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12 days Lhasa Cultural Tour

URL: <https://boundlessadventure.com/lhasa-cultural-tour>

Duration

12 Days

Difficulty

Easy

Best Seasons

June, July, September and October.

Transportation

Flight

Max Altitude

3400m

Trip Type

Tour

Meal

Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel

12 days Lhasa Cultural Tour Highlights

- Historical and cultural destination in 12 days Lhasa Cultural Tour
- The Tour has the most famous pilgrims' monastery
- Historically, arts, Monasteries, and Stupas.
- Explore at Potala palace in Lhasa

Trip Overview

Lhasa Cultural Tour and activities are famous for every visitor who wants to explore the land of Tibet in 2024 and 2025. It was released in 1980 A.D to discover the cultural and traditional facts about [Tibetan Culture](#) and living hood.

At the same time, a Lhasa Cultural Tour leads you to discover isolated places, high passes, and the snowcapped mountains of Snow Peak. The Tour is rich in artistic temples, monasteries, stupas, sacred Holy lakes, and mountains, which are the sources that make Lhasa become a piece of heaven.

We provide Lhasa culture tours with a guide, itinerary, permits, affordable prices, and costs for 2024 and

2025.

Contact us for more information by email or WhatsApp at the following numbers: +977 9851033819 or email us to book the family, Solo, and group traveling during the Tour in Lhasa.



Drepung and Sera Monastery

12 days cultural tour to Lhasa starts from the capital city, Kathmandu, to the Himalayan region with a scenic flight in the lap of the Adventurous Mountains. Tour in Lhasa has spectacular views of the Himalayan range, including a panoramic view of Mt. Everest. The **Potala Palace** is fabulous, presenting you with the incredible beauty of sightseeing in Tibet culture.

It is also famous for its historical and cultural destinations. Here, you can buy excellent arts and crafts and participate in cultural activities. It is said that the Dalai Lama spent his most valuable time gaining Wisdom and Knowledge.

The Jokhang Temple of Lhasa is an ancient pilgrimage site that houses the living images of the God Shakyamuni Buddha. Thousands of Buddhist prayers pay their respects in the Jokhang temple every year.

The Barkhor Bazaar is a place to get materials for daily needs and a great place to explore the native people of Lhasa because you will find local people with their own respective cultures. Drepung Monastery is one of the most significant monasteries, and it is known as the central attraction of Tibetan Buddhist communities on the Cultural Tour.

It explains the historical background of Buddhist culture and traditions in the Lhasa Cultural Trip. The Yarlung Valley is an ancient valley that was a capital city before the arrival of regional Buddhism. The people believed that the Yarlung Valley was gifted. While traveling in Tibet, you'll also find that arts and crafts shine everywhere.

Golden monasteries on hills, stone, and rock in deserts and cliffs, fluttering prayer flags around lakes and passes, an ancient kingdom on the mountaintop, colorful wall paintings of God Buddha inside the temples, and the arts of singing over the central of Monasteries and Stupas while you are in Lhasa.

If you plan to travel to Lhasa, you need a Tibetan Visa from the [Chinese Embassy](#).

Lhasa Cultural Tour Cost

The Lhasa Culture Tour starts in Kathmandu. The cost depends on the size of the group. Would you like to fly out from Kathmandu and to Kathmandu, or would you like to go to China? We can't give you the

cost details without such information. Please contact us for more details. But we'll give you a service guarantee for the Lhasa culture Tour.

Trip Itinerary

Boundless Adventure provides an 11-day itinerary for a Lhasa cultural tour. The team has carefully designed the itinerary to ensure the traveler's safety, success, and enjoyment and to provide memories that will last a lifetime.

The itinerary includes the first day of arrival in Kathmandu, Nepal, the second day of sightseeing in Kathmandu, the final day of departure, and the remaining days of the expedition in Lhasa. The Lhasa Cultural tour commences with a flight to Gonggar Airport of Lhasa from Tribhuvan International Airport.

Day 01: Arrive at Kathmandu airport (1380m)

To start the tour to Lhasa, travelers first must get to Kathmandu. Boundless Adventure's members will be at the airport with your and our company's name upon your arrival. Once you meet our representative, he'll greet you and take you on a private vehicle to drop you off at your Hotel. As you get to the Hotel, you will check in and get to your room. In the evening, we'll meet you at your Hotel to debrief the tour, or if you are okay with visiting our office, you are heartily welcome. Your overnight stay is at the Kathmandu Hotel.

Destination:

Kathmandu

Accommodation

Hotel

Transportation:

Car

Duration:

15 minute

Food:

Not Included

Day 02: Kathmandu Valley sightseeing.

Good morning! Day two is your sightseeing trip to the Kathmandu Valley. Get ready with your breakfast. Our representative will be in a private vehicle outside your Hotel for your day's visit. The drive from your Hotel is towards Kathmandu Durbar Square. If you stay in Thamel's Hotel, it will take 10-15 minutes to get to Kathmandu Durbar Square, depending on traffic conditions. Our guide will briefly explain each of the monuments and the historical significance of Kathmandu Durbar Square as you start visiting there.

The drive moves towards Swayambhunath from Kathmandu Durbar Square. It is a 10-15 minute drive from Kathmandu Durbar Square to reach Sawambhunath. At Sawambhunath, travelers can appreciate the 360-degree view of Kathmandu Valley and feel the spiritual ambiance of the temple.

The drive moves Boudhanath from Swayambhunath temple. It takes 25-30 minutes to get to Boudhanath stupa from Sawambhunath temple. You will find the same atmosphere and practices at Boudhanath as you saw at Sawambhunath, as both are prominent Buddhist religious sites. Visitors can participate in stupa Circumambulation by spinning prayer wheels at Boudhanath and can appreciate the view of the Stupa while having a delicious meal at the rooftop restaurant.

Your day ends with a visit to Pashupatinath temple, a sacred Hindu site. As you get to Pashupatinath in the evening, you can witness one of the prominent religious practices, a night flameword "Sandhya Aarati." Also, you can explore the temple and learn about numerous legends and facts through our guide.

After a full day of exploration, we will drop you off at the Hotel, where you will spend the night.

Destination:

Kathmandu

Accommodation

Hotel

Transportation:

Car

Duration:

5-6 hour

Food:

Breakfast

Day 03: Fly from Kathmandu to Lhasa (3650m).

The journey towards Lhasa begins with a flight from Kathmandu International Airport to Gonggar Airport. It is an hour's aerial flight from Tribhuvan International Airport to Gonggar Airport. The flight offers a bird's eye view of Nepal's iconic mountain peaks, including Mount Everest, Mt.Cho Oyu, Shishapangma, and Mt.Kanchenjunga.

As you land at the Gonggar Airport, our guide will pick you up and take you to your Hotel. It is about a one-hour drive from Gonggar Airport to Lhasa, covering a distance of 93km. After getting to the Hotel, check in, rest, and take time to adjust to the changed temperature and altitude. Your overnight stay and dinner will be at the Lhasa Hotel.

Destination:

Lhasa

Accommodation

Hotel

Transportation:

Flight

Duration:

1 hour

Food:

Brekfast and Dinner

Day 04: Lhasa Exploration

Good morning at the Lhasa! From today, travelers visit the cultural sites and some popular areas of Lhasa. Your day begins with a warm breakfast at your Hotel. After breakfast, we will pick you up from your Hotel and take you to Potala Palace. The Palace was a resistance place of Dalai Lamas from 1649 to 1959, but it is now a museum and a world heritage site. The Palace is 117 m high, with 13 stories, more than 1,000 rooms, 10,000 shrines, and about 200,000 statues.

After the visit to Potala Palace, the drive moves towards Norbulingka Palace. The Palace lies in a tranquil and stunning garden in western Lhasa, southwest of Potala Palace. The Norbulingka Palace is famous for being the summer residence of the Dalai Lama. It is a world heritage site that serves as an administrative and religious center. Visitors can witness the cars the 13th Dalai Lama imported to Tibet while visiting Norbulingka Palace.

From Norbulingka Palace, the drive moves towards the day's final destination: the Tibet Museum. The museum houses many artifacts and exhibits from Tibet's ancient times.

After a visit to three stunning ancient monuments in Lhasa, we will drop you off at your Hotel. You will stay overnight and have dinner at the Lhasa Hotel.

Destination:

Lhasa

Accommodation

Hotel

Transportation:

Car

Duration:

4-5 hour

Food:

Breakfast and Dinner

Day 05: Lhasa Sightseeing

After your morning meal, another day of exploration and sightseeing in Lhasa begins. Sera Monastery is the first sightseeing site of the day. The monastery is one of the prominent sites of Lhasa and also a university of Buddhism. During the visit to Sera Monastery, travelers can appreciate the Main Assembly Hall (Tsokchen Hall), Debating Courtyard, College Halls, Statues, and Stupas and witness religious practices.

The drive moves towards Drepung Monastery, one of the three pillars of the Tibetan state. Built-in 1416, the Drepung monastery was the largest monastery in Tibet and a prominent site for the Gelupa sect of Buddhism. The monastery's setting, with its vast courtyards and dense forests, makes it one of the most peaceful sites to visit in Lhasa. During the visit, travelers can participate in a 90-minute circumambulation.

Jokhang Temple is another sightseeing destination after Drepung Monastery. Built-in 647 AD, it is one of the most sacred temples in Lhasa. The temple is a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site inside Barkhor Square. The Jowo Shakyamuni statue is the major attraction of the Jhkhang temple, and visitors can take a glimpse.

The day ends with a visit to Barkhor Bazaar, the oldest street in Lhasa, with a history of over 1,300 years. The Bazaar is well-known for its shopping. The Jhokang Temple, which lies on the street of Barkhor Bazaar, adds significance to the Bazaar. Dorje, Saffron, Tibetan Jewelry Boxes, Tibetan Wooden Bowls, Snuff Bottles, Prayer Wheels (Mani), Diamond Knots, and Millettia bracelets are the prominent Souvenirs found in Barkhor Bazaar.

After a pleasant day exploring Lhasa's numerous areas and historical sites, we will drop you off at the Hotel, Where you will have a meal and spend the night.

Destination:

Lhasa

Accommodation

Hotel

Transportation:

Car

Duration:

4-5 hour

Food:

Breakfast and Dinner

Day 06: Drive to Xigatse (3900m)

On the sixth day, the journey moves to Xigatse (Shigatse) from Lhasa. After breakfast at Lhasa's Hotel, you will drive towards the day's destination, Xigatse. The journey follows the China National Highway 318 through a well-maintained road in a smooth drive. The drive from Lhasa to Xigatse passes through some of the stunning scenery of Tibet. The drive passes provide a panorama of Yamdrok Lake, Yamdrok Lake, Gyantse Town, and Shalu Monastery.

It takes 6-7 hours to reach Xigatse (Shigatse) at 3900m from Lhasa, covering a distance of 280km. As you reach Xigatse, you can visit the nearby areas. Your overnight and dinner are at the Hotel Hotelgatse (Shigatse).

Destination:

Xigatse

Accommodation

Hotel

Transportation:

Car

Duration:

6-7 hour

Food:

Breakfast and Dinner

Day 07: Drive to Gyantse (3950m)

You will visit the Tashilhunpo Monastery in Xigatse early in the morning and drive towards Gyantse after breakfast. The drive offers you a glimpse into the stunning landscapes of Tibet. You'll pass through beautiful countryside landscapes with incredible sights of rolling hills and traditional Tibetan villages.

Also, the drive offers a spectacular panorama of Karola Glacier. After 2-3 hours of driving covering a distance of 90km, you will reach the day's destination, Gyantse, at 3950m.

Upon reaching Gyantse, you will rest and then visit Gyantse Dzong. On the hilltop, Gyantse Dzong is a historic fortress; from there, you can appreciate the beauty of the surrounding valley. You will end your day with a visit to Pelkor Chode Monastery and Kumbum Stupa. Your overnight and dinner are at Gyantse's Hotel.

Destination:

Gyantse

Accommodation

Hotel

Transportation:

Car

Duration:

2-3 hour

Food:

Breakfast and Dinner

Day 08: Drive to Tsedang (3400m)

Day eight takes you to Tsedang at 3400m above sea level. After having a morning meal at Gyantse's tea house, you will drive towards the day's destination. The initial phase of the drive passes through a picturesque landscape with traditional Tibetan houses, terraced fields of barley, and grazing yaks. It takes 5-6 hours to drive from Gyantse to Tsedang through a scenic drive. The day's night stay and dinner are at Tsedang's Hotel.

Destination:

Tsedang

Accommodation

Hotel

Transportation:

Car

Duration:

5-6 hour

Food:

Brekfast and Dinner

Day 09: Drive to Samye Tsedang (3100m)

The ninth day is the second and last day of your journey to the Lhasa cultural tour, Samye Tsedang (3100m). After breakfast at Tsedang's Hotel, you will drive towards Samye in the early morning. The route to Samye Tsedang follows a winding path along the Yarlung Tsangpo River. The drive provides stunning views of the valley and the surrounding landscapes.

After covering approximately 65km and taking 2-3 hours to drive, you will reach Samye. You will visit the first Buddhist monastery built in Tibet, Samye Monastery. You can appreciate the monastery's architectural beauty and participate in a spiritual experience there. After exploring the monastery, you

will get to your Hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Destination:

Samye Tsedang

Accommodation

Hotel

Transportation:

Car

Duration:

2-3 hour

Food:

Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10: Drive Lhasa airport and fly to Kathmandu.

Day tenth is the final day in your Lhasa. Early in the morning, after breakfast, you will drive to Lhasa's Gonggar Airport to return to Kathmandu. It is 2 hours of drive from Samye Tsedang to get to Gonggar Airport. You will check in for Kathmandu's flight when you get to the airport. An hour of aerial flight with a bird's gaze of the stunning landscape of Tibet and Nepal takes you to Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu. Upon landing, we will pick you up and drop you off at your Hotel. Your dinner and night stay is at the Kathmandu Hotel.

Destination:

Kathmandu

Accommodation

Hotel

Transportation:

Flight

Duration:

1 hour

Food:

Breakfast

Day 11: Final Departure

The eleventh day marks the final day of your journey to Nepal. On this day, you will fly back to your homeland. We will pick you up from your Hotel and drop you off at the airport for your flight. However, you can stay and participate in other adventures if you have more time. If you don't have time, we must say goodbye with a heavy heart. Have a safe flight!

Transportation:

Car

Duration:

15 minute

Trip Includes

- Airport /Hotel/Airport pick up and drop by car/van/bus.
- Flight tickets from Kathmandu to Lhasa Kathmandu.
- Lhasa hotel in B/B plan.
- Lhasa city sightseeing can be done by private car/van/bus.
- He was a highly experienced, helpful, and friendly Guide who provided food, accommodation, salary, insurance, and equipment.
- Tibet visa and entry fee.
- All Government taxes
- All ground transportation in Nepal and Tibet.

Trip Excludes

- Travel insurance.
- Lunch and Dinner
- Donation and tips
- All sightseeing entry fees.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is Lhasa located?

Lhasa is in the central part of the Tibetan Plateau. At 3656 m, it is the highest capital city in the world and the capital of the Tibet Autonomous Region. The city, which has an area of 32 square km, lies on the north bank of the Lhasa/ Kyichu River.

How Far is Lhasa from Kathmandu, Nepal?

Travelers can choose between ground transportation and airways to reach Lhasa from Kathmandu, Nepal. However, the airway option is more popular and convenient. The aerial distance from Kathmandu to Lhasa is 609km and 860.1km via overland. It takes one and a half hours to fly from Kathmandu, Nepal, to Lhasa.

What is Special about Lhasa?

Lhasa is a stunning city with the perfect combination of Culture, history, and nature. Thus, Lhasa's spiritual significance, rich cultural heritage, dazzling natural beauty, and unique traditions are particular to it. Another notable thing about Lhasa is that it is a significant pilgrimage destination for Tibetan Buddhists, with several ancient monasteries. Potala Monastery, Jokhang Temple, Seta Monastery, and Drepung Monastery are notable monuments of Lhasa.

Is Lhasa worth visiting?

Yes, Lhasa is indeed worth visiting. Its spiritual significance, cultural richness, historical profundity, stunning architecture, natural beauty, and unique tradition make it worth visiting.

How many days do we need in Lhasa?

The time required to visit Lhasa depends on one's desire. However, 5-6 days is enough to experience Lhasa's significant attractions thoroughly. This duration allows travelers to visit major attractions, including the Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Bazaar, Sera Monastery, and Drepung Monastery. Still, if you want to extend the trip, we are okay with customizing the itinerary to your preference.

Can we visit Lhasa without a guide?

No, tourists are unable to visit Lhasa without a guide. The Chinese government has regulated that all foreigners visiting Tibet, including Lhasa, must have a licensed guide and be a part of a registered travel agency. Along with the guide, visitors should have a vehicle to explore Lhasa.

What is the cost of the Lhasa Cultural tour?

The duration of the tour, the specific places included for exploration, and the type of accommodations chosen vary depending on the cost of the Lhasa Cultural tour. Similarly, the price also varies if you request any special services. Also, the size of the group significantly affects the price of the Lhasa Cultural tour, as the more you are in a group, the more likely you are to get a discount. For details of cost, contact Boundless Adventure via WhatsApp at +977 9851033819.

What are the possibilities for a travel visa to Lhasa?

International tourists have a high chance of obtaining a travel visa to Lhasa. However, Indian passport holders don't have the chance of getting a travel visa to Lhasa. You must apply for a visa for Lhasa through a registered travel agency. Boundless Adventure is an authorized travel agency in Kathmandu, Nepal. We'll process a visa to Lhasa on our client's behalf. Visitors get the visa for Lhasa within four days of applying.

Where can we get a Lhasa flight ticket?

With no worries, Boundless Adventure will provide a flight ticket to Lhasa. However, we suggest every traveler book the ticket in advance as flights to Lhasa can fill up quickly. The cost is Subject to availability.

Are we able to book at the last minutes?

Well, we are not accepting bookings within a two-week travel period because of the availability of accommodation and flight tickets. We require you to book the trip at least 3 weeks before your traveling date.

Essential Information

Tour activities within 12 days

If you are alone for the Lhasa Cultural Tour, you can join the group with us; you may contact us once. You will probably be lucky enough to go on the Lhasa Cultural Tour from Nepal.

Please note: The Lhasa Cultural Tour is not in the Everest region of Nepal. All activities are in Lhasa, Tibet only.

The Lhasa Cultural Tour package covers the most essential places in Tibet, including Mt. Kailash, a holy pilgrimage site for Hindus and Tibetan Buddhists. It is said that if visitors round Mt. Kailash, their souls will be purified. It is also said that Mt. Kailash is the meditation place of Lord Shiva. It is also scenic and has incredible scenery to capture your eyes. Furthermore, don't hesitate to contact us at Boundless Adventure for visa inquiries and tour packages.

Potala Palace Tour

Potala Palace Tour is another popular destination in Tibet. Potala Palace is famous for its unique architectural works. The construction of the Potala Palace began in the 7th century, following the marriage of King Songtsen Gampo, who had built a 9-story building with thousands of rooms up on the Red Hill and named it Potala. It has become one of the famous places for meditation. The palace collapsed and was later rebuilt by the Dalai Lama (an incarnated monk) in the 17th century to this current size.

This palace is situated at the top of the Red Hill. It rises above 117 m in height and stretches 400 m from east to west and 350 m from north to south. It contains some 1000 rooms, 20,000 shrines, and 200,000 statues. Due to all its features, Potala Palace has been the center of attraction for thousands of visitors from across the world.

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