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Lhasa
Join our Tibetan Shoton Festival Tour and experience one of Tibet's major religious celebrations on Aug. 4th 2024. Enjoy the grand unveiling of Thangkas at Drepung Monastery and lively Tibetan opera performances at Norbulingka Palace and more.

Type
Private
Duration
5 days
Theme
Culture and Heritage, Festival
Trip code
TFT-03
Price
From \$ 468 per person

Itinerary

Shoton Festival is one of the major traditional festivals in Tibet. In 2023, this festival will take place between Aug. 16 to 21. The activities may involve the Biggest Thangka Display at Drepung Monastery and Sera Monastery, pilgrims will go to monasteries to offer their family made Yoghurt, the singing and dancing in front of Potala Palace, the Tibetan Opera at Summer Palace-Norbulingka, the fire parties at night, Barle beer show, some expos etc. Each year, they may have different activities.

Day 01 :

2 Aug. 2024: 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.

Day 02 :

3 Aug. 2024: Lhasa City sightseeing, visit Potala Palace & Jokhang Temple - Walking Tour with your Tibetan Guide (B)
Today is your first day of sightseeing on the high plateau, so we have purposely arranged only to 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. If time allows, follow your guide to enjoy a cup of Tibetan sweet tea in a local Tibetan tea house. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 03 :

4 Aug. 2024: Lhasa sightseeing Shoton Festival - The Opening Ceremony at Drepung Monastery(B)

Today is the first day of Shoton Festival, get up early and join with the locals to head to Drepung monastery, here you will watch the Big Thangka displaying which stands for the Shoton festival begins. In the afternoon head to Sera Monastery for the very exciting monks debating, Big Thangka displaying may also happen in this monastery. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 04 :

5 Aug. 2024: Lhasa sightseeing - More Shoton Festival Activities - Horse Race & Tibetan Opera (B)

One more day in Lhasa to feel and enjoy the activities of Shoton Festival. Morning drive to Lhasa Race Course to see the exciting Horse and Yak Race, afternoon enjoy the Tibet Opera at Summer Palace - Nobulingka, afterwards pay a visit to Tibet Museum. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 05 :

6 Aug. 2024: 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.

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

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.)

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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