

## List of Public Holidays in Nepal in 2011

- Normally Saturday is public holiday in Nepal
- But Foreign Diplomatic Office is normally closed on Saturday and Sunday
- Government Office in Nepal is from 10 AM to 5 PM (4 pm in winter) and till 3 PM on every Friday.
- Following are public holidays announced by Government till April 2012 and normally government office and public institutions are closed. But it is not necessary that all private school, college, office need to be closed. They may open as per their own rule.
- Dasain and Tihar is biggest festival in Nepal and normal work can not be expected during these festival
- Government may announce sudden casual holiday at different occasion at any given day.
- Cow Festival, Indraajatra, Dasain, Tihar, Holi Festival are interesting even for tourists as these are full of culture shows of Kathmandu valley.

Date	Day	Reason for Holiday
14 Aug	Sun	Cow Festival
21 Aug	Sun	Birthday of Lord Krishna (Hindu Festival)
31 Aug	Wed	Teej (Holiday for women)
2 Sep	Fri	Teej (Holiday for women)
11 Sep	Sun	Indrajatra (Festival of God of Rain)
28 Sept	Wed	Ghatasthapana (Starting Day of Dasain festival)
<b>3 Oct to 11 Oct</b>		9 days holiday for Dasain festival, biggest festival of Nepal)
<b>26 Oct to 29 Oct</b>		4 days holiday for Light Festival (Tihar Festival, 2 <sup>nd</sup> biggest festival of Nepal)
1 Nov	Tue	Chat Festival
25 Dec	Sun	Christmas Day
30 Dec	Fri	Losar Festival

### **2012**

15 Jan	Sun	Maghe Festival
24 Jan	Mon	Martyr Day
19 Feb	Sun	Democracy Day
20 Feb	Mon	Maha Shivaratri Festival
22 Feb	Wed	Losar Festival (Chinese new year)
7 Mar	Wed	Holi Festival (Color Festival)
8 Mar	Thur	Holi Festival (Color Festival)