



# NATTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Season's  
Greetings*

with all our  
good Wishes  
for

New Year



## UPCOMING 51ST AGM

The 51<sup>st</sup> AGM of Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents (NATTA) has been slated for Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015. We would also like to inform all our valued members that the invitation and details of the **51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting** have been uploaded on NATTA website [natta.org.np/agm-2015](http://natta.org.np/agm-2015) for your kind perusal.



## नेपाल एशोसिएशन अफ टूर एण्ड ट्रामल एजेन्ट्स (नाट्टा)

### संघको ५१ औं बार्षिक साधारण सभा बारे सूचना

यस संघको ५१ औं बार्षिक साधारण सभा देहायको मिति, समय तथा स्थानमा हुने व्यहोरा सादर जानकारी गराउँदछौं । उद्घाटन समारोह र साधारण सभामा सबै सदस्यज्यूहरूलाई उपस्थितिका निमित्त यस सचिवालयबाट निमन्त्रणा पठाई सकिएको भए तापनि पुनः यो सूचना प्रकाशित गरि संघका सम्पूर्ण सदस्यज्यूहरूलाई उपरोक्त कार्यक्रममा उपस्थितिका लागि सादर आमन्त्रण गरिन्छ ।

मिति : २०७१ शुक्रबार माघ २ गते (२०१५ जनवरी १६ तारेख)

स्थान : होटेल रेडिसन, लाजिम्पाट

समय : बिहान ९:०० - १०:०० बजे : उद्घाटन समारोह (आमन्त्रित महानुभाव तथा सम्पूर्ण नाट्टा सदस्यज्यूहरु)

बिहान १०:०० - १०:३० बजे : चियापान

बिहान १०:३० - १:३० बजे : साधारण सभाको बन्द सत्र

विस्तृत जानकारीका लागि कृपया संघको सचिवालयको फोन: ४४१९४०९, ४४१८६६१ मा सम्पर्क राख्न हुन अनुरोध छ ।

## THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE NEPAL-TIBET (CHINA) JOINT COMMITTEE FOR TOURISM PROMOTION

The Eighth Meeting of the Nepal-Tibet (China) Joint Committee for Tourism Promotion was held in Lhasa from 23-27th December, 2014. Mr. Binay Basnet, Executive Member of NATTA was nominated to participate in the above meeting. Director General of Tourism Department, Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation Mr. Tulashi Prasad Gautam and Nepalese Consul-General Mr. Hari Prasad Bashyal had jointly led the sixteen Nepalese Delegates representing government and non-government sector in the meeting. From the Tibet (China) side, Mr. Zeng Wanming, the Vice-Chairman of Tibet Autonomous Region (China) led the 21 member Chinese delegates. The meeting, as felt by both the delegates from Nepal and Tibet (China) went very fruitful and a fresh MOU was signed by the Chief of the delegates on 25th December in Lhasa. Besides the agenda of easing the tourists mobility in the Tibet Region, the meeting also focused on the cross Boarder and Immigration points. The details of the meeting may be obtained from NATTA Secretariat.



## FITUR PARTICIPATION

The registration process for the participation on FITUR has been completed. However the stand build up and decoration process is going on FITUR.

For the better enhancement on the decoration of stall, 25% of the decoration cost is being contributed by NTB. As a result, Nepal pavilion will be attractively decorated with its unique decorations highlighting major tourism attractions.

NATTA, in conjunction with NTB is coordinating the annual fair FITUR 2015 to be held from January 28 to February 1st 2015 at Madrid, Spain. Coordinator for FITUR 2015 is Mr. Narayan Prasad Gurung Koney. The fair is being participated by the stakeholders of Nepalese Travel Industry, the eighteen final participants are :

- Makalu Adventure Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd.
- Destination Nepal Trek & Expedition
- Snowy Horizon Treks & Expedition Pvt. Ltd.
- Vista Travels & Tours Pvt. Ltd.
- Sampurna Aventura Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd.
- I-Tour Int'l Travel Service Pvt. Ltd.
- Nepal Social Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd.
- Royal Mountain Travel Nepal
- Yeti Travels Pvt. Ltd.
- Hotel Annapurna/ Fishtail
- 8eyes Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd.
- Tourism Management Travel & Trekking Pvt. Ltd.
- Himalayan Glacier Trekking Pvt. Ltd.
- Village Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd.
- Blu Sheep Adventures
- Asian Adventure Treks & Expedition Pvt. Ltd.
- Highlander Trekking & Expedition
- Manasarovar Pilgrimage Treks Pvt. Ltd.



Model of Nepal Pavilion at FITUR 2015

## Festivals of the world:: where to go in february

Festivals are a living, dancing museum of cultures and traditions in an increasingly globalised world. There is no better place for travellers to understand a country than an event where it proudly celebrates its individuality, whether through music, camel races or monumental food fights.

The top festivities for February are listed below:

### Chūn Jié (Spring Festival/Chinese New Year)

Location: [Beijing](#), [Shanghai](#) and [Hong Kong](#)

Dates: Lunar New Year (between 19 January and 20 February). For 2012, Chinese New Year festivities begin on 23 January.

Chinese New Year is celebrated around much of the world – where there's a Chinatown there's invariably a Chinese New Year party – but there's something special about being in one of China's major cities for the the high point of the Chinese year.

### Carnevale Venezia (Venice Carnival)

Location: [Venice](#), Italy. Piazza San Marco is the focus of the festival.

Dates: Begins two Fridays before Ash Wednesday, finishing on Fat (Shrove) Tuesday

The high point in Venice's social calendar, Carnevale is a masked extravaganza, and your chance to spend 12 days looking like the Phantom of the Opera. The world's best-known baroque fancy-dress party, it's as extravagant as Rio's Carnival is riotous, celebrating the approach of spring with refined gusto.

### St Valentine's Day

Location: Terni, [Italy](#). The feast takes place outside the Basilica di San Valentino.

Dates: Throughout February, but particularly 14 February Where better to swing hands with a loved one on St Valentine's Day than at the St Valentine's feast in the eponymous saint's Umbrian hometown.

### Battaglia delle Arance (Battle of the Oranges)



Location: Ivrea, [Italy](#). The battle takes place in the town's main square. Dates: Concludes on [Fat \(Shrove\) Tuesday](#) A part of Ivrea's carnival celebration, Battaglia delle Arance is something of an orange version of

Valencia's famed La Tomatina. For three consecutive days, nine teams of 'revolutionaries' (3,500 people in all) pound each other with 400,000kg of oranges.

### Art Deco Weekend

Location: Venues around [Napier](#) and [Hastings](#), New Zealand

Dates: Third weekend of February When the Hawkes Bay town of Napier was all but destroyed by an earthquake in 1931, [Art Deco](#) moved in. Rebuilt almost entirely in Art Deco style (with a splash of Spanish Mission thrown in), the town – along with neighbouring Hastings – is now one of the world's best examples of Art Deco design.

### Jenadriyah National Festival

Location: Al Jenadriyah, [Saudi Arabia](#)

Dates: Late February or early March

Held at a special site 45km northeast of central [Riyadh](#), Saudi Arabia's major cultural event promotes and fosters traditional cultures and crafts. The festival opens with an epic camel race that sees up to 2,000 participants sprinting across a 19km track, and then settles into a less frenetic pace.

### Rio de Janeiro Carnaval

Location: [Sambódromo](#), [Rio de Janeiro](#), Brazil

Dates: Culminating on Shrove Tuesday ([Fat Tuesday](#)), but beginning in earnest on the previous Saturday In Rio de Janeiro, Indian costumes and African beats were incorporated into the celebrations in a rebellious show of indigenous identity. Today, the anticipation of Carnaval fills the air months before the actual event. A key feature here is the Brazilian bandas – street parties guided by drummers and singers through the streets of Rio and tailed by whoever wants to dance behind them.

### Viareggio Carnevale



Location: Viareggio, [Italy](#)

Dates: Four Sundays leading up to Lent Famous either as a sun-and-sand resort or the spot where the poet Shelley drowned, Viareggio is otherwise known to festival-goers

as host to one of Europe's finest carnival celebrations. In Italy, it's second only to Venice's Carnevale for party spirit.

### New Year begins on chilly note

**KATHMANDU:** Cloudy skies and chilly conditions greeted the Kathmandu Valley on the first day of the New Year as moist air masses from Arabian sea brought light rain in most parts of the country.

Western region and the Kathmandu Valley may be chillier than the eastern parts of Nepal, as cold air masses originating in the Mediterranean Sea have been moving eastwards via Syria, Iran, Afghanistan and Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand of India. With the changes in weather pattern due to the influence of moving westerly wind and mass cloud from a low pressure area, western hills and mountains will also see more snowfall, according to Meteorological Forecasting Division at the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology.

### New Year eve gala around Burj Khalifa breaks Guinness Record

A dazzling show of New Year's Eve gala using 70,000 LED bulbs around the world's tallest building Burj Khalifa here has broken the Guinness World Record of the 'Largest LED-Illuminated Facade'.

The never-before-seen show of fireworks, Light Emitting Diode lights and laser beam displays became one of the world's most-watched New Year's Eve spectacle with residents and visitors from around the world thronging around the 829.8 metres tall skyscraper to watch the display.

The illumination around Burj Khalifa spanned 32,467 square metres and it surpassed the existing record held by Mall Taman Anggrek in Indonesia. The LED screen area around the skyscraper was nearly 3.75 times larger.

The record-breaking LED display had 70,000 LED bulbs placed in position using over 100,000 brackets and linked using 55,000 metres of cabling for the perfect visual display.

### CAPTURED PHOTOS



Buddhist monks walk around the Boudhanath Stupa during 6th Annual Nyingma Monlam of Nepal in Kathmandu.



Students at China's University found their own way of marking the start of 2015.



A journey of 1,200 kilometers - Hanjiang River in China

### Poor weather hampers search for AirAsia flight QZ8501 bodies

Poor weather over the Java Sea has slowed efforts to retrieve bodies and debris from the crashed AirAsia Indonesia flight QZ8501. The AirAsia Airbus A320-200 came down on Sunday on route from Surabaya in Indonesia to Singapore carrying 162 people.

A total of seven bodies have been pulled from the water so far, while parts of the wreckage of the plane have been located. One of those recovered was a woman reportedly wearing cabin crew uniform. Next of kin of people on board the aircraft have been asked for DNA samples to help identify the bodies as they are recovered. On board the plane were 137 adult passengers, 17 children and one infant. There were also two pilots and five crew. Most were Indonesian but the passengers also included one UK national, a Malaysian, a Singaporean and three South Koreans.

It is not yet clear what happened to the plane but its last communication was a request from air traffic control to move up to avoid bad weather.

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**"It's not that I'm so smart,  
it's just that I stay with  
problems longer."**

Albert Einstein

# how smart are you?

1: Do they have a 4th of July in England?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

2: How many birthdays does the average man have?

- ☐ 1 ☐ 66 ☐ 72

TAKE A TEST

3: Some months have 31 days; how many have 28?

- ☐ 12 ☐ 1 ☐ 6

4: How many outs are there in an inning?

- ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 6



5: Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow's sister?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

6: Divide 30 by 1/2 and add 10. What is the answer?

- ☐ 25 ☐ 70 ☐ 35

7: If there are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have?

- ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

## Answers

Yes, it comes after the third of July!

Just one!

12, all of them!

6, three per side!

No - because he is dead!

70. (30 divided by 1/2 equals 60! Takes some thinking....

2, you took them, remember?

60 - Start with the 1st pill, 30 minutes later take the 2nd, then 30 minutes for the 3rd.

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12. There are 12 2 cent stamps in a dozen!

8: A doctor gives you three pills telling you to take one every half hour. How many minutes would the pills last?

- ☐ 60 ☐ 90 ☐ 120

9: A farmer has 17 sheep, and all but 9 die. How many are left?

- ☐ 17 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

10: How many two cent stamps are there in a dozen?

- ☐ 6 ☐ 9 ☐ 12

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