

TOURS IN TIBET

HTT # 6: TIBET OVERLAND TOUR

Day 01:

Arrival at Kathmandu airport: you will be met by our representative and transfer to hotel. After refreshment in hotel, short briefing about the programs.



KATHMANDU DURBAR SQUARE: Durbar Square, one of the old capitals of the Kathmandu valley, is a synthesis of Hindu and Buddhist temples, stupas and statues, and is often the site of festivals, marriages and other ceremonies. Overnight at Royal Penguin Boutique Hotel & Spa.

Day 02:

Kathmandu city sightseeing (1,315 m)
Today we explore the Kathmandu valley.

SWOYAMBBHUNATH: Climb the many steps to Swayambhunath (the monkey temple) with its commanding views of Kathmandu, its whitewashed stupas and its unique synthesis of Buddhism and Hinduism.

PASHUPATINATH: It's a sacred temple complex on the banks of the holy Bagmati river. Here, monkeys run up and down the steps of the burning ghats, and trident-bearing saddhus draped in burnt-orange and yellow sit serenely meditating - when they are not posing for photos for rupees.

BOUDHANATH: The striking Buddha eyes of Boudhanath Stupa watch over a lively and colorful Tibetan community and attract pilgrims from all over the Himalayan Buddhist realm. In the midst of traditional gompas, and hung with long strings of multi-colored prayer flags, Boudhanath attracts Sherpas, Tibetans and tourists alike for daily circumambulations (koras) of the stupa.



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Day 03:

Drive Kathmandu - Kerung

Wake up early in the morning have breakfast and get ready to drive to Kerung. It is around 07 hours drive via Pasang Lhamu highway to Kerung bridge. It is around 155 km, you reach Tibet border (China / Nepal Border). After completion of immigration formalities at the border, we will enter to the Chinese Autonomous Region. We cross the Bridge at the border & enter Tibet. We will be staying at the hotel/guest house nearby Kerung border. Overnight at Kerung.

Day 04:

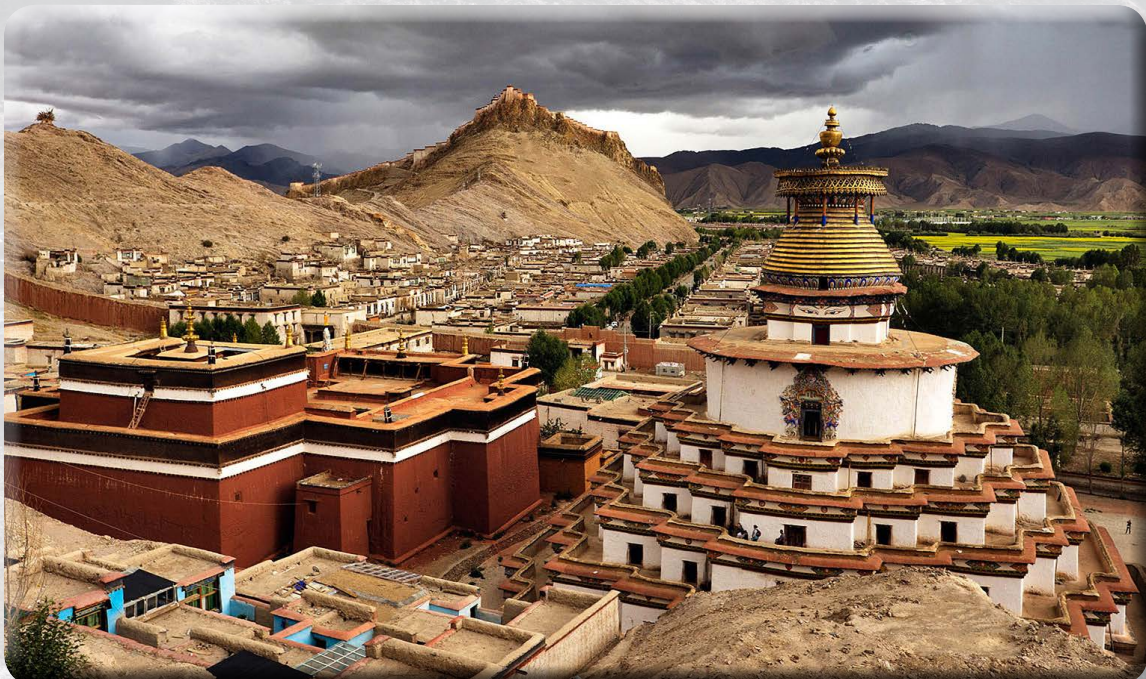
Drive Kerung - Xigatse

We wake up in the morning have breakfast and begin our day drive. We drive from Kerung to Xigatse. It is around 480 kilometers drive. Xigatse is the Tibet's second-largest city, lying near the union of the Nyang Chu and the Tsang Po, on the main route between Gyantse and West Tibet. It is the place of famous Tashilumpo Monastery. Overnight at Xigatse.

Day 05:

Drive Xigatse - Gyantse

In Xigatse, we visit Tashilumpo Monastery, one of the four great Gelug monasteries renowned as the seat of the Panchen Lama until his death in 1989. After visiting Tashilunpo Monastery in the morning including the Bazaar of Xigatse, We drive to the capital of the small kingdom in 15th century. Gyantse. Visit Gyantse Kumbum (the highest Chorten in Tibet) & Pelkor Chode Monastery founded in 1418. Overnight at Gyantse.

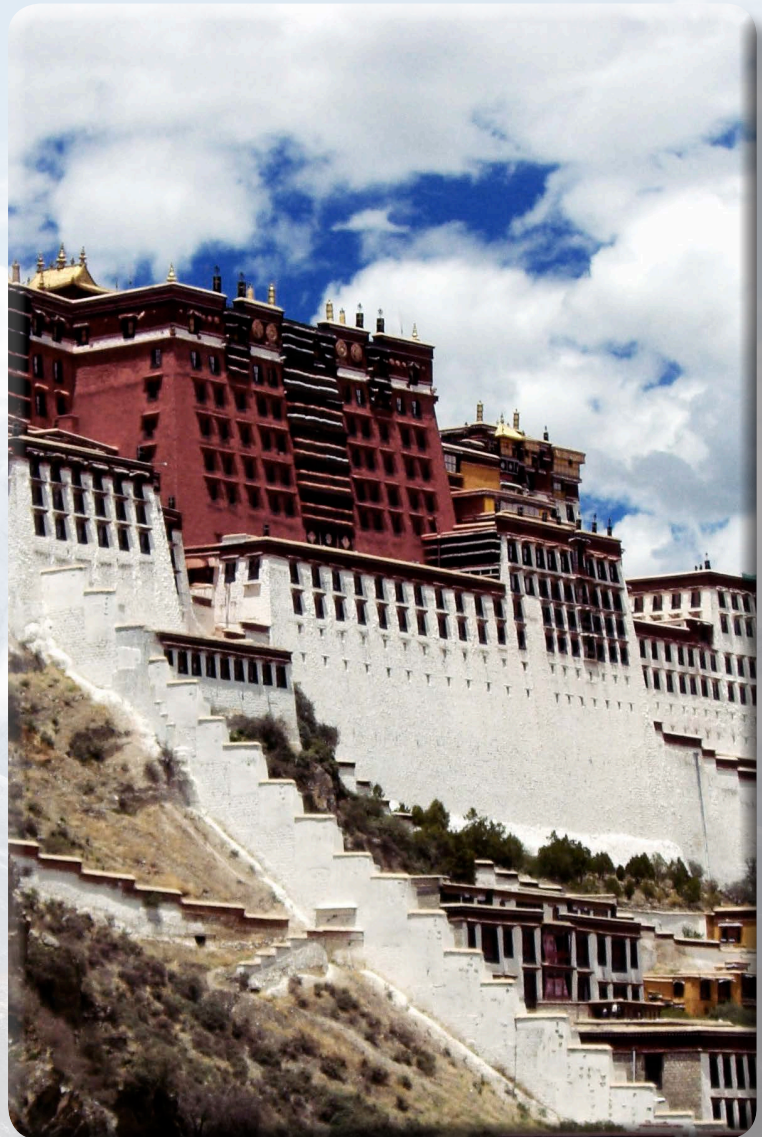


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Day 06:

Drive Gyantse - Lhasa

Drive to Lhasa, crossing the Karo-la Pass (5,045 m), we pass by the Yamdrok Tso, the turquoise lake & one of the four holy lakes in Tibet. Then after passing the Kamba-la Pass (4,794 m), we find ourselves close to the Lhasa Valley. After crossing the Brahmaputra River, we reach Lhasa, our final destination. Lhasa lies in the Kyichu river valley at 3,595 m and is dominated by the magnificent Potala Palace, built in the 17th century by the Great Fifth Dalai Lama. The accompanied guide will reconfirm your onward airline ticket. Overnight at Lhasa.



Day 07:

Lhasa Sightseeing

Full day city tour of The Potala Palace, The Jokhang Temple, and Barkhor Street. Overnight in Lhasa

- **The Potala Palace:** The most imposing attraction in Lhasa. One of architectural wonders of the world contains 13 storeys tall and thousands of rooms. We kindly suggest you take taxi to the top of the palace which costs about 10 and then walk down after your visiting.
- **The Jokhang Temple:** It is 1300 years old and is one of Tibet's holiest shrines. It was built to commemorate the marriage of the the Tang princess Wencheng to King Songtsen Gampo, and houses a pure gold statue of the Buddha Sakyamuni brought to Tibet by the princess.
- **Barkhor Street:** It is essentially a pilgrim circuit that proceeds clockwise around the periphery of the Jokhang Temple. It is also a hive of market activity, an astounding pilgrim jamboree, and a wonderful introduction to Tibet.

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Day 8:

Lhasa Sightseeing

Full day trip to Drepung Monastery, Sera Monastery, Norbulingka.

- **Drepung Monastery:** Drepung Monastery lies in west of Lhasa under Mt. Gambo Utse, clustered round by the black mountain, its white grand buildings shining under the sunlight. Built in 1416, it is considered as one of the largest monasteries in the six principle monasteries of Gelu Sect in China. Drepung Monastery used to be the living palace of Dalai Lamas before the reconstruction of Potala palace.

- **Sera Monastery:** It is known as one of the three greatest monasteries of Tibet. As one of the three main monasteries of Lhasa, it is here that the monks "famous daily debates" take place.

- **Norbulingka:** Norbulingka means "Jeweled Garden". It was constructed as a summer palace for the Dalai Lama and later served the whole governmental administration.

Day 9:

Lhasa – Kathmandu

Leave Lhasa. Pack your luggage and get ready for leaving. The guide will transfer you to the airport, and help you board the plane. Say goodbye to Tibet and fly out to Kathmandu.

Day 10:

Kathmandu Sightseeing

Early in the morning, you could enjoy optional mountain flight tours to Mt. Everest. In the afternoon, we will tour to Bhaktapur Durbar Square & some other places in Kathmandu.

- **Bhaktapur Durbar Square:** This Square is an open museum holding exciting palace, courtyards, royal bath, sculptures, pagodas, Shikhara style temples and Buddhist monastery along with exclusive architecture. In other words, this is the most beautiful Durbar you visit in your Nepal tours.

Overnight at Royal Penguin Hotel & Spa.

Day 11:

Departure

After breakfast we'll head towards airport for final departure or continue your onwards trips. Tour ends with THANK YOU!

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Package Cost:

1 pax: US \$ 3850

2 – 4 pax: US \$ 3200

5 – 8 pax: US \$ 3170

9+ pax: US \$ 2900

Single Supplement:

US \$ 420 per person

Hotels:

Kathmandu: Royal Penguin
Boutique Hotel & Spa



In the tour it is also possible to take **1 hr mountain flight to Everest.**

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Twin sharing accommodation as per the itinerary on BB basis in cities (Bed and Breakfast)
- English speaking Tour guide in Kathmandu & Tibetan Guide in Tibet
- Sightseeing entrance fees in Kathmandu
- Transportation as per the itinerary by Jeep
- Entry fee of mention sightseeing places in Tibet
- All necessary permits
- Tibet Group Visa Fee
- Airfare KATHMANDU – LHASA
- Border Transfer Kerung – Kathmandu
- All Government Taxes

SERVICES EXCLUDED:

- Travel Insurance
- Lunch and Dinner
- Nepal re-entry visa fee
- Liquor beverages (hard and soft drinks)
- Expenses of personal nature, phone calls, laundry etc.
- Gratuity to staff
- Service of porter while crossing Friendship Bridge
- Services of Porter and other vehicles in between in case of landslides and other natural calamities beyond our control and expenses incurred during rescue services
- Services not mentioned here