Mt Kailash – Lhasa Guge Kingdom Tour

Nepal, Tibet, China / Lhasa, Gyantse, Shigatse, Saga, Darchen, Guge Kingdom, Lake Manasarovar, Mount Kailash and Kerung | Tour package



Your journey at a glance

Duration: 20 days

Trip grade: Challenging

Maximum altitude: 5600 m

Best season: May to September

Group size: 1 - 20

Route: Kathmandu / Lhasa - Kathmandu

Price from: USD 5,200.00 per adult

Accommodation: Deluxe hotels in Kathmandu, Lhasa, Gyantse, Shigatse and Darchen; guest houses and tent camps in the western Tibet and Kailash region.

Transportation: One-way Kathmandu–Lhasa flight, luxury tourist vehicle for overland travel in Tibet and return drive to Kathmandu via Kerung; trekking during the Kailash Parikrama.

Meals: Breakfast at hotels in Kathmandu, Lhasa, Gyantse and Shigatse; all meals in Tibet after Saga, prepared by the Nepali crew and cook as described.

Package overview

Mount Kailash
A great mass of black rock soaring to more than 22,000 feet, Mount Kailash has the unique distinction of being one of the world’s most venerated holy places and one of its least visited. It is a supremely sacred site for four religions and billions of people, yet only a few thousand pilgrims reach the mountain each year because of its remote location in far western Tibet.
The weather is cold and can be unexpectedly treacherous. Pilgrims must carry the supplies they need for the journey. The mountain has been revered since antiquity, before the emergence of Hinduism, Jainism and Buddhism. The cosmologies and origin stories of these religions speak of Kailash as the mythical Mount Meru, the Axis Mundi and the centre of the world.
Mount Kailash was already legendary before the Hindu epics, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, were written. It is deeply embedded in the myths of ancient Asia and has been revered across generations.

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival in Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu, transfer to the hotel and attend the tour briefing. Enjoy a welcome dinner in the evening.

Meals: D
Accommodation: Hotel in Kathmandu
Altitude: 1,350 m

Day 2 - Kathmandu sightseeing

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

Meals: B
Accommodation: Hotel in Kathmandu

Day 3 - Fly to Gonggar and drive to Lhasa

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

Meals: B
Accommodation: Hotel in Lhasa
Altitude: 3,570 m

Travel time: Flight and road transfer

Day 4 - Lhasa sightseeing – first day

Two days are allocated to sightseeing in Lhasa. The programme includes Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Market, Drepung Monastery and Sera Monastery.

Accommodation: Hotel in Lhasa

Notes: The source groups Days 04–05 and does not assign each attraction to a specific day.

Day 5 - Lhasa sightseeing – second day

Continue the two-day Lhasa sightseeing programme. The listed places are Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Market, Drepung Monastery and Sera Monastery.

Accommodation: Hotel in Lhasa

Day 6 - Drive to Shigatse via Gyantse

Drive to Shigatse via Gyantse (3,950 m), a distance of approximately 340 km. Visit Pholkor and Kumbum Monasteries in Gyantse.

Meals: B
Accommodation: Hotel in Shigatse
Altitude: 3,900 m
Travel time: 340 km

Day 7 - Drive to Saga

Drive from Shigatse to Saga.

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

Day 8 - Drive to Darchen

Drive from Saga to Darchen.

Meals: B
Accommodation: Hotel in Darchen
Altitude: 4,600 m

Day 9 - Drive to Thirthapuri

Drive to Thirthapuri.

Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp

Day 10 - Drive to Toiling

Drive from Thirthapuri to Toiling.

Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp

Day 11 - Visit Guge Kingdom

Visit the Guge Kingdom at Toiling.

Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp

Day 12 - Drive to Lake Manasarovar

Drive to Lake Manasarovar.

Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Mud house or tent camp
Altitude: 4,560 m

Day 13 - Visit Gossul Gompa

Visit Gossul Gompa and return to camp.

Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp

Day 14 - Drive to Shershong via Darchen

Drive to Shershong via Darchen. Visit Diraphuk Gompa.

Meals: B, L, D
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).

Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp
Altitude: 5,600 m

Day 16 - Trek to Darchen and drive to Dongpa

Trek to Darchen and drive onward to Dongpa.

Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Guest house or tent camp
Altitude: 4,610 m

Day 17 - Drive to Kerung

Drive from Dongpa to Kerung.

Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Guest house
Altitude: 2,950 m

Day 18 - Drive from Kerung to Kathmandu

Drive from Kerung to Kathmandu, a distance of approximately 172 km. Complete Nepal–China customs and immigration formalities at the border.

Meals: B, L, D
Accommodation: Hotel in Kathmandu
Travel time: 172 km

Notes: The source notes approximately one hour for Nepal–China customs formalities.

Day 19 - Kathmandu Durbar Square and Thamel

After lunch, visit Kathmandu Durbar Square and Thamel Market.

Meals: B, D
Accommodation: Hotel in Kathmandu

Day 20 - Departure from Kathmandu

Transfer to the airport for departure and continue the onward journey.

Meals: B

What is included

- Tibet visa and land permit.

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

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

- Twin-sharing tent or guest-house accommodation with all meals in Tibet after Saga; the Nepali crew and cook prepare and serve meals from Saga.

- English-speaking guide throughout the tour.

- All transportation by luxury tourist vehicle.

- One-way Kathmandu–Lhasa flight ticket.

- All camping equipment.

- Deluxe Hotel Himalayan at Darchen.

What is excluded

- Tips.

- Travel and medical insurance.

- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu and in Tibet at Lhasa, Gyantse and Shigatse.

- Extra expenses.

- 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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