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Lhasa, Yamdruktso Lake & Tsetang Holy Legends Tour - 6 Days

This Xizang tour features top attractions in Lhasa and Tsetang, where you will discover the legends and myths associated with the Xizang civilization. Enjoy a tour with breathtaking views and mysterious legends.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Lhasa	airport-hotel transfer in Lhasa
2	Day 2 Lhasa	breakfast, lunch **Potala Palace (UNESCO), Sera Monastery** Standing on top of Red Hill in the north-west of the Lhasa city region, the Potala Palace is a grand Tibetan palace complex that remains the largest and most intact ancient palace in Xizang (Tibet) Autonomous Region today. Behaviours that are taboo in Tibetan Buddhism, such as wearing a hat inside, taking photos and stepping on doorsills, should be avoided during any visit. Advance booking is required. This monastery together with Drepung Monastery and Ganden Monastery are jointly known as the “great three monasteries of Lhasa”. This tranquil place has seen a succession of eminent monks and living Buddha give lectures about Buddhist scriptures ever since its completion in 1419. Sera Monastery is particularly known in the Tibetan region for its daily scripture debates, which remain one of its main draws. The monastery has developed its own distinctive style in terms of the level of occasion, code of gestures as well as intensity, and is a fascinating ritual to watch.

3	Day 3 Lhasa	breakfast, lunch **Jokhang Temple (UNESCO), Norbulingkha, Barkhor Street** With a history of more than 1,300 years, Jokhang Template is a Tibetan Buddhist monastery nestled in the old part of Lhasa. Having housed almost all key Buddhist events, the temple is often called the "Eye of Xizang (Tibet) Autonomous Region". Thanks to its extremely high status in Buddhism, the temple is frequented by pilgrims and worshiped with burning incense all year long. It is circled in a clockwise direction every day by a steady stream of believers who kneel with devotion in front of the main entrance on a stone floor imbued with the marks of the visits of the thousands of pilgrims who have come before them. The Norbulingkha is the summer palace of the Dalai Lama. The Jokhang Temple is located in the Barkhor neighbourhood and the street around the temple is called Barkhor Street, which means "eight corner street". Initially a normal road around the temple, it has gradually become the route by which many pilgrims circumambulate the monastery in prayer and one of Lhasa's most important commercial streets. Lined on both sides with shops selling religious wares in various sizes as well as all kinds of daily necessities, it is a fantastic place to shop, try local snacks, and check out the variety of goods on offer.
4	Day 4 Lhasa - Yamdruktso - Tsetang (by automobile)	private transfer of Lhasa/Yamdruktso/Tsetang breakfast, lunch **Yamdruktso Lake** The Yamdruktso Lake, one of the three largest sacred lakes in Xizang, will show you beautiful snow-capped mountains and numerous clear streams.
5	Day 5 Tsetang	breakfast, lunch **Samye Monastery, Yumbulakhang Palace, Tradruk Temple** The Samye Monastery, the first Buddhist monastery built in Xizang, is a must-see site in Xizang. Xizang 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 Xizang civilization. It is also the oldest-known dwelling in Xizang. The Tradruk Temple is said to have been the second of Xizang's earliest great geomantric temples after the Jokhang Temple.
6	Day 6 Tsetang	airport or railway station transfer in Lhasa breakfast Service ends.

About Xizang Travel Permits:

1. All foreign travelers are required to have the Xizang Travel Permit (or Xizang Permit, Xizang Entry Permit) in hand before entering Xizang. The Xizang Travel Permit is issued by Xizang Administration to the authorized travel agencies, but not to individual travelers directly.

2. CITS handle Xizang Permit application for guests who booked Xizang 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 Xizang Permit needs to be applied at least 20 days prior to arrival in Xizang, 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 Xizang…) will be attached to the Xizang Permit, so the travel itinerary could not be changed once the tour is confirmed.

5. All travelers can get Xizang Permit through an authorized travel agency except diplomats, journalists, and government officials who should travel to Xizang under the arrangement by the Foreign Affairs Office of Xizang Government.

How to book a Xizang tour with Xizang 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 Xizang 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 :

- Professional English-speaking tour guide
- Air-conditioned coach
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed in the above itinerary
- Lunches and dinners as listed
- Hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Service charge & government taxes
- Xizang Travel Permit

Tour Excludes :

- International flights & airport tax
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- China Entry Visa, travel insurance

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