)
01-15 Marpa's Aniversary (Karma Kagyu)
01-21 Parinirvana of 14th Karmapa, Thekchog Dorje (1868)
01-21 14th Karmapa, Thechok Dorje (Karma Kagyu)
01-21 1st Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo, 19th century master
01-24 Parinirvana of 13th Karmapa, Dudul Dorje (1797)
01-24 13th Karmapa, Dudul Dorje (Karma Kagyu)
01-24 Drukchen Dungse Rinpoche
01-25 Smon Lam ends, studies begin (Buddhist Holidays)
01-26 Sakya Pandita Kunga Gyaltsen
01-28 9th Karmapa, Wangchuk Dorje (Karma Kagyu)
02-02 Orgyen Terdak Lingpa
02-05 Jamyang Shepa
02-08 Birthday of 6th Karmapa, Thongwa Donden (1416)
02-08 Sangye Yarjon
02-08 Yabje Kunga Rinchen
02-12 1st Shamar, Trakpa Senge (Karma Kagyu)
02-12 Jetsun Dragpa Gyaltsen
02-15 Parinirvana of 10th Karmapa, Choying Dorje
02-15 Gyalton Rinpoche
02-20 Do Khyentse
02-23 Parinirvana of 5th Shamarpa, Konchok Yenlag
02-24 Parinirvana of 3th Jamgon Kontrul Rinpoche (1992)
02-24 Parinirvana of 8th Tai Situ, Chokyi Jugne (1774)
02-25 8th Situ, Chokyi Jungne (Karma Kagyu)
02-26 Parinirvana of Taranatha
02-26 Jetsun Taranatha
02-26 Khuwon Kunga Gyaltsen
02-29 Parinirvana of 2nd Shamarpa, Kacho Wangpo
02-29 Expulsion of scapegoat demon (Buddhist Holidays)

02-30 Loter Wangpo
03-01 Kalachakra New Year
03-01 Parinirvana of Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche
03-01 Kalachakra New Year (Buddhist Holidays)
03-03 2nd Karmapa, Karma Pakshi (Karma Kagyu)
03-09 Birthday of 6th Karmapa, Thongwa Donden
03-12 Birthday of 4th Karmapa, Rolpe Dorje
03-15 Buddha revealed the Kalachakra Tantra (Buddhist Holidays)
03-15 Kalachakra Tantra Revealed by Buddha (Buddhist Holidays)
03-16 Terton Mingjur Dorje (Karma Kagyu)
03-18 Dezhung Rinpoche
03-19 1st Shamarpa, Dragpa Senge (Karma Kagyu)
03-22 Tashi Paldrup
03-25 5th Dalai Lama
03-26 Parinirvana of 15th Karmapa, Khakhyab Dorje (1922)
03-26 Drikung Kyobpa Jigten Sumgon
03-28 Birthday of 10th Karmapa, Choying Dorje (1604)
03-29 Jamgon Ngawang Legpa
03-30 Sangye Lingpa
04-01 Vajrakila rites (11 days) (Karma Kagyu)
04-07 7th-15th day Sakya summer festival (Buddhist Holidays)
04-07 Birth of the Buddha (Buddhist Holidays)
04-08 Parinirvana of Jamgon Kongtrul II, Khyentse Ozer
04-08 Parinirvana of Kalu Rinpoche
04-12 Khenchen Dampa Dorje Chang
04-15 Sangyepa - Buddha attained Enlightenment/Parinirvana
04-15 Poson, Arhat Mahinda in Ceylon
04-15 Saka Dawa - Buddha Enlightened (Buddhist Holidays)
04-23 Virapa, founder of Sakyas (7-day celebration)
04-23 Mahasiddha Birwapa Enlightened
04-25 Ngorchen Kunga Zangpo
04-29 Mipham's Anniversary (Karma Kagyu)
04-30 Nyala Pema Dudul (Buddhist Holidays)
05-01 Chakrasamvara 7-days (Karma Kagyu)
05-01 Chogyur Lingpa
05-02 Sachen Kunga Lodro
05-04 3rd Shamarpa, Chokyi Lodro (Karma Kagyu)
05-05 Medical Buddhas (Buddhist Holidays)
05-06 2nd Jamyang Khyentse-Chokyi L.
05-14 Khedrup Tenpa Dhargyey
05-15 Auspicious Fire-Puja Day (Buddhist Holidays)
05-15 Dzam Ling Chi Sang - Local Deities Day
05-15 Theravadin 1st Buddha teaching
05-17 Lam Rim teaching (one month) (Buddhist Holidays)
05-17 Nyoshul Lungtok (Buddhist Holidays)
05-18 Khenpo Ngakchung (Buddhist Holidays)

05-18 Shechen Gyaltsab Pema Namgyal (Buddhist Holidays)
05-24 Kungtok Shedrup Tenpe Nyima (Buddhist Holidays)
06-04 Cho-Kor: Buddha's 1st Teaching of four Noble Truths (Buddhist Holidays)
06-05 Chod - Practice 5 days (Karma Kagyu)
06-10 Birthday of Guru Rinpoche
06-14 Parinirvana of 3rd Karmapa, Ranjung Dorje (1339)
06-15 Birthday of 16th Karmapa, H.H. Ranjung Rigpe Dorje
06-15 Parinirvana of Gampopa
06-15 Varsha: Rain Retreat (45 days) (Karma Kagyu)
06-18 Birthday of 5th Karmapa, Deshin Shegpa (1384)
07-02 3rd Shamarpa, Konchok Yenlak (Karma Kagyu)
07-04 13th Karmapa, Dudul Dorje (Karma Kagyu)
07-05 Rigdzin Kumaradza
07-07 Birthday of 9th Karmapa, Wangchuk Dorje (1556)
07-10 Jomo Menmo (Buddhist Holidays)
07-12 Parinirvana of 11th Karmapa, Yeshe Dorje (1702)
07-14 Ngag Chang Kunga Rinchen
07-15 Parinirvana of 4th Karmapa, Rolpe Dorje (1383)
07-15 Parinirvana of Dolpopa Sherab Gyaltzen
07-15 4th Karmapa, Rolpe Dorje (Karma Kagyu)
07-15 Kunkhyen Pema Karpo
07-15 Sacrifice for the dead (India) (Buddhist Holidays)
07-15 Trapa Ngonshe discovers 4 medical tantras
07-21 Red Chenrezik Mandala (7 days) (Karma Kagyu)
07-23 Parinirvana of 5th Shamarpa, (1383)
07-25 Pagmodrupa
07-29 2nd Shamarpa, Kha CHod Wangpo (Karma Kagyu)
08-01 5th Karmapa, Deshin Skekpa (Karma Kagyu)
08-03 Birthday of H.E. 13th Shamarpa Rinpoche (1952)
08-05 Birthday of H.H. Sakya Trizin
08-08 The Water Festival (Buddhist Holidays)
08-10 Birthday of 15th Karmapa, Khakhyab Dorje
08-10 Birthday of 5th Shamarpa, Konchok Yenlag
08-15 Parinirvana of 5th Karmapa, Deshin Shegpa (1415)
08-16 Birthday of H.E. Gyaltsab Rinpoche (1954)
08-19 Parinirvana of Khyentse Rinpoche (1991)
08-23 Parinirvana of 8th Karmapa, Mikyo Dorje
08-25 Rigdzin Kumaradza (Buddhist Holidays)
08-25 Rigdzin Tsewang Norbu (Buddhist Holidays)
08-30 Birthday of 13th Karmapa, Dudul Dorje (1733)
08-30 Birthday of 3rd Jamgon Kongtrul, Lodro Chokyi Senge (1733)
09-03 Terton Karma Jigme Lingpa 5 days (Karma Kagyu)
09-03 Parinirvana of 2th Karmapa, Karma Pakshi (1282)
09-04 2nd Karmapa, Karma Pakshi (Karma Kagyu)
09-04 Dagchen Lodro Gyaltsen
09-08 Parinirvana of 16th Karmapa, H.H. Rangjung Rigpe Dorje (1981)

09-08 Beginning of Jigche Choto (Buddhist Holidays)
09-09 Parinirvana of Khyungpo Naljor
09-09 16th Karmapa, Rigpa Dorje (Karma Kagyu)
09-10 Tertön Sogyal
09-14 Birthday of Bokar Rinpoche (1940)
09-14 Khyungpo Naljor
09-14 Konchok Gyalpo
09-14 Sa Chen Kunga Nyingpo (Sakyapa)
09-15 Katrina Puja (Buddhist Holidays)
09-21 Jetsun Lorepa
09-21 Konchok Lhundrup
09-22 Founding of Karma Shri Nalanda, Rumtek
09-22 Descent from Tushita Heaven (Buddhist Holidays)
09-22 Exorcism Tor-Dok (Buddhist Holidays)
09-25 Adzom Drukpa (Buddhist Holidays)
09-25 Tsangpa Gyare Yeshe Dorje
09-28 6th Shamarpa, Chokyi Wangchug (Karma Kagyu)
10-03 Sangdu Choto (Gyume)
10-03 Vairochana (7 days) (Karma Kagyu)
10-04 Birthday of 8th Karmapa, Mikyo Dorje
10-06 Dolpo Sangye
10-10 Birthday of Jamgon Kongtrul the Great, Lodro Thaye (1813)
10-10 Birthday of Khanchen Trangue Rinpoche
10-16 Parinirvana of Pawo Tsuklag Trengwa
10-21 Ling Rinpoche
10-24 Chamchen Choje
10-25 Je Tsongkhpa Parinirvana (Ganden Ngamcho)
10-30 Parinirvana of 12th Karmapa, Changchub Dorje (1732)
11-01 Tibetan New Year (old style) (Buddhist Holidays)
11-02 8th Shamarpa, Chokyi Tondrup (Karma Kagyu)
11-03 1st Karmapa, Dusem Khyenpa parinirvana (Karma Kagyu)
11-04 Birthday of 8th Karmapa, Mikyo Dorje (1507)
11-06 Ngenpa Gu Dzom - 9 Bad Omens (Buddhist Holidays)
11-09 Birthday of 14th Karmapa, Thekchog Dorje
11-11 Lopen Sonam Rinpoche
11-14 Panchen Sonam Drakpa
11-14 Sakya Pandita
11-15 10th Karmapa, Choying Dorje (Karma Kagyu)
11-16 Birthday of 8th Tai Situ, Chokyi Jungne
11-17 Winter Doctrine Festival Month (Buddhist Holidays)
11-18 H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche
11-19 Jetsun Chokyi Gyaltsen
11-19 Talung Thangpa
11-22 Chogyal Phagpa
11-22 Dorje Bernagchen (9 days) (Karma Kagyu)
11-22 Wrathful Dorje Drolod (9 days) (Karma Kagyu)

- 11-26 Jamgon Kongtrul parinirvna the Great (Karma Kagyu)
- 11-30 Night next year's deaths known (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-01 Sonam Losar (Farmer's New Year) (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-02 Tormas begin to be made (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-03 3rd to 9th, Protector Worship (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-05 Beginning Demchok Choto (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-10 Birthday of 14th Karmapa, Thekchog Dorje (1799)
- 12-15 7th Shamarpa, Yeshe Nyingpo (Karma Kagyu)
- 12-15 Magha Puja, Sangha Day (Theravadin)
- 12-16 Phurbu Cycle Ritual (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-18 Parinirvana of Longchenpa
- 12-18 Rigdzin Chokyi Drakpa
- 12-21 Phurbu ritual (upper action+) (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-22 Phurbu ritual,(upper action+) (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-23 Phurbu cycle ritual (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-25 4th Shamarpa, Chokyi Trakpa (Karma Kagyu)
- 12-25 Phurbu cycle ritual (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-28 Phurbu ritual (lower action-) (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-29 Gutor (Exorcism) (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-29 Phurbu ritual, (lower action-) (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-30 Festival of Good Omen begins (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-30 House Cleaning Day Tibet (Buddhist Holidays)
- 12-30 Tashi (good luck ceremony) (in monasteries) (Buddhist Holidays)

Waxing Fortnight	Tibet		Waning Fortnight
Bad day for travel.	30	15	Unfruitful. Although seemingly good for giving, making offerings, requests to high authorities, making resolutions, and spiritual practices -- ceremonies of all kinds. The above activities will no bring no real results and prove barren Nothing should be undertaken between midnight and 3 A.M.
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<p>authorities, making resolutions, and spiritual practices and ceremonies of all kinds.</p> <p>Favorable activities include: marriages, initiations, teaching, large purchases, and building.</p>			<p>insight into all activities. You could succeed in any competition.</p>
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<p>Excellent days for taking a stand, asserting yourself, and taking action. Good for starting things, in particular, new buildings or projects. Favorable for being promoted in your life direction.</p>	03	18	<p>Unfavorable. Very difficult day. Reactive and disturbing reactions. Ethical acts fail; unethical succeed.</p>
<p>High-energy day, bringing increased skill and insight into all activities. You could succeed in any competition.</p>	04	19	<p>Good for travel (long journeys), as well as for marriages, large acquisitions, collections, teaching, initiation, blessings, and getting large projects underway.</p>
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			new buildings or projects, contracts, etc. Favorable for being promoted in your life direction.
Bad for Traveling.	06	21	Bad day for traveling.
Good day for traveling.	07	22	Good day for traveling.
Unfavorable. Very difficult day. Reactive and disturbing reactions. Ethical acts fail; unethical succeed.	08	23	Favorable for spiritual activities. Also for taking a strong stand or direction, starting something, seeking a promotion.
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Favorable for spiritual activities. Also for taking a strong stand or direction, starting something, seeking a promotion.	11	26	Good for giving, making offerings, requests to high authorities, making resolutions, and spiritual practices and ceremonies of all kinds. A day of success and good luck. Favorable activities include: marriages, initiations, teaching, large purchases, and building.
Favorable. A day of increased awareness.	12	27	Favorable. A day of increased awareness. Good luck.

High-energy day, bringing increased skill and insight into all activities. You could succeed in any competition.	13	28	Good day. Success in all things.
Bad day for traveling.	14	29	Not a good day for travel.