**Lhasa City Essential Group Tour -4 Days**

**Description**

With limited time or budget, Lhasa City Essential Group Tour will allow you to experience Lhasa, the Place of Gods – the red and white Potala soaring above the holy city; the beating spiritual heart of Tibet, Jokhang with pilgrims prostrating; Barkhor Street full of stalls selling prayer wheels and turquoise, Muslim traders, thangka workshop…

**Simple Itinerary with Inclusions & Exclusions**

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|  | **Route** | **Attractions** | **Lodgings** | **B** | **D** |
| D1 | Arrival in Lhasa | Group transfer from Lhasa Airport/Railway | Lhasa,4★ |  |  |
| D2 | Lhasa Suburb | **Drepung Monastery; Norbulingka; Tibet Museum** | Lhasa,4★ | √ | √ |
| D3 | Lhasa City | **Potola Palace; Jokhang Temple; Barkhor Street** | Lhasa,3★/4★ | √ |  |
| D4 | Departure from Lhasa | Group transfer to Lhasa Airport/Railway |  | √ |  |

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| **INCLUSIONS** | | **EXCLUSIONS** |
| Lodgings | 3Nights, twin room en suite in 3★/4★ | \*Private Lhasa Airport transfers if your flight isn’t within our free service time.  Nov-Jun: USD 50/vehicle/time  Jul-Oct: USD 65/vehicle/time  \*Private Lhasa train station transfers if your train isn’t our group date. USD30 per transfer.  \*Air or Train to/from Tibet  \*China Visa  \*Lunch, Dinner  \*Admission fee for optional attraction  \*Super-fast express delivery of Tibet Entry Permit (eg. China Air Express)  \*Additional days caused by unexpected nature disasters. eg.Land Slide, Avalanche, etc.  \*Gratuities for guide & driver, abt CNY 50/day for both of them together  \*Personal expenses  \*Personal travel insurance  \*Anything not listed in INCLUSIONS |
| Meal | 3 Breakfasts & 1 Welcome Dinner |
| Transport | \*Licensed vehicle according to group size & season as itinerary needed;  \*Gas and parking fee for the vehicle;  \***Lhasa Railway Station：**  1-time free pick-up at any time on Day 01;  1-time free drop-off at any time on Day 04;  \***Lhasa Airport：**  1-time free pick-up at 9:30am、13:00pm、16:00pm from Lhasa Airport on Day 01;  1-time free drop-off at 8:30am、12:30pm、14:30pm from hotel in Lhasa on Day 04; |
| Guide | Experienced local English-speaking tour guide |
| Admissions | All entrance fee mentioned in itinerary |
| Permit | Tibet Tourism Bureau Permit (TTB); |
| Others | Travel Agency Liability insurance;  Government Tax;  Express delivery fee of Permit (eg. SF. Express)  Oxygen tank for emergency use;  Two bottles of mineral water per person per day; |
| **NOTE** | | |
| \* Tibet Tourism Bureau Permit (TTB) usually takes about 12-working-day to apply. If you couldn’t provide the required docs & info on time, an extra handling fee will be charged. Please consult your travel consultant for details; \* We reserve the right to change the itinerary order and attractions in Lhasa; \* If you prefer to book your own hotels over those included in our group tour, please meet the rest of the group at their daily hotel on time. We don’t include the transfers to your own hotels;  \*All members of the same group must be with the same tour guide during the whole trip. So all members must follow the same itinerary and visit the same attractions. If anyone requests to change the scheduled arrangement for own reasons, you need to get permission from other members and accept the possible payment change if any. \* We need to pick up and drop off all  members of the group on first & last day from Lhasa Airport/Railway, thus there may not always have guide presence but driver; \* Due to the special nature of Tibet travel, any unforeseeable and unavoidable objective circumstances, including but not limited to natural disasters, war, terrorism, riot, civil commotion, strikes, public health emergencies, government action, major traffic jams, delay or cancellation of flight/train, attractions temporarily closed. etc., resulting in a change of itinerary, the increased cost will be paid by travellers; if any attraction visits have to be cancelled due to the same reasons above, GTT won't be held responsible for the refund except certain attraction entrance fee which will be solely decided by GTT.  \* Single Supplement: our quote is based on twin rooms. For single travellers, single supplement is required at the time of booking. If later we manage to match you with another traveller to share the twin rooms, the single supplement will be refunded. | | |

**Detail Itinerary**

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| **Day 01: Arrival in Lhasa**  Our staff will greet you at Lhasa Airport/Railway to transfer you to hotel. From Lhasa Airport to downtown Lhasa, usually takes abt 1.5hrs; from Lhasa Railway Station, abt 20mins. After transferred to hotel, the rest of the day you will be free to wander around the city on your own but try not to overtax yourself. The first day’s well-rest is crucial to acclimatize high altitude. Remember to drink lots of water, eat light, and not to shower if you can help it.  **Overnight in Lhasa, 3★/4★**  **Day 02: Lhasa Suburb (B)**  **Highlights: Drepung Monastery, Norbulingka, Tibet Museum**  In the morning, you are heading to **Drepung Monastery**, which means Monastery of Rice Heap in the Tibetan language. The entire monastery is large in scale and the white buildings cluster and cover the hillsides. Drepung monastery is the largest Tibetan Buddhist monastery, with more than 10,000 monks at its peak. The first to the fifth Dalai Lamas have held enthronement ceremonies in Drepung Monastery, and all Dalai Lamas have Drepung Monastery as their “mother temple”, so it is also the highest-ranking monastery in the Gelug Sect.  In the afternoon, we will visit **Norbulingka**, which is a typical Tibetan-style royal garden, the summer resort of the Dalai Lama. There are a lot of towering trees, exotic flowers and plants in the garden, as well as many collections of cultural relics, Buddha statues, pagodas, thangkas, murals, etc. They are all very precious treasures.  Next, we’ll go to the **Tibet Museum** near Norbulingka, which is the only national first-class museum in the Tibet Autonomous Region. The exhibition hall is composed of 4 major parts: prehistoric culture, inseparable history, culture and art, and folk culture. The collection is rich in cultural relics with strong characteristics, including various relics of prehistoric culture, statues of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas of various textures and shapes, important historical objects, exquisite ancient Tibetan books, thangkas, ethnic handicrafts and costumes, etc., which fully demonstrate the historical development and cultural landscape of Tibet.  **Overnight in Lhasa, 3★/4★**  **Day 03: Lhasa City (B)**  **Highlights: Potola Palace, Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Street**  Today, you will visit the most famous **Potala Palace**, which is the cardinal landmark of Tibet and the masterpiece of Tibetan architecture. Potala Palace was the winter palace of successive Dalai lamas. In possession of rich cultural heritage, Potala Palace is known as the "pearl on the roof of the world."  At the top the palace called golden roofs, you can have a bird-eye view of the whole of Lhasa. In the distance there are undulating mountain ranges, the beautiful Lhasa River, tracts of fields, tree-shaded villages and the glistening Jokhang Temple.  At noon, the tour guide will bring you to a good restaurant to have lunch and have a rest. In the afternoon, we will go to visit **Jokhang Temple** in the center of the Lhasa old town. Jokhang Temple is the most sacred temple in Tibet and it is always bustling with earnest local pilgrims since the early days. After that, you will take a walk around the **Barkhor Street** - one of the most devotional circuits as well as a crowded central market of Lhasa. Barkhor Street is a very ancient round street surrounding the Jokhang Temple and the locals are always proud of it. As a symbol of Lhasa, it‘s also a must-see place for visitors.  **Overnight in Lhasa, 3★/4★**  **Day 04: Lhasa > Airport/Railway (B)**  Your 4-day Lhasa City Essential Group Tour ends today. After breakfasts, you will be free for the morning. Our staff will collect you at your hotel around noon to transfer to Lhasa Airport. For Lhasa Railway, we will arrange free individual transport.  **End of tour!** |