

# Tibet Discovery

Tour Code: TT

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13 Days, 10 Nights | Beijing, Lhasa, Chengdu, Suzhou, Shanghai

The Tibet Discovery elevates you to the towering mountain ranges of southwest China, where you will see and experience Tibet's mystical and spiritual appeal. View China's prized Panda at a renowned research center in Chengdu and embark on an exhilarating flight through beautiful mountains on your way to Lhasa, where you will visit the sacred Tibetan Buddhist Potala Palace. Take in the beautiful melodies of a local Sichuan Opera in Chengdu, climb the Great Wall of China, and be carried away on a Hutong Tour through the lively streets of Beijing. Enjoy a heightening experience on your Tibet Discovery to "The Roof of the World."



Yamdrok Yumsto Lake, Tibet Potala Palace, once the chief residence of the Dalai Lama, now a museum

## Tour Highlights

### Beijing (1 Night):

Bird's Nest (outside), Water Cube (outside), Summer Palace, pearl factory

### Lhasa (4 Nights):

Tibetan Highlands, Potala Palace, Barkhor Street, Jokhang Temple, Sera Monastery, Tibetan History Museum and Summer Palace of Norbu Lingka

### Chengdu (2 Nights):

Giant Panda Research Center, Wuhou Temple and Dufu House

### Shanghai (3 Nights):

Pearl TV Tower Ride, Yu Yuan Gardens, Old Shanghai District, Bund and Pudong District

Entertainment: Sichuan Opera (Chengdu)

Optional Tours: Shanghai - Harbor Cruise or Shanghai Acrobat Show

Tour Price Includes: International & Domestic China Airfare, Meals, Tours, Guides and Hotels

AB: American Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, SD: Specialty Dinner

## Itinerary

### Day 1-2 Depart from LAX

Board a Trans-Pacific flight to Beijing.

### Day 3 Beijing (AB, L, D)

Arrive in Beijing in the early morning. Prior to checking into the hotel, we visit sites of the 2008 Olympic Games such as the Bird's Nest (outside) and the Water Cube (outside). After resting up, we visit the Summer Palace and a pearl factory.

### Day 4 Beijing-Lhasa (AB, L, D)

Today we board an early flight to Tibet, "The Roof of the World." Take in the breathtaking countryside as we travel from the remote airport into the city of Lhasa. The remainder of the day will be free to rest and adapt to the altitude.

### Day 5 Lhasa (AB, L, D)

Today we visit the 7th century Jokhang Temple and Sera Monastery. Afterwards, we visit Barkhor Street to shop for traditional Tibetan arts and crafts.

### Day 6 Lhasa (AB, L, D)

Our first stop will be the Potala Palace, the most sacred location of Tibetan Buddhism. We then visit the Summer Palace of Norbu Lingka, former residence of the Dalai Lama. Later we see the Tibetan History Museum.

### Day 7 Lhasa (AB)

Today will be a free day. You may enjoy a local dance and cultural show or take the time to go shopping. Make sure to taste some regional cuisine while in Lhasa.

### Day 8 Lhasa-Chengdu (AB, L, D)

In the morning, we board our flight to the city of Chengdu, Sichuan (Szechuan) the gateway to Tibet. After checking into the hotel, the rest of the day is free.

### Day 9 Chengdu (AB, L, D)

Today, we visit the world famous Giant Panda Research Center and the Wuhou Temple to learn about the Three Kingdoms Dynasty. This evening features a fantastic local Sichuan Opera.

### Day 10 Chengdu-Shanghai (AB, L)

Depart Chengdu for Shanghai where we visit Yu Yuan Garden, Old Shanghai District, and take a ride up the famous Pearl TV Tower. After lunch we stroll along Nanjing Road and the Bund.

### Day 11 Shanghai - Suzhou (AB, L, D)

Today we visit Suzhou, known for its delicate gardens. In Suzhou we visit Tiger Hill, the Lingerin Garden and Silk Factory #1 before returning to Shanghai. An optional Shanghai Harbor cruise or Shanghai Acrobat Show completes the evening.

### Day 12 Shanghai (AB)

Free day to explore Shanghai. You may visit the Shanghai 2010 Expo beginning May 1st, 2010 through October 31st, 2010!

### Day 13 Shanghai - USA (AB)

Free morning in Shanghai before catching a flight back home via Beijing.

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(Flights from JFK add \$250/SFO \$150, includes extra night hotel and transfer)

Departs (FRI)	Returns (WED)	LAX
3/26, 4/9, 4/23	4/7, 4/21, 5/5	\$3,599
5/7, 5/21	5/19, 6/2	\$3,699
6/11, 6/25	6/23, 7/7	\$3,899
7/9, 7/23, 8/6, 8/13	7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 8/25	\$3,699
8/20, 8/27, 9/10, 9/24	9/1, 9/8, 9/22, 10/6	\$3,699

Prices do not include:

- Airport Tax
- Chinese Visa
- Tibet Visa (\$25)
- Recommended Travel Insurance (p.46)
- Single Supplement - \$980
- Child (2-11) fare is 75% rooming with 2 adults without bed

Add-on airfare by Time Zone to LAX from:

- Eastern Standard Time Zone - \$390
- Central Standard Time Zone - \$330
- Mountain Standard Time Zone - \$330
- Pacific Standard Time Zone - \$160

