

# 8 days Kathmandu-Lhasa drive in fly out tour

## Detail Itinerary

### Day

#### **01:** Kathmandu-Zangmu-Nyalamu (3750 mt)-157 km

Pick up from hotel for 5 hours scenic drive to Kodari (Nepal-China border). After completion of immigration formalities drive to Nyalamu. It is also very scenic drive with some overflowing waterfalls. Overnight in guesthouse.

#### **02:** Nyalamu-Tingri-Lhatse (4050 mt)-285 km

Drive through Lalungla Pass (5050mt) and enjoy the outstanding view of Mt. Xixapangma (8013mt highest in Tibet) Mt. Makalu (8464mt), Mt. Lhotse (8516mt), Mt. Cho Oyu (8201mt) and Mt. Everest (8848mt). Overnight in guesthouse.

#### **03:** Lhatse-Shigatse (3900 mt)-183 km

Drive to Shigatse, second biggest town in Tibet. It has the famous Tashilumpo Monastery, the seat of Panchen Lama (second holiest monk after Dalai Lama). Under the fourth Panchen Lama, it was substantially enlarged and became an important cultural and religious site. The main chapel contains a huge, 26 meter-high statue of the future Buddha. The monastery is grandly decorated with arts, ancient scriptures and scroll paintings. Overnight at Hotel Shigatse or similar standard.

#### **04:** Shigatse-Gyantse (3950 mt)-90 km

After visiting TashiLumpo Monastery in the morning also visit the interesting local Bazaar of Shigatse. Then drive for 2 hours to Gyantse, It lies 264 km southwest of Lhasa on the northern bank of Nyang Chu river. In the 15th century it served as the capital of a small kingdom. Today, Gyantse retains a deeply Tibetan character. The principle structures consist of a castle on a ridge overlooking the town and a walled monastic complex. The monastery includes the massive temple of Palkhor Chode and the great multi-chapel Kumbum Chorten. These religious monuments, part of Gyantse's ancient monastic town, contain some of the most extraordinary works of art in Tibet. Overnight in Hotel.

#### **05:** Gyantse-Lhasa (3650 mt)-261 km

Drive from Gyantse through Karo-la pass at 5010 meters (16,432ft) and onto the Khambala pass at 4794 meters (15,729ft). The former climbs two lofty mountains, the Nozing khang sa (7223m/ 23,691ft) and the Ralung (6236m/ 20,454ft). This is the day you will see the wonderful Yamdrok Tso (turquoise lake) and the Brahmaputra River as well as the ever-present views of the interesting and unusual landscape. After passing Kamba La pass, Lhasa valley is seen to the north. Overnight at hotel in Lhasa.

#### **06-07:** In Lhasa

These two days you will be engrossed with sightseeing and excursions of the Potala Palace, the Jokhang temple, surrounding Barkhor market, Drepung Monastery and Sera Monastery. Overnight in hotel.

#### **08:** Lhasa-Kathmandu,

After breakfast, transfer to airport approximately 1 hour and fly to Kathmandu enjoying the view of Yarlung Tsangpo river, Yamdrok Tso (turquoise lake), Mt. Kanchenjunga (8586m) and Mt. Makalu (8463m) and Mt. Everest (8848m) from the air before landing in Kathmandu airport.