

Classic China & Tibet Odyssey Tour - 14 Days

This journey features the rich history and natural beauty of Tibet, a mysterious and magnificent tourist attraction that many people are craving for. The scenic cities of Lhasa, Gyantse and Shigatse will not fail to fascinate you. The tour will also give you the unforgettable experience of top cities in China, including Beijing Xi'an and Shanghai

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">airport-hotel transfer in Beijingbreakfast, lunch<i>Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, a silk gift shop en route</i> The Tian'anmen Square is the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place. The Forbidden City (UNESCO) is the imperial place where the emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties ruled for nearly 500 years (1420-1911). Experience the architectural splendor of the palaces, ceremonial courtyards, and private quarters. The Temple of Heaven (UNESCO), where ancient Chinese emperors made sacrifices to Heaven and prayed for bountiful harvests, demonstrates the supreme achievement of traditional Chinese architecture.
2	Day 2 Beijing	<p>Good to know: Usually the guide service for a full day tour is about from 9:00 to 17:00, and the evening time is on your own. If needed, your guide is happy to offer some tips or help you buy tickets for evening entertainment.</p> <p>Ideas for leisure time: If you are interested in Chinese Kung Fu, the Legend of Kung Fu is a good choice for tonight. It is stunning Kung Fu show with a great story line and martial arts skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch<i>Great Wall, Summer Palace, a cloisonné workshop en route</i> The Great Wall is one of the most spectacular structures ever built by humans and is the only one visible from space. The Summer Palace (UNESCO) is the largest imperial garden in the world. Emperors of successive dynasties created a summer retreat of Chinese gardens and pavilions, around the tranquil waters of Kunming Lake.
3	Day 3 Beijing	<p>Ideas for leisure time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Enjoy the Peking Duck dinner at time-honored restaurant - Quanjude or Bianyifang. The duck is characteristic with its crispy skin, tender meat and the fragrance from the fruit-wood.Watch a breathtaking acrobatic show at Chaoyang Theater or Tiandi Theater.
4	Day 4 Beijing – Xi'an (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">hotel - train station transfer in Beijing, train station - hotel transfer in Xi'anbreakfastbreakfast, lunch<i>Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a ceramic & pottery workshop en route</i> The Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO) is one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world. More than 6000 life-sized terra cotta warriors, archers, infantrymen, horses, and bronze chariots have silently guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years. The Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a Tang Dynasty landmark, is a seven-story pagoda initially constructed in 652 AD. One of the pagoda's many functions is to hold sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought to China from India by the Buddhist translator and traveler - Xuanzang.
5	Day 5 Xi'an	<p>Ideas for leisure time: Enjoy a tasteful Dumpling Banquet followed by an exquisite traditional Tang Dynasty Show.</p> <p>Good to know: If you have an extra day in Xi'an, you could explore the Mount Hua and get impressed of its unique natural beauty. Or to take a day trip to Luoyang by bullet train and visit the Longmen Grottoes, one of the Three Most Famous Buddhist Grottoes in China.</p>
6	Day 6 Xi'an – Lhasa (by air)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">airport transfer in Xi'an, airport - hotel transfer in Lhasabreakfast, lunch<i>Ancient City Wall</i> The Ancient City Wall is one of the oldest city walls in China and still encompasses the center of Xi'an today.breakfast, lunch<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

7	Day 7 Lhasa	<p>Palace 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.</p>
8	Day 8 Lhasa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast, lunch • <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.
9	9 Lhasa – Yamdrok Tso - Gyantse (by automobile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • private transfer from Lhasa to Gyantse • breakfast, lunch • <i>Yamdrok Lake</i> The Yamdrok Lake, one of the three largest sacred lakes in Tibet, will show you beautiful snow-capped mountains and numerous clear streams.
10	Day 10 Gyantse - Shigatse (by automobile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • private transfer from Gyantse to Shigatse • breakfast, lunch • <i>Palkhor Chode Monastery, Gyantse Fortress</i> 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. The Gyantse Fortress, also called Gyantse Dzong, offers an outstanding view of the old town and surrounding valleys. It tells a story about the heroic resistance of the Tibetans against far superior forces during the British invasion in 1903-1904.
11	Day 11 Shigatse - Lhasa (by automobile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • private transfer from Shigatse to Lhasa • breakfast, lunch • <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.
12	Day 12 Lhasa – Shanghai (by air)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hotel - airport transfer in Lhasa, airport - hotel transfer in Shanghai • breakfast
13	Day 13 Shanghai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast, lunch • <i>Yu Garden, Jade Buddha Temple, Shanghai Museum, Bund, a local gift shop en route</i> Owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties, the Yu Garden becomes a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture. The Jade Buddha Temple is famous for its two precious jade Buddha statues brought from Burma, which are not only rare cultural relics but also exquisite artworks. The Shanghai Museum has a collection of 120,000 pieces of Chinese ancient treasures. The Bund, featured outstanding European colonial architectures, is full of new skyscrapers and historical buildings in the center of Shanghai. <p>Ideas for leisure time:</p> <p>1. Acrobatic Shows in Shanghai are known as the best in China. You can never imagine how exciting the show is.</p> <p>2. Or you could take a Huangpu River Night Cruise which is the perfect way to enjoy the gorgeous night view of Shanghai.</p>
14	Day 14 Shanghai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hotel - airport transfer in Shanghai • breakfast

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 :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned coach
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese lunch as listed
- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
- Domestic flight tickets with taxes and train ticket (2nd class seat) as listed
- Tibet Travel Permit
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- International flights with taxes
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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