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Lhasa
Gyantse
Shigatse
Lhasa

On this classic Tibet tour, travel back in time and witness the unforgettable ancient culture of Lhasa, Gyantse and Shigatse. The amazing natural landscapes all the way presets you with the wonders of Tibet.

Type
Private
Duration
6 days
Theme
Culture and Heritage, Winter getaways
Trip code
WT-106
Price
From A\$ 855 per person
A\$ 778
you save A\$ 78 (10%)

Itinerary

In this tour you will not only visit the World Heritage Sites of the Potala and Jokhang Temples, two of three main Gelugpa monasteries in Lhasa - the Drepung and Sera, but you will also see amazing natural landscapes on the two day excursion trip to Gyantse and Shigatse including the holy lake of Yamdrok tso and Mt. Nyenchen Kangsar glacier. In Gyantse, you will visit the historical architectural wonder - Gyantse Kumbum and the traditional Tibetan old towns of Gyantse. In Shigatse, the 2nd largest town of Tibet, has the seat of the Panchen Lama - Tashilhunpo Monastery, also the large alive market to explore.

Day 01 :

Arrival at Lhasa [3,658m]

Upon arriving at the Lhasa airport or train station, you will be greeted by your Tibetan guide. From the airport to Lhasa city is 68km - an hour's drive will bring you to the holy city of Lhasa. Driving along the Brahmaputra river and Lhasa river, you will not only be amazed by the spectacular plateau scenery but also see flocks of black-necked cranes, wild ducks and many other kind of exotic birds. If you travel to Lhasa by train, expect to arrive in the late afternoon or evening. A 20 minutes drive will deliver you to your hotel in Lhasa city. Be sure to have a good rest to acclimatize to Lhasa's high altitude. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 02 :

Lhasa City sightseeing, visit Potala Palace & Jokhang Temple (B) - Walking tour is arranged today.

Today is your first day of sightseeing on the high plateau. We have arranged for you to tour Jokhang Temple and Potala Palace. Jokhang Temple is Tibet's most sacred shrine. Built-in the 7th century, Jokhang Temple is located at the heart of Lhasa Old Town and is circled by Barkhor Street. Potala Palace is perhaps the most well-known symbol of Tibet. This massive structure contains a small world within its walls. It is renowned as residence of the Dalai Lama lineages

(Avalokiteshvara). After sightseeing these amazing places, acclimatize for the rest of the day or you can walk around the Barkhor street. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 03 :

Lhasa City sightseeing, visit Drepung monastery & Sera monastery (B)

Today we will visit Drepung monastery in the morning and Sera monastery in the afternoon. 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 7,700 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. The rest of the day is for you to freely explore Lhasa old town on your own. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 04 :

Lhasa /Yamdruk Lake /Gyantse [4,040m] /Shigatse[3,836m], 360KM 7hrs drive (B)

Morning drive up to Kampala pass [4794m], you will have a glimpse of Yamdrok-tso and spectacular views of Holy Mount Nyenchen Khangsar in the distance, the turquoise-colored Lake Yamdrok Tso is one of the three holy lakes in Tibet, the unforgettable vista of pincer-shaped turquoise water of the lake and amazing spectacle of Mt. Nyenchen Khangsar glacier from Karo la pass are the wonders of the day. Then along the Friendship southern Hwy drive to Gyantse, visit the famous stupa - Gyantse Kumbum, one of the most stunning architectural wonders in Tibet. If the time is allowed, explore the old Gyantse town to get in touch with locals' life. Late afternoon drive to Shigatse. Overnight at Shigatse.

Day 05 :

Shigatse / Lhasa, 300km, 5hrs drive (B)

Morning visit Tashilunpo Monastery and the spectacular tombs of Panchen Lamas in Shigatse, and do its kora which provides a great view of whole Shigatse city, afterward visit the alive market in the old area of Shigatse, where you can buy the local handicrafts and also other local Tibetan stuff. Afternoon drive back to Lhasa along the friendship highway, have a stop at Nyemo county where you can visit one of local handcraft workshop for hand-made Tibetan Incense and Paper. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 06 :

Lhasa airport /train station send-off (B)



Your guide and driver will see you off at the airport or train station, end of 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.

3 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

3 Star hotel in Lhasa, Tsedang, Gyantse, Shigatse (shared twin room with private bathroom)

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.)

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 and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

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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