

Tibet Tour (Fly in Fly out)

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The Lhasa -Tsedang-Gyantse-Shigatse tour package is the “Golden Route” of Tibet tours. If you stay in Lhasa, you can only get a little taste of Tibet’s majesty, charm and diversity. The “Golden Route” will show you most of the real highlights of Tibet travel. The unique overland landscapes, the snow-covered mountains, plateau lakes and different monasteries and the chance to get close to the real people of Tibet.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive in Lhasa

Arrive at Lhasa (Gonggar) airport and be greeted by our airport representative who will escort you to the hotel with a 1.5 hrs drive. The rest of the day is leisure, acclimatizing yourself to high altitude. Dinner & overnight stay at hotel.

Day 02: Lhasa Sightseeing

After breakfast, we go for guided sightseeing that includes Potala Palace. This massive 13-storeyed building used to be the highest building prior to the early period of last century, used to be the former winter abode for the Dalai Lamas. It looks incredibly magnificent from a distance and could be viewed from various places around the town. As the nation’s supreme relic, the palace dates back to the 7th century A.D. In the afternoon we will visit Sera Monastery which was founded in 1419 by Sakya Yeshe, a disciple of Tsongkhapa. The “Buddhism Scriptures Debating” in Sera is worth observing.

Day 03: Lhasa Sightseeing

After breakfast we go for guided sightseeing that includes Jokhang Temple. Jokhang, the most sacred temple in Tibet, refers to “Buddha’s House” in Tibetan language because the main statue enshrined is said to be made by Buddha Sakyamuni himself in his lifetime. Jokhang Temple is the convergence of Tibet’s Spiritual and secular life, like Mecca for the Muslims, here you can see all the tribes from Tibetan plateau. The surrounding market is called Barkhor, one of the most important religious paths, which also assembles people for shopping. In the afternoon we will visit Norbulingka, the summer palace of the Dalai Lama.

Day 04: Drive Lhasa to Tsedang /Samye 165km

We will drive along the Tsangpo river to visit the fantastic Samye monastery, believed to be Tibet’s first monastery, built between 775 and 779 A.D. The original building is no longer

intact due to destruction caused by wars and natural disasters, but the monastery has been rebuilt each time and still remains the symbol of Tibet's national identity. Its main building is a three-story tower with an interior influenced by Tibetan, Han and Indian styles. In the afternoon we will visit Yumbulagang palace- the first building of Tibet as the palace for the first Tibetan king.

Day 05: Drive Tsedang to Yamdroktso/Gyantse (3900m). 340km, 7hrs

After breakfast we leave for Gyantse, after about 3 1/2 hours' driving, climbing over the snow pass of Kambala(4790m), have a overlooking the Yamdrok lake at top of the KambabaLa pass, the view of the lake and the snow peaks afar are marvelous and impressive. After coming down from the mountain, we continued our drive along the lakeside, stopping for about 90km, in the late afternoon, arriving in Gyantse, and visiting Perkhör Chode monastery in the sunset time.

Day 06: Drive Gyantse to Shigatse(3800m). 90km, 1 1/2hrs

After breakfast, we leave the small town of Gyantse to Shigatse, the second largest city in Tibet and the capital of Tsang, lying 354 km west of Lhasa at an altitude of 3,810 m/12,570 ft, visit to the impressive Tashilhünpo Monastery, home of Tibet's Panchen Lama, a sprawling complex with a gigantic Maitreya (Future Buddha) statue. Various temples contain ornate reliquary chortens. Visit Shigatse's outdoor market for some real treasures

Day 07: Drive Shigatse to Lhasa.280km, 3 1/2hrs

This day is an easy journey, driving along the Yarlung Tsangpo River back to Lhasa. On the way, stop at a small village side the road to visit the Tibetan handmade incense mill and workshop.

Day 08: Final Departure

After breakfast check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for onward flight to Kathmandu/ other destinations.