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Enjoy a Minya Konka trekking tour to admire this holy mountain in western Sichuan. Fully explore the breathtaking scenery and mysterious Tibetan culture and religion. Camping equipment is provided to ensure your safety and you comfortable.

Type
Private
Duration
12 days
Theme
Trekking & Biking
Trip code
CT-05
Price
From £ 1,130 per person

Itinerary

This Western Sichuan tour balances a Minya Konka trekking and an overland trip to pursue the unique Tibetan cultures in Sichuan. Commonly known as the King of Sichuan Mountains, Minya Konka is the highest peak in Sichuan, standing at a height of 7,556 m. (24,790 ft.). You will have a chance to trek along the valleys to capture the magnificent scenery of this holy mountain. The pure green grasslands and white snow capped peaks will make you forget about the bustling life of modern city.

Day 01 :

Arrive Chengdu

This tour offers an opportunity to trek through one of the most diverse and scenic regions in Sichuan province. Discover its unique cultures and enchanting natural beauty. As you arrive in Chengdu, the first destination of this memorable trip, be greeted and assisted to your hotel. Your local guide will give you a talk about the trip after you get settled into the hotel. The rest of the day is for you to retire or walk around this city, which is renowned for its spicy food and leisurely lifestyle.

Day 02 :

Drive to Kangding

Start the tour today by driving to Kangding this morning. Enjoy the scenic drive, and see the landscapes change when the elevation rises from 500 m. (1,640 ft.) above the sea level to 2,000 m. (6,562 ft.) along the way. Stop at **Luding** to have a short break and lunch and visit the Iron Bridge.

After 5-6 hours' drive, you will arrive at Kangding-the capital city of Garze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. Spend the rest of the day for the acclimatization, or visit a famous temple Namo or Anjue.

Day 03 :

Kangding sightseeing for acclimatization

Today you will make your day excursion to Mugecuo, the most famous highland lake in Kham area. You will spend 3-4 hours trekking here for the preparation for Mt. Minya Konka trekking.

Day 04 :

Drive Laoyulin, then trek to Liangchahe [3,900m]

Drive about a half-hour to Laoyulin to meet the horse team, then drive another half hour to the trekking start point, then spend about 6-7 hours trekking via a beautiful valley with rushing glacier rivers. Camping.

Day 05 :

Trek to Upper Riwoche [4,200m]

Trek about 5 hours, view the snow mountains in front and behind you. Camping.

Day 06 :

Trek to Upper Moxi Valley [3,900m]

Trek about 6-7 hours, difficult day starts by walking up to the 4900m pass. A panoramic view by the top of the Riwoche pass where you can see great views of the mountains in Gonggashan. Camping.

Day 07 :

Trek to Winter Pasture [3,600m]

Full-day walking in the lush Moxi valley. River-crossing involved. Camping.

Day 08 :

Trek to Gongga Monastery [3,900m]

Continue to walk to the south and make a U-turn to the Gongga Gompa, about 5-6 hours. There is only one monk living here. Stay overnight at guesthouses near the Gompa.

Day 09 :

Trek to Zimei Village - Drive to Tagong

Say goodbye to Minya Konka this morning. Trek the last 2 hours to Zimei village to meet your driver at some point. Then drive to Tagong, a beautiful place which is famous for the grassland.

In the afternoon, you will visit the **Tagong Monastery**, which is called the 'Small Jokhang Temple'. This monastery is one of the best places to learn about the Tibetan Buddha in Sichuan. It preserves Sakyamuni Buddha figure that has been housed here since the late 7th century. According to legend, the Tang Princess Wengcheng left the figure hereafter it fell out of the baggage train and whispered that it would like to stay in Tagong. Walk around at the foot of Yala Sacred Mountain and Snow Mountain to appreciate the natural beauty.

Day 10 :

Drive to Danba - Jiaju Tibetan Village

After breakfast, say farewell to Tagong, and drive to Danba to visit the Tibetan village **Jiaju**. Stop at Bamei to visit the 11th Dalai Lama's birthplace - Huiyuan Gompa. Jiaju is regarded as one of the most beautiful villages in China, the name Jiaju means one hundred families in the Tibetan language. This peaceful village is located at the foot of Yaxiao Mountain, which is known as the sacred mountain by the locals. Climb up to the mountainside, you will see many elegant white Tibetan houses scattered in the forest, resembling many stars in the sky.

Day 11 :

Drive Back to Chengdu

Morning you will visit the beautiful Zhonglu village, Zhonglu literally means "the place mankind and God both look forward to" in Tibetan. The elegant white Tibetan houses embellish in the forest on the hill which scattered all over like stars in the sky.

Afterward, you will leave the beautiful Western Sichuan for Chengdu. Upon your arrival in Chengdu in the late afternoon, get settled into the hotel to retire.

Day 12 :

Chengdu Panda Tour - Departure From Chengdu

Head to the Chengdu Panda Base, where you will see the adorable pandas in this morning. Spend time and get up close with the panda, one of the rarest animals in China. Now the giant panda only lives in Sichuan Province mountain ranges in central China and cultivation centers like the Chengdu Panda Base. See the morning feeding the pandas and learn about their lifestyle during your visit.

After lunch, your driver and local guide will drive you to the airport for departure. If you wish to continue your travels, we are experts in tailor made trips and ready to assist you in extending your stay in China.

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.

Optional personal camel or horse riding fees.

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

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

Necessary oxygen and medicine for the acute high altitude sickness.

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.)

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

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.

All necessary Yak(s) or Horse(s) with caretakers for portage of luggage.

Camping gears for the trekking including tent, mattress and sleeping bags. (Optional)

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

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (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.

All necessary animals for portage of luggage. with their caretakers (i.e. Camels, Horses or Yaks).

Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.

All meals during the trekking. Food will vary a combination of packaged with cooked dinners by your guide.

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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