

## The Classical: Lhasa-Shigatse with Yam (5 Days/ 4 Nights)

Shanghai-Lhasa-Yamdroktso-Shigatse-Lhasa-Shanghai

The mild and pleasant climate in central Tibet makes this area available for tourists year around. This route offers the epitome of Tibet with some of the most impressive visions: snow-capped mountains and holy lakes, splendid monasteries and palaces, original villages and unsophisticated people. With the better road conditions and accommodations along the way, it is now the most popular route.

### Day 1: Shanghai-Lhasa



Morning flight to Lhasa, transfer to Lhasa in the afternoon. The guide will meet you at Konggar Airport, and transfer you to Lhasa city with about 1 hours' driving (100km). On the way, you'll get greeted by Nie Tang Budda – a Budda image engraved in the mountain face. After arrival in Lhasa, rest and acclimatize. Overnight in Lhasa.

### Day 2: Lhasa



The first day of sightseeing starts from Lhasas cardinal landmark- Potala Palace, a structure of massive portions. It takes at least a good 2-hour to visit those rooms, halls and chapels. Some 2km to the east of the Potala is the most revered religious structure in Tibet – Jokhang Temple. Bustling with worshippers and redolent with mystery, the Jokhang is an unrivalled experience. The quadrangle of streets surrounding the Jokhang is the Barkhor - Lhasas most interesting pilgrimage circuit. This area of the Old Town is both the spiritual heart of Lhasa and the main commercial district for Tibetans. Overnight in Lhasa.

### Day 3: Lhasa-Yamdroktso-Shigatse



Yamdroktso(4441m), one of Tibets three holy lakes, is located 110km outside of Lhasa. Its mostly mountain road, winding and bumpy, even thrilling somewhat. After about 3 1/2 hours driving, climbing over the snow pass of Kambala(5030m), the dazzling Yamdroktso just lies several hundred meters below the road Far in the distance is the huge massif of Mt. Nojin Kangtsang(7191m). Visit the Old Town of Shigatse after arrive, a great place to wander around: Nicely decorated Tibetan houses and interesting structures. (B)

### Day 4: Shigatse-Lhasa



Miles away from Shigaste, you can already see the gold tops of Tashilhunpo shinning under the sun. While Tashilhunpos magnificent outside leaves you gasp in admiration, the inside of this monastery introduces you more religious tranquility and sincerity. Drive back to Lhasa. Overnight in Lhasa. (B)

### Day 5: Lhasa-Shanghai



Pack your luggage and get ready for leaving. The guide will transfer you to the airport, and help you board the plane. Say goodbye to Tibet and fly out. (B)

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