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Travel to the Tibetan capital Lhasa and beyond with a variety of activities to experience natural beauty and rich culture. See Brahmaputra the trans Tibet river along with stops at top attractions and a hike in Kichu Valley near Ganden Monastery.

Type

Private

Duration

5 days

Theme

Culture and Heritage, Winter getaways

Trip code

WT-105

Price

From £ 282 per person

Itinerary

Lhasa, the historic capital city of Tibet, its golden sunshine and blue sky is the dream of many travelers all over the world, it is also the pilgrimage destination of all Tibetans, pilgrims are busy with their full-body-prostration circulation around the Jokhang temple and Barkhor Street. There are also many famous monasteries, such as Sera and Drepung Monastery, and summer palace of Dalai lama-Norbulingka. After visiting all these monasteries, guess you want to explore more nature, visit Ganden will allow you to see the rural area of Tibet, in addition to its magnificent architecture and religious importance, there is an extremely fabulous view on top of the Ganden Wangpo Hill, and Kichu valley is behind Ganden monastery, it is strongly suggested to hiking around the monastery and take a bird's-eye view of the valley. Lhasa and Ganden is suitable to visit throughout the year.

Day 01 :

Arrival at Lhasa [3,658m]

B=breakfast

Upon your arrival at Lhasa airport or train station, you will be greeted by your Tibetan guide, from airport to Lhasa city is 68km, around an hour drive will take you to the holy city Lhasa. Driving along the Brahmaputra river and Lhasa river, you will not only be amazed by the spectacular plateau scenery but also have a chance to see flocks of black-necked crane, wild duck and many other kind of wild birds, if you are not tired, stop at Nethang Giant Buddha cave on the way. If you take the train to Lhasa, normally you will arrive in the late afternoon or evening, 20 minutes drive will take you to your hotel in Lhasa city. Check into hotel, have a good rest to acclimatize the high altitude. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 02 :

Lhasa City sightseeing, visit Potala Palace & Jokhang Temple (B) - Walking tour is arranged today.

Today is your first day of sightseeing on the high plateau, so we have purposely arranged only Jokhang temple and Potala Palace. Jokhang temple is Tibet's most sacred shrine built in 7th century, Located at the heart of old town of Lhasa and the

circuit around it called Barkhor street. 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 entire Tibetan world, multitudinous pilgrims are circumambulating and prostrating in their strong faith. After the sightseeing continues acclimatize for rest of the day or you can walk around the Barkhor street. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 03 :

Lhasa City sightseeing, visit Drepung monastery, Sera monastery (B)

Today you will be arranged to visit Drepung in the morning and Sera monasteries in the afternoon. Both Drepung and Sera 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 10,000 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 :

One day tour to Ganden Monastery[4,500m] (B)

Morning drive about 60 km eastward to Ganden Monastery, which ranks the first among the six largest monasteries of Gelugpa (Yellow hat sect). In addition to its magnificent architecture and religious importance, there is an extremely fabulous view on top of the Ganden Wangpo Hill, and Kichu valley is behind Ganden monastery, it is strongly suggested to hiking around the monastery and take a bird's-eye view of the valley. Afternoon drive back to Lhasa, you have time to shop souvenirs to your family and friends. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 05 :

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.

Prices

Period

2 Persons

3 Persons

4-6 Persons

Nov. to Mar.

Regular price£ 391£ 326£ 282

Apr. to Jun. and late Oct.

Regular price£ 435£ 359£ 315

Jul. to mid Oct.

Regular price£ 489£ 402£ 359

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.

The tour price is based on 3 star standard hotels. At your request we can provide pricing for different levels of service such as budget hostel, luxury 4 star standard hotels or deluxe 5 star standard hotels.

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

All required government taxes and fees.

All required Tibet permits and domestic travel documents.

3 Star hotel located near Barkhor Street (shared twin room with private bathroom)

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.)

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

Comfortable and clean private minivan with driver (please note that on days designated with walking tours, no private vehicle will be arranged by default.)

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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