









## WHEN TO GO TO LHASA, JANUARY - JUNE (FAHRENHEIT)

		January	February	March	April	May	June
	<b>Weather</b>	Dry, cold and sunny days. Strong sun. Rare snow. Freezing nights. Can be windy.	Dry, cold and sunny days. Strong sun. Rare snow. Freezing nights. Can be windy.	<b>TAR closed for political reasons.</b> Slightly warmer and wetter than deep winter but still quite cold, sunny and dry. Windy.	Warmer and less stable but still generally dry, cool and sunny.	Generally warm, clear and green in the first half of the month, getting more rainy as June approaches.	Warmest month. Summer rains begin, most often at night, but can obscure mountain views.
	<b>High Temps</b>	44	48	54	60	67	73
	<b>Low Temps</b>	14	20	27	34	41	49
	<b>Days of rain</b>	0	0.5	1	0.5	3	8
	<b>Average Precipitation</b>	0.5	0.7	2	5	27	72
	<b>Festivals (Change year to year)</b>		2016: Losar Feb. 9; Monlam Feb. 23; Chenga Choepa Feb. 23	Losar sometimes comes early March.		2016: Saka Dawa month begins May 21. Regional pilgrims come to Lhasa.	
	<b>Tourism Season</b>	Low: Very few tourists. Lhasa is filled with Tibetan nomad pilgrims. Low Prices. Good availability for tickets.	Low: Very few tourists. Lhasa is filled with Tibetan nomad pilgrims. Low Prices. Good availability for tickets.	No foreign tourists allowed.	Medium. Fewer crowds early in the month. Beginning to get heavier later in the month.	High season. Avoid May 1 Chinese holidays. Prices high. Availability low.	High season. Prices high. Book tickets and hotels well in advance.
	<b>Closures</b>		TAR closed from: 2016: 2/20 — 2015: 2/10 — 2014: 2/20 — 2013: End of Jan.	March has been closed to foreign tourists since 2008.	2016, 2015 and 2013: re-opened on April 1. Recommend not traveling until April 15.		Political closures: 2016: June 18-23 — 2013: June 21-30 — 2012: June 1 to ?? — 2011: ~June 13-July 26.

## WHEN TO GO TO LHASA, JULY - DECEMBER (FAHRENHEIT)

		July	August	September	October	November	December
	<b>Weather</b>	One of warmest and greenest months but also rainiest. Clouds often obscure mountain views. Not a great time to hike due to rain.	One of warmest and greenest months but also rainiest. Clouds often obscure mountain views. Not a great time to hike due to rain.	Summer rains begin to taper off mid month. The weather is still quite warm and pleasant.	Pleasant, with summer rains generally ended and the temperatures still mild, though beginning to turn colder.	Colder but still mild temps during the dry, sunny days, though freezing nights.	Dry, cold and sunny days. Freezing nights. Rarely snows or rains. Strong sun.
	<b>High Temps</b>	72	70	67	61	52	46
	<b>Low Temps</b>	50	49	46	34	23	16
	<b>Days of rain</b>	13	10	7	2	0.5	0
	<b>Average Precipitation</b>	119	123	58	10	2	1
	<b>Festivals (Change year to year)</b>		2016: Chokor Duchen August 6; Ganden Thangka Display August 18	Shotun: Sept. 1-7		2016: Lhabab Duchen November 20	2016: Palden Lhamo Dec. 13; Ganden Ngacho Dec. 23
	<b>Tourism Season</b>	High season. Prices high. Book tickets and hotels well in advance.	High season. Prices high. Book tickets and hotels well in advance.	High season. Prices high. Book tickets and hotels well in advance.	A mix of high and medium. Very heavy crowds in the first week (Chinese Nat'l Holidays). Lower crowds in the later half of the month.	Low season. Better prices and availability.	Low season. Better prices and availability.
	<b>Closures</b>	2011: Closed from ~June 13-July 26 (60th Anniversary of Chinese rule over Tibet.)		2015: Sept. 3-11 for TAR 50th Anniversary		2012: Closed end of Oct. to Nov. 26 18th China National Conference.	