

Classic Landscape & Culture Tour 7 nights / 8 days

Chengdu – Lhasa – Namtso – Shigatse

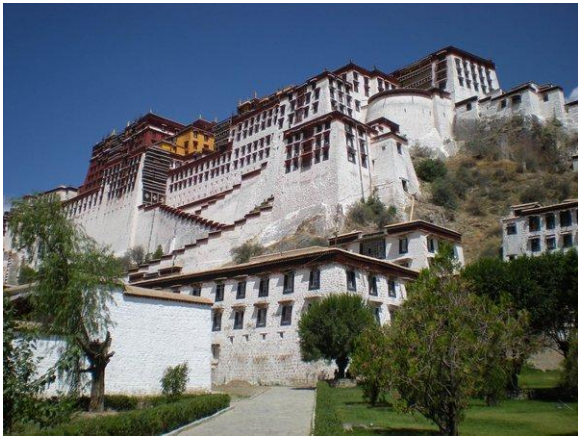
Day 1 – Hong Kong – Chengdu

Depart Hong Kong, arrive Chengdu (approx. flying time 2hrs 40mins) meet and greet, hotel transfer, overnight Chengdu.

Day 2 – Chengdu – Lhasa (approx. 3,600m)

Hotel breakfast, airport transfer, **depart Chengdu, arrive Lhasa** (approx. flying time 2hrs) meet and greet, hotel transfer. Spend the day acclimatizing, allowing your body to avoid altitude sickness for the trip tomorrow. Depending on how you feel, you may visit **Barkhor Street**, driver will be on duty to assist, peruse various Tibetan items such as incense, yak butter and monk outfits, overnight Lhasa.

Day 3 – Lhasa



Potala Palace

The **Red Palace** contains various chapels and mausoleums designed for previous Dalai Lamas, while the **White Palace** houses the living quarters of successive Dalai Lamas and their tutors. The offices of the old Tibetan government and their assembly halls are also located here. See beautiful gold, pearls, carvings and gems housed in this incredible place, no cameras or photographs are allowed.

Breakfast at hotel, tour begins with **Potala Palace (布達拉宮)**, religion plays a pivotal role in the Tibetan way of life, most of the attractions consist of beautiful monasteries, intricately designed temples and harmonious palaces. This awe-inspiring palace, perched high is definitely worth a visit, points of interest include the **Red Palace (紅宮)** and the **White Palace (白宮)**.



Red Palace



Jokhang Temple

Lunch at local Tibetan restaurant, afterwards continue to **Jokhang Temple (大昭寺)**, according to legend she was built on the former site of a lake however, every time a temple was built on this spot, the structure would collapse shortly after. Built by craftsmen from Tibet, China and Nepal, featuring different architectural styles, the three-level roof offers splendid views.

Depending on how much energy you have left, head back to **Barkhor Street (八角街)**, Tibetan pilgrims may be involved in various koras (pilgrimage circuits), devout Buddhists perform these as a way of gathering merit, which is important for their beliefs. Evening hotel transfer, overnight Lhasa.

Day 4 – Lhasa

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, visit **Norbulingka (羅布林卡)**, built in 1755, used as the residence of the successive Dalai Lamas from the 1780s up until the 14th Dalai Lama's exile in 1959. Recognized as a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*, housing 370 rooms, designed as a peaceful place to worship and relax.



Norbulingka



Sera Monastery

After lunch, continue to **Sera Monastery (色拉寺)**, one of the Great Three Gelukpa Monasteries of Tibet. The origin of the name Se Ra (bloom) derives from the fact that the original site was surrounded by wild roses.

Another of the *Great Three* Gelukpa monasteries, **Drepung Monastery** (哲蚌寺), once the world's largest monastery boasting a population of about 10,000 monks, founded in 1416. In 1530 the 2nd Dalai Lama established the palace that would become the home to the Dalai Lamas until the 5th built the Potala. Today, there are around 500 monks in residence, evening hotel transfer, overnight Lhasa.



Drepung Monastery

Day 5 – Lhasa



Yangbajing Geothermal Scenic Area

Hotel breakfast, see incredible mountains, huge grasslands, local nomads and yaks. Journey to **Nam Tso**, China's second largest saltwater lake, on a clear day are magnificent views of nearby mountains. The wide open spaces, dotted with the tents of local Drokpas (Nomads) are intoxicating. On the way back to Lhasa, stop by **Yangpachen Hot spring** and enjoy the hot spring service on your own arrangement if you wish, evening hotel transfer, overnight Lhasa.

Day 6 – Lhasa – Shigatse

Breakfast at hotel, drive to Shigatse, on the way you will see the two high passes **Khamba La, Kharo La**, and the snake like **Lake Yamdrok Tso**, you will have the option to stop and ride a yak on the lake mountain peaks from a far distance. Drive to Gyantse for lunch.



Yamdrok Tso

Continue to see **Gyangtse Dzong, Pelkhor Choede Monastery & Kumbum Pagoda**. The Kumbum is surrounded by numerous murals and small chapel houses. Drive to Shigatse, the second largest city in Tibet, overnight Shigatse.

Day 7 – Shigatse – Lhasa



Tashilhunpo Monastery

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, visit **Tashilhunpo Monastery** (扎什倫布寺), one of the Six Great Gelugpa Institutions, founded in 1447. This building is one of the few in Tibet that weathered the Cultural Revolution relatively unscathed, see sculptures including the tenth Panchen Lama Stupa. Afterwards, head to the Shigatse and explore the open market.

In the afternoon, drive back to Lhasa; enjoy the peaceful view of **Brahmaputra River** (雅魯藏布江).

Upon arriving in Lhasa, hotel transfer, overnight Lhasa.



Brahmaputra River

Day 8 – Lhasa – Chengdu – Hong Kong

Hotel breakfast, airport transfer, **depart Lhasa, arrive Chenhdu**, (approx. flying time 2hrs), connecting flight **depart Chengdu, arrive Hong Kong** (approx. flying time 2hrs 20mins).

Hotel Envisage		Category A	Category B	Category C
Day 1	Chengdu 01 night	Tibet Hotel / Tian Fu Sunshine - Superior room		
Day 2 – 6	Lhasa 5 nights	Four point by Sheraton Deluxe room	Yutuo International Standard room	House of Shambhala Superior room
Day 7	Shigatse 01 night	Qiaomulangzong Standard room		
Transportation		Benz MB 100		
Tour Price (HKD) per person on Twin Sharing basis		14,900	13,900	12,800
Round-trip airfare Hong Kong to Lhasa by Air China		6,800 + 443 approx. taxes		
Total Package Price		21,700	20,700	19,600

Package Includes:

Round-trip airfare Hong Kong to Lhasa by Air China
 07 nights hotel accommodation on Twin Sharing Basis with daily breakfast
 All meet and greet, airport transfers, hotel transfers and sightseeing excursions by private AC car
 Excursion with an English speaking local Tibetan guide in each city
 Guide and transportation for city valid from 0900 – 1700hrs
 Entrance fees for sightseeing places mentioned
 Government service tax, parking and toll fee

Package does not include:

Spending of a personal nature (e.g.: Extra meals besides breakfast, phone bills, laundry, tips)
 Video Camera and Still Camera permits, if gov't taxes revised, client have to pay additional surcharges
 Airfare taxes, surcharges & anything else not mentioned under Package Includes

ITINERARIES, CHANGES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

COMPANY agrees to provide all of the services listed in your travel itinerary, except for the optional services. Optional services will be billed separately.

COMPANY has no responsibility for any changes in travel plans caused by airlines, train, ferry delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered.

If you would like to modify any portion of your itinerary, you understand that COMPANY will not bear any of the costs arising from such changes. Refunds for non-used or cancelled services will be issued in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions* described. All new services will be billed in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions*.

Due to the circumstances, including but not limited to, like closure or maintenance of monuments, weather, time, or traffic, etc., the planned visit or activity will be arranged on the next day if possible. No refund can be made if it's failed to do so.

OTHER EXPENSES DURING TOURS

Tipping & gratuity guidelines, tour guide - as you depart from the tour, reward a good guide in each city by tipping USD10- 15 per person per day, driver USD5- 10 per person per day, based on the satisfaction you have received from them, bellman by tipping USD3-5 Per bag, however these are guidelines are optional.

PERSONAL EXPENSES - Meals, laundry, telephone bills, beverage, extra local running for transport which is **not** included in your itinerary, (transport for sightseeing excursion will be provide between 0900hrs – 1730hrsMax.), Video & Camera fees charged at monuments directly , tips for guides, driver , travel Insurance for personal injury & loss of personal belongings.

DEPOSITS, FINAL PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit of 30 % of the tour fee on a per person basis must be paid after all reservations are confirmed. **We accept cash or cheque only**. Bookings for this deposit not received are subject to cancellation without notice. If *G.C Nanda* is unable to confirm the requested arrangements the deposit will be fully refundable. Deposits vary for each tour operator, hotel, or provider of any service contained in the program and will be payable according to the *General Terms and Conditions* of each operator. Please note that firm reservations cannot be made for any pre-booked accommodation until the required deposit is received. The balance payment must be received not less than 30 days prior to departure. If the balance payment is not received by us on the due date, we reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

AMENDMENT FEES

For each amendment requested after confirmation additional charges will be levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines. An amendment constitutes a change to an existing booking and not a transfer to another tour, wherein cancellation fees may apply.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Cancellations are subject to a fee as follows:

- **30 days, or more, prior to departure: forfeit of deposit**
- **14-30 days, or less, prior to departure: 100% of total cost**

Cancellations will also be subject to cancellation fees levied by each operator according to their respective *Booking Terms and Conditions*. Please note that it is your responsibility to request from us the details of *Terms and Conditions*, and to ensure that you have understood their contents. The payment of your deposit constitutes an acceptance of those terms and conditions and your acknowledgement that you will be bound by their cancellation fee charges. No refund is made on any pre-booked accommodation, coach tours, villas hotel, cruising or other travel not utilised. No refund is available for cancellation after the tour has commenced or in respect of any tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that, at the time of booking, you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy of your choice. We suggest that the policy should include, but not be limited to the following features: Loss of deposit through cancellation, personal baggage, loss of money, medical expenses, additional expenses to cover hotel accommodation should the tour or holiday need to be extended or curtailed due to illness while overseas, or due to the need to return to Hong Kong because of unexpected death or illness of a close relative. **Please consult us on the insurance policy most suitable for your needs.**

VISA, TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Passengers should familiarise themselves with any and all health or visa requirements that may be applicable in the areas they intend visiting. They shall be responsible for all exits, entry, health and other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of the countries visited or transited. Each person shall carry a valid passport at all times. Kindly note that passport and visa requirements are not our responsibility and we are not liable for any loss or expense due to a passenger's failure to comply with the above or any statutory requirement made in any country whatsoever.