

# Tibetan Trails

Private Tour



Your personal tour of China: individual, exclusive and flexible

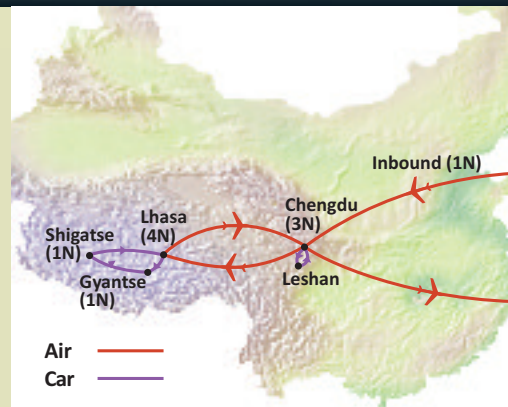
Drepung Monastery, Lhasa

11 days from \$5,990pp  
Including flights from the US

Visit Chengdu to see the magnificent pandas and the Grand Buddha before exploring mystical Tibet with its palaces, monasteries and temples. And take the opportunity to experience Mt. Everest Base Camp.

### Benefits of a Private Tour

- Personal and individual
- Private tour guides
- Private car and chauffeur
- Accommodation choices
- Flexibility while touring
- Travel on any date
- Travel at your own pace
- Intimate tour for couples
- Great for family travel
- Perfect for private groups



**Days 1-2: US – Chengdu**

Fly overnight to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province.

**Day 3: Chengdu – Leshan – Chengdu**

Visit the famous Panda Reserve and see these adorable animals in wooded surroundings reminiscent of their natural habitat. Later, travel to Leshan to visit the remarkable Grand Buddha, the world's largest stone-carved Buddhist statue. Take a short boat trip to view the statue from the river. Return to Chengdu. (B, L)

**Day 4: Chengdu – Lhasa**

Fly to Lhasa. Spend the rest of the day at leisure to allow for acclimatization. (B)

**Day 5: Lhasa**

Sightseeing today includes a stroll around the Barkhor circuit which has the atmosphere of a

medieval carnival. Also visit the 7th century Jokhang Temple, which is the most sacred in Tibet and the Sera Monastery, which has about 600 monks in residence. (B, L)

**Day 6: Lhasa**

Explore the 'crown jewel' of Tibet – the Potala Palace. The palace is an architectural wonder that towers over the city with thousands of rooms filled with treasures such as intricate shrines and beautiful frescoes. Also visit Norbulingka, the former summer palace of the Dalai Lama. (B, L)

**Day 7: Lhasa – Gyantse**

Travel to the smaller town of Gyantse and visit the famous Gyantse Kumbum, the largest shrine in Tibet. (B, L)

**Day 8: Gyantse – Shigatse**

Travel to Shigatse, the second largest city in Tibet and visit the Tashilhunpo Monastery, the traditional residence of the Panchen Lama. (B, L)

**Day 9: Shigatse – Lhasa**

Return to Lhasa via Yandrok Lake. Visit Drepung Monastery, the former residence of the Dalai Lama, situated on the hills surrounding the city. (B, L)

**Day 10: Lhasa – Chengdu**

Fly to Chengdu and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

**Day 11: Chengdu – US**

Fly to the US, arriving home later the same day or the following morning. (B)

### Magic Moment

**Mt Everest Base Camp**

To taste the adventure of this evocative place take an optional overnight extension to visit Mt Everest's North Base Camp. Travel over remote roads to Rongbuk Monastery, where you will stay in a very basic guesthouse. At an altitude of 18,200ft you will feel the effects of the rarefied atmosphere slowing your pace and hastening your breathing.

Take a photo at the base camp marker, mingle with climbers making an attempt on the summit and maybe walk to the Rhongpu Glacier. Visiting Everest Base Camp is a challenging journey and conditions are tough but the rewards of experiencing this remote place are immeasurable.

### Featured Accommodations

**Superior Private Tour**

- Lido Sheraton Hotel, Chengdu (5\*)
- Four Points by Sheraton, Lhasa (4\*)
- Shigatse Hotel (3\*)
- Gyantse Hotel (3\*)

**Standard Private Tour**

- Yinhe Dynasty Hotel, Chengdu (4\*)
- Tibet Hotel, Lhasa (3\*)
- Shigatse Hotel (3\*)
- Gyantse Hotel (3\*)

Three-star hotels are the best available in Shigatse and Gyantse. The Everest Base Camp option stays one night at the very basic Rongbuk Guesthouse.



Mt Everest

### Tour Prices and Terms

**Superior accommodations**

Depart US	From
01 Jan 2012 - 29 Feb 2012	\$6,490
01 Mar - 31 Mar	Request
01 Apr - 31 May	\$6,690
01 Jun - 15 Aug	\$7,190
16 Aug - 30 Sep	\$6,890
01 Oct - 31 Oct	\$6,690
01 Nov - 09 Dec	\$6,490

Single room supplement from \$820 (see page 10)  
Sole passenger price from \$7,990  
Land only from \$5,390 (Chengdu – Chengdu)

**Standard accommodations**

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01 Nov - 09 Dec	\$5,990

Single room supplement from \$520 (see page 10)  
Sole passenger price from \$7,190  
Land only from \$4,890 (Chengdu - Chengdu)

**Everest Base Camp Option**

Basic guesthouse accommodations from \$700  
Single room supplement from \$60  
Sole passenger price from \$1,200

Tour departs any day subject to availability  
Based on Los Angeles departures

*This tour reaches an altitude of 13,000ft at Gyantse with higher altitudes reached while traveling. Mt. Everest Base Camp is at 18,200ft.*

**Price includes:**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodations as stated
- Meals as stated
- Touring with private guides
- Private car and chauffeur
- Entrance fees for sights visited
- Visa fees for US residents

**Everest Base Camp Option NEW**

**Day 8: Gyantse – Shigatse – Rongbuk**  
Travel to Shigatse, the second largest city in Tibet and visit the Tashilhunpo Monastery. Continue to Rongbuk where you will stay at a very basic guesthouse. (B, L)

**Day 9: Rongbuk – Shigatse**  
Visit Mt Everest base camp and gaze up to the peak at 29,028ft (weather permitting!). Later return to Shigatse. (B, L)

**Days 10-12: Shigatse – US**  
As days 9-11 of the main itinerary.

**From \$700pp**  
Price when added to Tibetan Trails.