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Lhasa

Tsedang

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A popular and short sightseeing trip in Lhasa and around with drive to Tsedang the cradle of Tibetan civilization. Discover the mystery of Tibet's Buddhist culture as you visit the most revered sites of Samye Monastery and Yumbulakang Palace.

Type

Private

Duration

5 days

Theme

Culture and Heritage, Winter getaways

Trip code

WT-107

Price

From £ 331 per person

### Itinerary

Tsedang is the cradle of Tibetan Civilization. It's the birthplace of the first Tibetans who were said to be the offspring of a monkey and a demoness, so Tsedang literally means 'monkey's playground'. The mild weather and fertile land in Shannan gestated the great Tibet dynasty. Nowadays we can still visit Tibet's first monastery - Samye Monastery, Tibet's first palace- Yumbulakang Palace in Tsedang.

Day 01 :

Arrival at Lhasa airport, transfer to Tsedang [3,500m]



Upon arrival at Lhasa Gonggar airport, you will be greeted by your Tibetan guide, then drive along the Brahmaputra river to Tsedang, check into your hotel, rest to acclimatize the high attitude. Overnight at Tsedang. **B=Breakfast**

Day 02 :

Tsetang / Samye / Lhasa (B)

Morning you will be arranged to visit the Yumbulakang Palace - the first palace in Tibet. Then drive along the bank of Brahmaputra river to visit Samye Monastery, which is believed to be the first Monastery in Tibet with a history of over 1,200 years. Late afternoon drive to Lhasa and check into your hotel. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 03 :

Lhasa City sightseeing, visit Potola Palace & Jokhang Temple (B) - (Walking tour)

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 continues acclimatize for rest of the day or your can walk around the Barkhor street. Overnight at Lhasa.

Day 04 :

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

Today we will visit Drepung monastery, Sera monastery. 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 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£ 469£ 373£ 331

Apr. to Jun. and late Oct.

Regular price£ 523£ 416£ 363

Jul. to mid Oct.

Regular price£ 586£ 469£ 416

### 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.

Please contact one of our Tour Advisors to get a custom quotation made to your requirements.

All required Tibet permits and domestic travel documents.

3 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

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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