

## Escapade Tibet - Group Tour - 8 Days

In this tour you will immerse yourself in the rich geography, history and culture of Tibet. Following the pious pilgrims, you will cover the major territory and admire heavenly snow mountain, deep blue lakes and visit all characteristic Lama Temples in Lhasa, Tsetang, Gyantse and Shigatse. Exploring deep insight of mysterious Tibet, this tour will not fail to impress you.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Lhasa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>airport-hotel transfer in Lhasa</li></ul>
2	Day 2 Lhasa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>breakfast, lunch</li><li><i>Potala Palace, Sera Monastery</i> The Potala Palace, which used to be the residence of the Dalai Lama and seat of the Tibetan government, is currently converted into a museum. It is comprised of over 200,000 statues, temples, shrines, and historical Tibetan relics. The Sera Monastery, one of the three most distinguished monasteries in Lhasa, is famous for its tantric teachings.</li></ul>
3	Day 3 Lhasa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>breakfast, lunch</li><li><i>Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Street, Norbulingkha</i> The Jokhang Temple, which commemorates the marriage of Tang princess Wencheng to King Songtsen Gampo, earns the reputation as the first Buddhist temple in Tibet. The Barkhor Street, Lhasa's old market, is full of vendors selling their wares. The smell of Yak butter is wafting in the air and hundreds of pilgrims are moving in a clockwise direction. The Norbulingkha is the summer palace of the Dalai Lama.</li></ul>
4	Day 4 Lhasa - Tsetang (by automobile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>private transfer from Lhasa to Tsetang</li><li>breakfast, lunch</li><li><i>Samye Monastery, Yumbulakhang Palace</i> The Samye Monastery, the first Buddhist monastery built in Tibet, is a must-see site in Tibet. Tibetan people believe that the souls of the dead will not be incarnated unless the deceased has reached Samya before. The Yumbulakhang Palace is surrounded by various myths and legends associated with the founding of Tibetan civilization. It is also the oldest-known dwelling in Tibet.</li></ul>
5	Day 5 Tsetang - Yamdrokto - Gyantse (by automobile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>private transfer from Tsetang to Gyantse</li><li>breakfast, lunch</li><li><i>Yamdruktso Lake, Palkhor Chode Monastery</i> The Yamdruktso Lake, one of the three largest sacred lakes in Tibet, will show you beautiful snow-capped mountains and numerous clear streams. The Palkhor Chode Monastery enjoys a high status in Tibet Buddhism history. The Kumbum Stupa, also called "the Ten Thousand Buddha Pagodas", is the most striking architecture in Palkhor Chode Monastery.</li></ul>
6	Day 6 Gyantse - Shigatse (by automobile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>private transfer from Lhasa to Tsetang to Gyantse</li><li>breakfast, lunch</li><li>Today, visit the Tashilhunpo Monastery and the outdoor market in Shigatse. <i>Tashilhunpo Monastery</i> The Tashilhunpo Monastery is the traditional seat of successive Panchen Lamas and there are nearly 800 lamas in the monastery nowadays.</li></ul>
7	Day 7 Shigatse - Lhasa (by automobile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>private transfer from Shigatse to Lhasa</li><li>breakfast, lunch</li><li>This day is an easy journey, driving along the Yarlung Zsangpo River back to Lhasa. On the way stop at a small village side the road to visit the Tibetan handmade incense mill and workshop.</li></ul>
8	Day 8 Lhasa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>hotel - airport transfer in Lhasa</li><li>breakfast</li><li>Service ends.</li></ul>

### Tour Dates:

From April to November

Guaranteed departure on every Tuesday, Saturday based on minimum of 2 travelers

### About Tibet Travel Permits:

1. All foreign travelers are required to have the Tibet Travel Permit (or Tibet Permit, Tibet Entry Permit) in hand before entering Tibet. The Tibet Travel Permit is issued by Tibet Administration to the authorized travel agencies, but not to individual travelers directly.
2. CITS handle Tibet Permit application for guests who booked Tibet tour package from us. Travelers can either take a tailored private tour or join in a group tour. The tour package should include services of tour guide, automobile, sightseeing & accommodation. Please be advised that we do NOT offer "permit-only" service.
3. The Tibet Permit needs to be applied **at least 20 days** prior to arrival in Tibet, so we suggest travelers send the tour inquiry **at least 30 days** in advance.
4. The general travel information (including tour dates, travelers' personal information, destinations in Tibet...) will be attached to the Tibet Permit, so the travel itinerary could not be changed once the tour is confirmed.
5. All travelers can get Tibet Permit through an authorized travel agency except diplomats, journalists, and government officials who should travel to Tibet under the arrangement by the Foreign Affairs Office of Tibet Government.

#### **How to book a Tibet tour with Tibet Travel Permit:**

Step1: Traveler sends a travel inquiry to CITS.

Step 2: CITS travel counselor sends you an itinerary and quote. We are pleased to make any changes as per your request before you are completely satisfied with the tour proposal.

Step 3: Book the tour and make the payment via bank transfer or PayPal. Payment needs to be received by us at least 20 days before your arrival.

Step 4: Send us the following document & information:

- A scanned copy of your passport (photo page);
- A scanned copy of your China visa (tourist visa);
- All travelers' information including full names, gender, date of birth, passport number, nationality and occupation;

Step 5: Your travel counselors will confirm the tour and send you an email attached with the confirmation & voucher.

Step 6: When you leave for Lhasa you will need to show the original copy of the Tibet permit when checking in at the airport or railway station. The permit will be delivered to our local office in the departure city. You will need to pick it up from the local office. If you booked the land service at that city, our guide will pass the permit to you.

Tour Includes :

- English-speaking guide
- Air-conditioned coach or van
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese lunch as listed
- Hotel with daily breakfast
- Tibet Travel Permit
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- Flight or train ticket
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities

-- Tips for guides and drivers

-- Chinese Visa

-- Travel insurance

### **About Shopping or No-shopping Tours**

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