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Lhasa

Namtso

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Tibet's capital Lhasa is the cultural and historic mecca of buddhism. This shorter trip visits all the highlights of Lhasa's temples, monasteries and a visit to breathtaking holy Namtso lake with its fantastic natural scenery.

Type

Private

Duration

5 days

Theme

Culture and Heritage, Natural scenery

Trip code

WT-102

Price

From CN¥ 3,600 per person

### Itinerary

This short 5 day tour includes two day Lhasa city sightseeing and one day excursion to holy lake -Namtso. 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 and other Buddhists, pilgrims are busy with their full-body-prostration circulation around the Jokhang temple and Bakhor Street. The monasteries Drepung and Sera are two of the three biggest Gelupa monasteries in Lhasa area, which are also worth visiting. Namtso is located in the vast North-Tibet Grasslands, which is regarded as one of three holy lakes in Tibet. With bright turquoise water surrounded by snow capped mountains in this Vast Grasslands, Namtso Lake is really a must-see at your Tibet journey. Since Namtso Lake is about 250KM away from Lhasa, it is better to prepare a two day trip with overnight at local tent guest house.

Day 01 :

Arrival at Lhasa[3595m]

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 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 Buhhda caving 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 Drepung monastery and Sera monastery (B)

Today is your first day of sightseeing on the high plateau, so we have purposely arranged only Drepung monastery in the morning and Sera Monastery 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(Not available on Sunday), the clapping sound and aggressive expression of the monks are well worth to see. Overnight at Lhasa.

**Day 03 :**

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

After one and half day day acclimatization of the high altitude in Lhasa city, today you will be arranged to visit Jokhang Temple and Potala Palace. Jokhang temple is Tibet's most scared 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 your guide will take you to drink the Tibetan sweet tea at once sweet tea shop near Barkhor, afterwards you can freely walk around the Barkhor street. Overnight at Lhasa.

**Day 04 :**

Lhasa / Namtso Lake[4730m] / Nomad Family visit / Lhasa (B)

Today make a day tour to Namtso Lake. Driving along Northern Tibetan grassland, distance view of the Nyenchen Thanglha snow mountain ranges, from the Largen-la pass[5190m] you can have the first view of Namtso lake in the distance. Namtso Lake means sky lake which is one of the three most holy lakes in Tibet, also it is the highest salt water lake in the world. You can hike at the lakeside and around the Tashi Do peninsula, then drive back to Lhasa. En route you will be arranged to visit one of the nomad families. 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

Apr. to Jun and late Oct.

Regular priceCN¥ 5,150CN¥ 4,100CN¥ 3,600

Jul. to mid Oct.

Regular priceCN¥ 5,550CN¥ 4,500CN¥ 3,950

**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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