



16 days Beijing to Tibet tour - China's three golden cities and Tibet discovery tour

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📍 Beijing Lhasa Shigatse Mount Everest Lhasa Xi'an Shanghai

Travel from Beijing to Lhasa, enjoy the endless landscapes of China by visiting 5 cities in this Beijing to Tibet tour. Balanced with a fabulous journey in Tibet, memorable trekking in Mt. Everest and a cultural experience in Beijing and Xi'an.

Type

Private

Duration

16 days

Theme

Overland

Trip code

CTT-03

From ¥ ~~18,150~~ per person

¥ **16,500**

you save ¥ **1,650** (10%)

Itinerary

Have a Tibet overland trip from Lhasa to Mount Everest, seeing the fantastic landscapes and exploring the mysterious Tibetan culture all along the way. We offer the best driver and guides to during our Beijing to Tibet tour make your journey memorable and pleasant. More awaits in this tour as you discover the cultural heritages in Beijing and Xi'an. Learn about the differences between the Han culture and Tibetan culture of China.

Day 01 : Arrive Beijing

Welcome to Beijing, the first destination of your 16 days Beijing to Tibet tour. Upon arrival at the airport, our guide will meet and assist you to the hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to take a break or walk around the city on your own. Your Travel Advisor and local guide will have many suggestions on where to go and what to see around your hotels.

Day 02 : Beijing City Tour

This morning you will walk through the Tiananmen square, come to the magnificent **Forbidden City**, Showing thousands of royal wooden architectures and historical relics, the Forbidden city will bring you back to 500 years ago to explore the prosperous life of Chinese ancient emperors during Ming and Qing dynasties.

Then visit the **Temple of Heaven**, a religious place to hold imperial ceremonies during Ming and Qing dynasties. Based on strict Feng Shui requirements, every architecture in the temple has symbolic meanings, usually representing the Heaven and the Earth in Chinese culture. Afterward, head to the **Summer Palace**, a 300-year old royal garden that most completely preserved with richest landscapes and impressive garden buildings.

Day 03 : Beijing One Day Sightseeings

Start today's tour with a visit to the splendid **Mutianyu Great Wall** which is located among the orchards and pines in the mountains to the north of Beijing city. Take 2 to 3 hours to walk along the wall and enjoy the scenery. Climb to the top of watchtowers for having a glimpse of the spectacular wall, which presents the shape of soaring Chinese dragon to stretch along with the breathtaking mountain ranges.

After lunch, drive back to Beijing city and explore the ancient **Beijing Hutong** culture with an excursion to Beiluoguoxiang. Learn some cultures and characteristic layout of Chinese ancient courtyard from your local guide while visiting. You will also take a traditional rickshaw riding through the various Hutongs and to know about old Beijing's manners and customs.

Day 04 : Flight from Beijing to Lhasa

In the morning, drive to the airport for the departure to Lhasa, the capital city of Tibet. Your local guide will be waiting for you at the airport for assisting you to the hotel near Jokhang Temple. Since Lhasa is located over 3,000 m. (9,843 ft.) above sea level, the rest of today will be left free for you to start acclimatizing the high altitude, if you have any questions, please let your guide know so that we can assist you at any time.

On the way from the airport to the hotel, you will see the spectacular plateau scenery with flocks of black-necked crane, wild duck and many other kind of wild birds.

Day 05 : Lhasa City Tour

A morning visit to **Potala Palace**, the religious center of Tibetan Buddhism for centuries. The giant architecture looks like an ancient fortress, which involves the White Palace, used for the living quarters of the Dalai Lama, and the Red Palace, used for religious functions. Being as the landmark of Lhasa, Potala Palace will attract you by its simple but grand exterior as well as the exquisite interiors covered with beautiful frescos and priceless works of art.

Then head to the **Jokhang Temple** located in the center of Lhasa city. Jokhang Temple is probably the ultimate pilgrimage destination for Tibetan Buddhists. At the entrance of the temple, you will see waves of awestruck pilgrims prostrating themselves for praying for their gods. The street around Jokhang Temple is the famous Barkhor, you will also see pilgrims circumambulate the street clockwise, always keeping the temple to their right. Besides, Barkhor is the main shopping street in Lhasa, offering traditional arts and crafts.

Day 06 : Lhasa One Day Sightseeing

Start today by heading to the **Ganden Monastery**, which is located on the southern bank of Lhasa River, 60 km. (37 mi.) from Lhasa city. It is one and the earliest among the "great three" Gelugpa Sect Monasteries. The Kora in the monastery is very famous, along the way you will see large numbers of pilgrims and monks offering prayers, rubbing holy rocks and prostrating themselves along the path.

In the afternoon, drive back to Lhasa city and continue visiting **Sera Monastery**, another Gelugpa Sect Monastery which is well-known for its debating tradition. The debating is usually set within a stone walled natural courtyard every afternoon, where you will see some monks with clap their hand and debate the Buddhism scriptures.

Day 07 : Departure from Lhasa - Half Day Tour to Gyantse - Arrival in Shigatse

Today you will start an overland trip to the second largest city of Tibet, Shigatse. The journey will take about 7 hours' drive with many breathtaking attractions along the way. First, stop at Kambala Pass to have a glimpse of **Yamdruk Lake**, one of the three holy lakes in Tibet. The lake lies several hundred meters below the road's surface, and in clear weather is a fabulous shade of deep turquoise-blue.

Afterward, continue driving along the Friendship Highway, which is the main road from China to Nepal, and head to Gyantse, a small town which is famous for its wool and wood productions. Here you will take a short visit to the **Gyantse Kumbum**, a majestic white building which has 9 tiers and over 100 chapels. Then walk around Gyantse Old City Area to see if there are some interesting local souvenirs you want to buy. In the late afternoon, arrive Shigatse.

Day 08 : Drive to Rongbuk - E.B.C Trekking

Today you will be driven to the **Rongbuk Monastery** for witnessing the majestic **Mount Everest**. Cross over Gyatsola Pass, the first place where you can see the spectacular Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. then stop at Shegar for the checkpoint. Afterward, cross over Gawu La Pass, which is a good place to see the magnificent peaks which are all over 8,000 m. (26,247 ft.) in altitude in Himalaya Ranges.

Stop at the pass as you will have a chance to take some photos.

Take the local sightseeing bus to reach Rongbuk Monastery and E.B.C (Everest Base Camp). Mount Everest must be one of the world's most awe-inspiring sights in the world and makes the trek the perfect experience. See the splendid sunset of Mount. Everest.

Day 09 : Departure from E.B.C

Depending upon the weather, you may witness the sunrise at Mount Everest in the early morning. It will be an amazing picture that you have never seen before. Afterwards, take the private car and drive back to Shigatse.

Day 10 : Shigatse Half Day Sightseeing - From Shigatse to Lhasa

Spend today on visiting several attractions in Shigatse city. After breakfast, head to the **Tashilhunpo Monastery**, which once was the seat of the Panchen Lama. Above the white monastic quarters of the monastery, you will see a crowd of ochre buildings topped with gold, which are the tombs of the past Panchen Lamas. The Kora outside the monastery is also worth to see during your visit.

Next up with a visit to the **old Shigatse Market**, a place jammed with many small shops for selling local crafts. In the afternoon, drive back to Lhasa and take a rest in the downtown hotel.

Day 11 : Flight from Lhasa to Xi'an - Xi'an City Explore

Drive to the airport for the departure to Xi'an, the flight will take over 3 hours. Upon arrival, be warmly greeted by your Xi'an local guide and get settled into the hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to relax or go out for a short exploration of this ancient capital city on your own.

Day 12 : Xi'an City Tour

Morning drives about 40 minutes into the countryside of Xi'an to visit the world-famous **Terracotta Warriors and Horses**. While stepping into the museum, you will be impressed by the sight of the figurine army lined in neat formation for protecting the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor in China. It is a masterpiece of Chinese ancient people, which will grip all the visitors with grandeur and magnificent and capture their admiration.

In the afternoon, drive back to Xi'an city and head to the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, which is the most famous landmark of Xi'an. It is a square pyramid structure which stands at a height of 64 m. (210 ft.). You can climb to the top to take a fantastic view of the entire city of Xi'an.

Following you will go over to the Great Mosque, which is a charming blend of Chinese and Islamic architecture to explore the Chinese Muslim culture in Xi'an. Next to the mosque is the Muslim Quarters, where you can buy some souvenirs or antiques for your friends.

Day 13 : Half Day Xi'an City Tour - Fly to Shanghai

In the morning, pay a visit to **Shaanxi History Museum**, which is the most comprehensive museum exhibiting ancient China in all aspects, as well as a good place to learn about the Chinese history. Next up with a visit to Xi'an City Wall. It was once one part of the military defensive systems in the Ming Dynasty, you can walk along the wall and see the local people singing, playing games in the garden surrounding the wall.

In the afternoon, drive to Xi'an Xianyang Airport for the flight to Shanghai after you visit Shuyuan Men, a famous place that jammed with many shops for selling delicate traditional art crafts. Your guide will meet you at the airport and help you check into the hotel.

Day 14 : Shanghai City Tour

Start the wonderful today with sightseeing in **Yu Garden**, a peaceful and comfortable place in the center of bustling Shanghai. The garden is one of the most classic gardens of the south region because of the standout layout design and the unique pavilions, ponds, and cloisters which all retain their historical appearances 500 years ago. Next to the garden, there is a market, you can find many antiques and souvenirs for selling there.

Afterward, head to Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall to have a deep understanding of the scale plan of future Shanghai. Then take a visit to Shanghai World Financial center and take a glimpse of the so-called one of the tallest building in the world. After that, walk along **Nanjing Road** and witness the breathtaking scenery of the Bund.

Day 15 : Shanghai Excursion to Zhujiajiao Water Town

Zhujiajiao is a beautiful water town which is located in a suburb of Shanghai city, and today you will focus on visiting here. This over 1,700 years old water town is famous for its numerous rivers, 36 stone bridges and many ancient buildings that still line the riverbanks today. Return to Shanghai in the afternoon, the rest of today is flexible for yours to freely explore this city, go shopping or just walk around to get a better understanding of the city.

Day 16 : Shanghai Airport or Train Station Transfer

After breakfast, be escorted to the airport and ready for the departure. Wish you have a pleasant journey home. If you have any requirements on this Beijing to Tibet tour, please let us know and we can adjust it to meet all your needs.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

- Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

- 2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.
- All required government taxes and fees.
- All required Tibet permits and domestic travel documents.
- Where possible 3 star hotels will always be provided, if the city or town does not have then the local guest house or monastery guest house will be provided (i.e. tent / dormitory bed, no private bathroom etc.)
- The hotel accommodation is based on two persons sharing one standard twin room with private facilities in all relevant locations. If a single client requests a twin room alone, the single room supplement will be charged.
- 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.)
- Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.
- All domestic flight and train tickets. Economy-class for flights and soft sleeper / seat for train tickets.
- Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.
- Meals as remarked in the itinerary. (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

General exclusions:

- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.
- Tips for your guide and driver.
- 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.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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