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Lhasa
Gyantse
Shigatse
Lhasa

Experience the Tibet New Year atmosphere with a local family, dining, singing, yak dumplings and more. All ways Tibetans celebrate the New Year arrival. Enjoy a happy time and explore beyond Lhasa into the best highland scenery in the world.

Type
Private
Duration
6 days
Theme
Festival
Trip code
TFT-02
Price
From £ 452 per person

Itinerary

Tibetan new year is the most important festival for Tibetan just like Christmas in the west. What special things happen during the festival? Are you keen on the Tibetan culture? Do you want to celebrate the Tibetan New Year with Tibetan people? Are you wondering what traditional things are inherited and which sides reflect modern influence? Join this 6-day Celebrate Tibetan new year festival tour in Tibet, you will have a deep understanding of Tibet culture, tradition and lifestyle of local Tibetans.

Day 01 :
9 Feb. 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 :

10 Feb. 2024: Lhasa City sightseeing, visit Potola Palace & Jokhang Temple

Today is the first day of Tibetan New year. You will be arranged 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. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 03 :

11 Feb. 2024: Lhasa city sightseeing, visit Norbulingka and Sera monastery

Start your sightseeing from Norbulingka - the summer palace of Dalai lamas. 'NorbuLinka' means beautiful gardens. This garden covers an area of 36 hectares and it is the annual vacation home for the 7th to the 14th Dalai Lama, who would move here from the Potala Palace to this summer palace and spend most of their summer here. Afterward, visit Sera Monastery sits at the foot of the mountains. One of the three main Gelugpa monasteries in Lhasa, Sera is an important spiritual center for Buddhist monks. During the Tibetan new year festival, Tibetan people prefer to go worship in the monasteries all around the Lhasa such as Jokhang, Sera, Drepung, etc. If possible watch the ritual dance somewhere in a monastery. Also in the monastery, they all are very busy with putting new decorations all around the monasteries and also changes new carpets too.

Day 04 :

12 Feb. 2024: Lhasa / Yamdrok Lake / Shigatse [3,836m], 360KM, 7 hours' drive

After breakfast, drive up to Kambala pass[4794m high], you will have a glimpse of Yamdrok-Tso there, which is one of the three holy lakes in Tibet. Then along the Friendship southern Hwy to Gyantse, a short stop at Karo La pass[5100m] which is overlooked by Mt. Nyenchen Kangsar glacier. Visit the famous stupa - Gyantse Kumbum, the most stunning architectural wonder in Tibet. Late afternoon drive to Shigatse. Overnight at Shigatse.

Day 05 :

13 Feb. 2024: Shigatse / Lhasa, 300km, 5-6 hours' drive

Morning visit Tashilunpo Monastery and the spectacular tombs of Panchen Lamas, then do its kora with local people. Afternoon drive back to Lhasa along the friendship highway. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 06 :

14 Feb. 2024: Lhasa airport / train station send-off (B)

Your guide and driver will see you off at the airport or train station, end of 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.

3 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.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

Comfortable and clean 7/8 seats minivan for groups of 5 persons or less; for larger groups minibus and tourist coach are available.

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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