

## **TIBET EXTENSION**

Kathmandu – Lhasa - Kathmandu

### **17 November – Kathmandu to Lhasa**

Transfer to Kathmandu airport to board flight to Lhasa. Upon arrival at Lhasa Gonggar airport (11,995 ft), you will be welcomed by our Tibetan crew, experience the first Tibetan hospitalities. Transfer to the hotel.

Accommodation: Four Points by Sheraton

Meals: Breakfast

### **18 November – Explore Lhasa**

After an early breakfast, you will be escorted by your guide to the majestic **Potala Palace**. The imposing structure of the palace dominates the landscape of Lhasa. As you are guided through the ancient chambers of the palace, you get to see Tibetan art at its best. **The Potala Palace** has a vast array of intricate Tibetan murals and beautiful statues. You will also get to view the tombs of the eight Dalai Lamas.

**Jokhang temple** provides yet another glimpse of the rich Tibetan cultural heritage. You will also get the chance to stroll around the busy **Barkhor Square**, the center of Lhasa. After the day's tour, you will be escorted back to your hotel.

Accommodation: Four Points by Sheraton

Meals: Breakfast

### **19 November – Yamdrok Lake – Gyantse**

Depart Lhasa in the early morning taking the friendship highway towards the Khampa la pass (15,500 ft), at the pass we have a short break for stunning views of some major white peaks in the eastern regions of the Himalayas. Descend from the pass down close to shores of the turquoise Yamdrok lake for a nice picnic lunch. After lunch continue our scenic driving to the next pass Karo la (16,568 ft) where we have our first high altitude adventure experience of Norjing Gang Sang glacier peak and some fun with the local high-altitude animal Yaks and their herders, we have our arrival in Gyantse in the late afternoon. (5 ½ to 6-hour drive).

Enjoy visit to **The Palkhor Chode** monastery including the **Kumbum stupa** (the only surviving with such distinctive structure and the thousands of art works) After sightseeing continue to Shigaste for overnight stay.

Accommodation: Tashi Cho Ta Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## **20 November – Shigatse & Return to Lhasa**

After breakfast, we visit the **Tashilunpo monastery** (the main seat of Panchen Lama) and the local traditional market. In the afternoon depart Shigaste for return back to Lhasa (6 hour drive).

Accommodations: Four Points Sheraton

Meals: Breakfast

## **21 November – Lhasa to Kathmandu**

Today, in time transfer to the airport to board flight back to Kathmandu

Upon arrival at Kathmandu, transfer to the hotel.

Accommodation: Kantipur Temple House

Meals: Breakfast

## **22 November – Kathmandu**

In time transfer to the Kathmandu international airport for international flights.

Meals: Breakfast

### **Prices Details**

**Cost USD \$1890.00 per person**

**Deposit USD \$500.00 per person**

Balance due by August 1, 2019

Purchase of travel & medical evacuation insurance is required

Single room supplement USD \$500.00 Per Person staying in a single room.

### **Airfare Supplement (not included):**

**Kathmandu / Lhasa / Kathmandu**

Airfare cost is subject to change. Contact us for more information.

Cost Includes	Cost does not include
* Double / Twin room on sharing basis	X Any airfares.
* Daily Breakfast.	X Any expenditure of personal nature such as drinks, tips, laundry, telephone charges etc.
* All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary using Non – Ac Vehicle	X Any new tax imposed by the Govt.
* Services of local English speaking Tibetan Guide	
* Packed Picnic Lunch at Yamdrok	
* Tibet Visa Fee and travel permit	
* Monument entrances	
* Currently applicable taxes	

## PLEASE NOTE:

**Tibet Permit (Visa)** - The visit of foreigners in Tibet is strictly regulated by the Chinese Govt. and is directly dependent upon the "political climate" in Tibet. This can change from one day to the next and is therefore impossible to predict. No one can ask and no one is told on what basis the permit to a particular person is given or denied.

Permits are generally granted 10 days prior to travel date. In some cases, they may grant it even 3 – 4 days prior to the date of travel. So, there is no deadline as such. Permit could be granted / denied without any explanation & that we have no control over these issues. In our case permits (visas) will not requested until arrival to Nepal. In the case that a permit is not granted you will be liable for all flight/land cancellations.

Fortunately, the chance for the refusal of Permit is minimal. In the past 5-7 years our local operator has not had any cases of tourists being denied the permit.

Please keep in mind that in some cases, Chinese Govt closes the entry of Tibet to all foreigners due to various reasons. These situations are beyond our control and all the flight / land cancellations will be borne by the client.

We highly recommended the purchase of travel insurance that protect against these types of risks.