Mount Kailash – Lhasa Guge Kingdom Tour

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Your journey at a glance

Duration: 20 days

Maximum altitude: 5600 m

Group size: 2 - 20

Route: Kathmandu / Lhasa - Kathmandu

Price from: USD 5,200.00 per adult

Accommodation: 15 nights in Tibet and 4 nights in Kathmandu; deluxe hotels, guest houses and tents as listed.

Transportation: One-way Kathmandu–Lhasa flight, luxury tourist vehicle and trekking.

Meals: Breakfast in Kathmandu, Lhasa, Gyantse and Shigatse; all meals in Tibet after Saga, as listed in the inclusions.

Package overview

Tour Overview
A great mass of black rock soaring to over 22,000 feet, Mount Kailash has the unique distinction of being one of the world's most venerated holy places while also being among the least visited. Sacred to four religions and billions of people, Kailash is seen by only a few thousand pilgrims each year. This is explained by the mountain's remote location in far western Tibet. No planes, trains or buses travel near the region, and even with rugged overland vehicles, the journey requires weeks of difficult, often dangerous travel.
The weather, always cold, can be unexpectedly treacherous, and pilgrims must carry all the supplies they need for the journey. How long have people been coming to this sacred mountain? The answers are lost in antiquity, before the dawn of Hinduism, Jainism or Buddhism. The cosmologies and origin myths of these religions speak of Kailash as the mythical Mount Meru, the Axis Mundi, the centre and birthplace of the entire world.
The mountain was already legendary before the great Hindu epics, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, were written. Kailash is so deeply embedded in the myths of ancient Asia that it was perhaps a sacred place of another era and another civilization, now long gone and forgotten.
Package detailsInformation
Duration20 days: 15 nights in Tibet and 4 nights in Kathmandu
Ex-Kathmandu price per personUSD 5,200
Joining in Lhasa price per personUSD 4,700
Travel styleFly in, drive out

Route Overview
Kathmandu -> Gonggar Airport -> Lhasa -> Gyantse -> Shigatse -> Saga -> Darchen -> Tirthapuri -> Tholing -> Guge Kingdom -> Lake Manasarovar -> Gossul Gompa -> Darchen -> Shershong / Diraphuk Gompa -> Dolma La Pass -> Zuthulphuk -> Darchen -> Dongpa -> Kerung -> Kathmandu.
Accommodation Overview
LocationAccommodation
Kathmandu, Lhasa, Gyantse and ShigatseDeluxe hotels, twin-sharing rooms with breakfast
DarchenDeluxe Hotel Himalayan
Tibet after SagaTwin-sharing tents or guest houses, with all meals

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival in Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu and transfer to the hotel. Attend the tour briefing and enjoy a welcome dinner in the evening.

Meals: Welcome dinner
Accommodation: Hotel in Kathmandu

Day 2 - Kathmandu sightseeing

After breakfast, visit Boudhanath, Pashupatinath and Swayambhunath. After lunch, prepare for the trip.

Accommodation: Hotel in Kathmandu

Day 3 - Fly to Gonggar Airport and drive to Lhasa

Fly to Gonggar Airport and drive to Lhasa. Transfer to the hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel in Lhasa
Altitude: 3,570 m

Day 4 - Lhasa sightseeing – first day

Begin two days of sightseeing in Lhasa. The combined programme for Days 4–5 includes Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Market, Drepung Monastery and Sera Monastery.

Accommodation: Hotel in Lhasa

Day 5 - Lhasa sightseeing – second day

Continue the two-day Lhasa sightseeing programme, visiting the remaining sites listed for Days 4–5.

Accommodation: Hotel in Lhasa

Day 6 - Drive to Shigatse via Gyantse

Drive 340 km to Shigatse via Gyantse (3,950 m). Visit Pelkor and Kumbum monasteries in Gyantse.

Accommodation: Hotel in Shigatse
Altitude: 3,900 m

Day 7 - Drive to Saga

Drive to Saga.

Accommodation: Hotel or tent camp
Altitude: 4,450 m

Day 8 - Drive to Darchen

Drive to Darchen.

Accommodation: Hotel
Altitude: 4,600 m

Day 9 - Drive to Tirthapuri

Drive to Tirthapuri.

Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp

Day 10 - Drive to Tholing

Drive to Tholing.

Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp

Day 11 - Visit Guge Kingdom

Visit Guge Kingdom from Tholing.

Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp

Day 12 - Drive to Lake Manasarovar

Drive to Lake Manasarovar.

Accommodation: Mud house or tent camp
Altitude: 4,560 m

Day 13 - Visit Gossul Gompa

Visit Gossul Gompa and return to camp.

Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp

Day 14 - Drive to Shershong via Darchen

Drive to Shershong via Darchen and visit Diraphuk Gompa.

Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp
Altitude: 4,800 m

Day 15 - Trek to Zuthulphuk via Dolma La Pass

Trek to Zuthulphuk, crossing Dolma La Pass (5,600 m).

Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp
Altitude: Dolma La Pass: 5,600 m

Day 16 - Trek to Darchen and drive to Dongpa

Trek to Darchen and drive to Dongpa.

Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp
Altitude: 4,610 m

Day 17 - Drive to Kerung

Drive to Kerung.

Accommodation: Guest house
Altitude: 2,950 m

Day 18 - Drive to Kathmandu

Drive 172 km to Kathmandu. Allow approximately one hour for Nepal–China customs formalities.

Day 19 - Kathmandu Durbar Square and Thamel

After lunch, visit Kathmandu Durbar Square and Thamel Market.

Accommodation: Hotel in Kathmandu

Day 20 - Departure

Transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

What is included

- Tibet visa and land permit.

- Sightseeing and monastery entrance fees as listed in the itinerary.

- Deluxe hotel accommodation in twin-sharing rooms with breakfast in Kathmandu, Lhasa, Gyantse and Shigatse.

- Twin-sharing tents or guest houses with all meals in Tibet after Saga. The Nepali crew joins at Saga to prepare and serve meals.

- English-speaking guide throughout the tour.

- All transportation by luxury tourist vehicle.

- One-way Kathmandu–Lhasa flight ticket.

- All camping equipment.

- Deluxe Hotel Himalayan accommodation in Darchen.

What is excluded

- Tips.

- Travel and medical insurance.

- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu, Lhasa, Gyantse and Shigatse only; meals after Shigatse are included.

- Extra expenses and beverages.

Plan your journey

Prices, itinerary and availability may change. Contact our team to confirm travel dates, inclusions and final pricing.

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