

You can join the year-crossing events in Nara!

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You can participate in year-crossing events at various sites of Nara. And you're able to choose lively events with many people or serene atmosphere by yourself.

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		events		access				
The 1300th Anniversary of Nara Heijo-kyo Capital		Connecting the 4 sites by Nara-TV and Kintetsu-Cable-TV, an year-crossing event including countdown will be broad casted, and the opening of the 1300th Anniversary of Nara Heijo-kyo Capital will be declared and broadcasted with its event		inquiry: 0742-25-2010				
12/31 23:00~	countdown and opening	玄武(げんぶ=genbu=Black Tortoise)	Nara Park, Nobori-Ooji-En, etc	Basara-dance performance by a dancing group "Narabito" http://narabito.com/index2.html Yamato-Nabe, a kind of hot pot, is given (free)		5 minutes walk from Kintetsu-Nara-St. toward the east		
		北(きた=kita=north)						
		白虎(びやっこ=byakko=White Tiger)	信貴山 朝護孫子寺 (しぎさん ちょうごそんしじ=Sigisan Chogosonsiji)	The right photo is Sigisan's mascot "大寅(おおとら=ootora=big tiger)", which is to be a time capsule: if you put a letter in it on the designated notepaper & envelope, the letter will be opened in 12 years.		From Kintetsu-Shigisan-shita-Station, get on the bus for Mimuruen-Higashiguchi, and get off it at Shigisan. Then 15 minutes walk will bring you there.		
		西(にし=nishi=west)						
		朱雀(すざく=suzaku=Vermilion Bird)	金峯山寺 (きんぷせんじ=Kinpusenji)	The temple is lit up, and is basked with conch shell's tantara by practitioners of Shugen-do. You can also enjoy sitar performance.		From Kintetsu-Yoshino-Station, Yoshino Line, get on the ropeway and get off it at Yoshiniyama-Station. 10 minutew walk will bring you there.		
		南(みなみ=minami=south)	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kinpusen-ji					
	青龍(せいりゅう=seiryu=Azure Dragon)	室生寺 (むろうじ=Muroji)	The door of the 1st floor will be opened, and you can look at the Buddhist statue "Gochinyorai" which is Buddhist image normally withheld from public view.		Get off the train at Kintetsu-Muroguchi-Ono-Station, Kintetsu-Osaka-Line, then get on the bus to Muroji-mae, where you get off.			
	東(ひがし=higashi=east)	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muroji						
12/31 20:30~	薬師寺 Yakushiji-Temple	feature of the event	•Sutra copying  •the 108 times bells on New Year's Eve  •repentance ritual 	Get off the train at Nishino-kyo-Station, Kintetsu-Line				
12/31 22:00~	三松寺 Sanshoji-Temple	feature of the event	•Zazen(Zen sitting meditation) throughout the night entrance  Zazen site 	Get off the train at Kujo-Station, Kintetsu-Line, then 15 minutes walk will bring you there				
1/1 23:00~	護国神社 Gokoku-jinja Shrine	feature of the event	•Jyoya-matsuri <Ohitaki-matsuri> free sake Praying ritual for sasfety of the New year will be given	The shrine's presinct is full of camellia 	from Kintetsu-Nara-Station get on the bus to Fujiwaradai, then get off it at Gokokujinja-mae 			
1/1 00:00~	大安寺 Daianji-Temple	feature of the event	•Jyoya-no-takeakari 108 sets of bamboo firelight with free sake and free rice 	from Kintetsu-Nara-Station get on the bus to Daianji, where you get off. 				
1/1 01:00~	大神神社 Oomiwa-jinja Shrine	feature of the event	•Nyodo-Sai 3 torches are carried by shrine parishioners to its 18 sub-shrines 	After getting off the Train at JR Miwa-Station, take a walk about 10 minutes 				