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China Vogue with Tibet Discovery - 12 Days

In this group tour you will immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of Tibet, the distant and mysterious land that you may have been dreaming to visit. And it also gives you a unique experience by visiting the fascinating cities of Beijing, Xi'an and Shanghai.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Spotlight Service	**Great Deals:** take a group tour and enjoy favorable price **Easy to Start:** every Monday & Thursday departure based on minimum of 2 travelers **Centrally Located Hotel:** 4 star hotel (3 star hotel in Lhasa) **Most Classic Route:** best-selected destinations and attractions
2	Day 1 Beijing	airport-hotel transfer in Beijing
3	Day 2 Beijing	breakfast, lunch In the morning, you will be picked up from the hotel by your guide. Today's tour begins with the **Tian'anmen Square**, the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place. Then pay a visit to **Imperial Ancestral Temple**, where during both the Ming and Qing Dynasties, sacrificial ceremonies were held on the most important festival occasions in honor of the imperial family's ancestors. Continue to explore another renowned imperial site - **Forbidden City** (UNESCO), where the 24 emperors of the Ming and the Qing Dynasties ruled for nearly 500 years (1420-1911). Experience the architectural splendor of the palaces, ceremonial courtyards and private quarters. After the lunch, continue to visit the **Summer Palace** (UNESCO), the largest imperial garden in the world. **Free morning pickup available for hotels situated within the 3rd Ring Road of Beijing. Otherwise please go to the Swissotel Hotel Beijing, nearby the Exit C of Dongsi Shitiao Metro Station of Line 2.**

4	Day 3 Beijing	breakfast, lunch In the morning, you will be picked up from the hotel by your guide. After about 1.5-hour driving, you will walk along the **Sacred Way** which means the road leading to heaven. The Sacred Way is lined with stone statues of the mausoleum. Have lunch after visiting the Jade Carving Artistic Center. Continue to visit the **Mutianyu Great Wall** (UNESCO). As China's most renowned monument, it is the most spectacular structures ever built by human and as the only one visible from space. Afterwards, stop at a Chinese Silk Shop and transfer to your hotel.
5	Day 4 Beijing - Xi'an (by bullet train)	hotel - train station transfer in Beijing, train station - hotel transfer in Xi'an breakfast Today, transfer to the train station and take a **bullet Train** to Xi'an (about 5.5 hours), the ancient capital of China for 11 dynasties, was also the eastern end of the Silk Road. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to the hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day on your own.
6	Day 5 Xi'an	breakfast, lunch In the morning, you will visit the **Banpo Museum**, the site of a typical Neolithic matriarchal community around 6,000 years ago. Then, explore the **Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses** (UNESCO), one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world. More than 6000 life-sized terra cotta warriors, archers, infantrymen, horses and bronze chariots silently guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years. Head to the **Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor.** Later, take a short visit to the Terra-Cotta Reproduction Factory.
7	Day 6 Xi'an - Lhasa (by air)	hotel - airport transfer in Xi'an, airport - hotel transfer in Lhasa breakfast Today, transfer to the airport and take a flight to Lhasa, the spiritual heart of Tibet. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is for relaxing and acclimatizing to the altitude.
8	Day 7 Lhasa	breakfast, lunch An unforgettable day begins with a visit to the monumental **Potala Palace** (UNESCO), which used to be the residence of the Dalai Lama and seat of the Tibetan government. The 13-story building is currently converted into a museum, which is comprised of over 200,000 statues, temples, shrines, and historical Tibetan articles. Afterwards explore the **Sera Monastery**, one of the three most distinguished monasteries in Lhasa. It is famous for its tantric teachings.

9	Day 8 Lhasa	breakfast, lunch Today's excursion starts with the 1,300 years-old **Jokhang Temple** (UNESCO), which commemorates the marriage of Tang princess Wencheng to King Songtsen Gampo. It is reputed as the first Buddhist temple in Tibet and as the sacred temple of all Tibetan Buddhists. Surrounding Jokhang is the **Barkhor Street**, Lhasa's old market. This area is full of vendors selling their wares, yak butter wafting in the air and hundreds of people moving in a clockwise direction. Later, explore the summer palace of the Dalai Lama - **Norbulingkha** (UNESCO).
10	Day 9 Lhasa - Shanghai (by air)	hote l- airport transfer in Lhasa, airport - hotel transfer in Shanghai breakfast Today, transfer to the airport and take a flight to Shanghai. After arrival, meet and transfer to your hotel. Explore Shanghai, China’s most dynamic city on your own.
11	Day 10 Shanghai	breakfast, lunch In the morning, you will be picked up from the hotel by your guide. The tour will begin with the thriving **City God Temple**, also known as the Yu Garden Market, where century-old stores specializes in traditional arts and crafts. After a pleasant walk along the old streets, take a visit to the **Yu Garden** (UNESCO) which is a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties. Then wondering through the **Bund,** where stands a number of outstanding European colonial architectures, new skyscrapers and historical buildings in Shanghai. View the modern skyscrapers complex in **Pudong New Area** from the outside. After lunch, a short period time for shopping at the local pearl shop. Then head for the **People’s Square** - the landmark of central Shanghai. Later, visit the **Shanghai Museum** where exhibits 120,000-piece collection of Chinese ancient treasures. The next stop is the **Old French Concession**, which features a great collection of characteristic buildings. Drop you off at your hotel.
12	Day 11 Shanghai	breakfast Today, enjoy a free day in Shanghai (on your own arrangement).
13	Day 12 Shanghai	hotel - airport transfer in Shanghai breakfast Today, enjoy your free arrangement as long as you check out before 12:00. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight. Service ends.

Tour Date

Every Monday & Thursday, from March, 2018 to November, 2018
Guaranteed departure based on minimum of 2 travelers

Hotel list

- Novotel Xinqiao Hotel Beijing
- Xi'an Titan Times Hotel
- Lhasa Shangbala Hotel
- Ocean Hotel Shanghai

Tour Includes :

-- Tibet Travel Permit.
-- Professional English-speaking tour guide.
-- Air-conditioned coach.
-- Land transfers between airport, train station and hotel as listed.
-- Entrance tickets as listed.
-- Chinese lunch as listed.
-- Centrally located hotels with daily breakfast.
-- Domestic air tickets with taxes and bullet train ticket (2nd class seat).
-- Service charge and taxes.

Tour Excludes :

-- International flights with taxes.
-- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional tours.
-- Tips for guides and drivers. (suggested tipping amount per person per day: USD 5-7 for the guide, USD 3-5 for the driver).
-- China Visa.
-- Travel insurance.

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