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Lhasa
Tsedang
Chimpu
Travel to Tibet to celebrate the Tibetan New Year - Losar with the locals. Experience Losar with a local family and experience the rich local culture. Explore beyond Lhasa to many near by villages and pilgrim filled monasteries.

Type
Private
Duration
7 days
Theme
Festival, Winter getaways
Trip code
TWT-TCH-04
Price
From € 542 per person

Itinerary

Day 01 :
Feb. 21, 2020 Arrival at Tibet- Mythical land of Shambala (3,600m)
At your arrival you will be greeted by a Tibetan guide and driver and transferred to the hotel in Lhasa, it is only 68km and two hours from the airport, from the train station it is only 15km which takes 20 minutes. Take rest to acclimatize and alleviate jetlag. Crowds of people and a busy local market on the street last almost for the whole of February, people from villages all around come there to shopping for Losar preparation. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 02 :
Feb. 22, 2020 Lhasa city sightseeing, Jokhang Temple and Potala palace
Today you will visit Jokhang temple and Potala Palace. Jokhang temple is the most sacred shrine in Tibet which was built in the 7th century and located at the heart of old town in Lhasa, the circuit around it called Barkhor street, which is a good place to purchase souvenirs. Potala Palace is the worldwide known cardinal landmark of Tibet. Mostly it is renowned as the residence of the Dalai Lama lineage (Avalokiteshvara). Monasteries and temples are well decorated with new carpets and plentiful offerings.

Late in the afternoon, you might be shocked by seeing small boxes thrown around the crossroads in the city, that is the traditional way of welcoming the new year, each family prepares one box and fills it with a piece of old cloth and different grains, we believe that will take all the bad luck of the past year and hoping to have a successful one in the new coming year. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 03 :
Feb. 23, 2020 Lhasa City sightseeing, visit Drepung and Sera monasteries
Today you will be arranged to visit Drepung and Sera monasteries. Both Drepung and Sera monasteries are Gelugpa (yellow hat) sect monastic colleges. Drepung monastery was the seat of the Government prior to Potala, it was once the world largest

monastery in the history with 10,000 monks hailed from different monasteries all over Tibet. Sera monastery is famous for its Buddhism philosophical debate practice, the clapping sound and aggressive expression of the monks are well worth to see. Today it is the last day of the year and all the people are busy with tomorrow's preparation. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 04 :

Feb. 24, 2020 Lhasa, visit a local family and enjoy Losar with them

Today is the first day of the Tibetan New Year and you will be arranged to visit a local family and spend your Tibetan Losar with the family, you will see all the people in their new traditional clothes and in a very long line around the Bakhor street to see the Shakya Muni Buddha in Jokhang temple. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 05 :

Feb. 25, 2020 Lhasa / Samye monastery, 240KM, 5 hours' drive

Today drive to Tsedang via Gongkar county and you will visit a local family at Chedeshol village, and experience how the village people celebrate the new year, visit Samye monastery at the arrival, Samye monastery is the 1st ever Buddhist monastery in Tibet, it has a history of more than 1400 years. Overnight near Samye monastery.

Day 06 :

Feb. 26, 2020 Samye / Chimpuk hermitage / Tsedang, 40KM, 1 hour's drive

Chim-Puk Hermitage is to the north-east of Samye monastery, about 40 minutes drive. It's an ideal route for a day hike. It is said that there are 108 meditation caves, 108 spring mouths and 108 sky burial grounds. Embraced by lush hills on three sides and facing the broad Yarlung Tsangpo River Valley, the Chimpuk Caves is renowned not only for being the most famous meditation place of Tibetan Buddhism but also for its unique humane climate and beautiful scenery presented at an altitude of 4,300m. Just depend on your health condition, you will spend about 4-6 hours hiking at this holy place. Late afternoon drive back to Tsedang. Overnight at Tsedang.

Day 07 :

Feb. 27, 2020 Tsedang to airport, 100KM, 2 hours' drive

Your guide and driver will see you off at the airport, end the trip.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

All of our tours can be customized to suite your requirements, interests and budget. It is our specialty! Please feel free to contact us.

The tour price is based on 3 star standard hotels. At your request we can provide pricing for different levels of service such as budget hostel, luxury 4 star standard hotels or deluxe 5 star standard hotels.

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

All required government taxes and fees.

Please contact one of our Tour Advisors to get a custom quotation made to your requirements.

All required Tibet permits and domestic travel documents.

Your selection of 3, 4 or 5 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Local Tibetan guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Please note that on day 2 there is no private vehicle arranged as this day is a walking tour that will start and end from your accommodation.

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Meals that are not specified in the tour itinerary.

Optional Attractions that are not specified in the itinerary.

Flight tickets or train tickets in and out of Lhasa (Please note: We can offer you train and/or plane tickets in and out Lhasa from all cities within China. Please check the latest price with us via email.)

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