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Tibet Nagchu Horse Racing Festival is one of the main summer festivals in Tibet. Join this festival tour and see with your own eyes the local brave Tibetan herdsman's skilled riding techniques while experiencing authentic Tibetan culture.

Type

Private

Duration

8 days

Theme

Festival

Trip code

TFT-05

Price

From £ 674 per person

Itinerary

Day 01 :

Aug. 5, Arrival at Lhasa [3,658m]

Upon arrival at Lhasa airport or train station, to be met and transferred to your hotel in Lhasa. Then have a good rest to acclimatize the high altitude. Overnight at Lhasa. **B=breakfast**

Day 02 :

Aug. 6, Lhasa City sightseeing, visit Potola Palace & Jokhang Temple

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. The massive structure itself contains a small world within it. Mostly it is renowned as residence of the Dalai Lama lineages (Avalokiteshvara). Both of them are the focal points of pilgrims from the entire Tibetan world, multitudinous pilgrims are circumambulating and prostrating in their strong faith. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 03 :

Aug. 7, 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 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. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 04 :

Aug. 8, Lhasa / Namtso (4,700M, 240Km / 3-4 hours drive)

Today you will have about 3-4 hours pleasant drive to Namtso Lake, the driving will be in the vast northern Tibetan grassland, with magnificent views of the Nyenchen Thanglha snow mountain ranges. Pass by Damxung town, you will cross the high pass Largen-la [5190m], where you will have the first view of Namtso lake. It is one of the highest and spectacularly beautiful lakes in Tibet. It is also the highest altitude saltwater lake in the world. The water here is crystal-clear blue. In Tibetan, Namtso means 'Heavenly Lake', considered one of the three holy lakes in Tibet. Upon arrival, you will have time to freely explore the lake and enjoy the glory of the sunset over the lake. Overnight at Namtso Lake local guesthouse.

Day 05 :

Aug. 9, Namtso - Nagchu (4,500M, 194KM, about 4-5 hours drive)

Enjoy the sunrise over the lake if the weather permits, free walk around to enjoy the peaceful moment before the flood tourists arrive. Afternoon head to Nagchu by driving in the vast Qiangtang grassland. Nagchu is the political and cultural center of the Northern Tibet, the annual Horse race festival is an important folk festival here. Overnight at Nagchu local guesthouse.

Day 06 :

Aug. 10, Nagchu Horse Racing Festival

Today you will attend the Horse Racing Festival. The festival, held in August, the best time of the year, is attended by tens of thousands of herders coming on horseback from as far as hundreds of kilometers away. Dressing themselves and their finest horse, thousands of herdsman participate in the thrilling horse race, archery, and horsemanship contest. Other folk activities and commodity fairs are also held. Overnight at Nagchu local guest house or tent guest house.

Day 07 :

Aug. 11, Nagchu / Lhasa (3,650M high, 338KM, about 5-6 hour drive)

Morning attends the Horse Racing Festival, afternoon drive back to Lhasa. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 08 :

Aug. 12, Lhasa airport /train station dropping off (B)

Morning Lhasa airport or train station dropping off, end the trip.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

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.

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.)

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.)

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

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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