

Ancient City of Lhasa



trip highlights

Ride one of the world's highest rail journeys across the Tibetan Plateau

Explore Lhasa, one of the highest cities in the world

Visit the iconic Potala Palace and sacred Jokhang Temple

Discover Samye, the first monastery established in Tibet

Gain insight into Tibetan culture through historic monasteries and sacred sites

Visit the revered Jokhang Temple and Norbulingka, the Summer Palace of the Dalai Lama



Trip Duration	10 days	Trip Code: ACL
Grade	Adventure touring	
Activities	9 day Adventure Touring Trip	
Summary	1 night Chengdu hotel, 4 nights Lhasa hotel, 2 nights basic hotel, 2 nights train	

welcome to World Expeditions

For over 50 years, we've been creating high-quality, expedition-style adventures for active travellers with a curious spirit. From our very first trek in the mountains of Nepal to pioneering remote routes across all seven continents, our journeys are built for those who want to truly explore – not just visit.

At the heart of what we do is a simple philosophy: take the paths less travelled.

This means travelling with care, supporting local communities, minimising our impact, and unlocking experiences that most travellers will never have.

If you're ready to go further and dig deeper, we invite you to join us on the Ancient City of Lhasa, a journey that captures the essence of a unique adventure.

why travel with World Expeditions?

When planning travel to a remote and challenging destination, many factors need to be considered. World Expeditions has been pioneering trips in the Himalaya since 1975. Our extra attention to detail and seamless operations on the ground ensure that you will have a memorable experience in the Indian Sub-continent. Every trip is accompanied by an experienced local leader, as well as support staff that share a passion for the region, and a desire to share it with you. We take every precaution to ensure smooth logistics, with private vehicles throughout your trip. We use basic but comfortable accommodation in hotels hand-picked for their local character and charm. In most cases, all internal transport, entrance fees, national park fees and transfers are included in the cost of your trip. Most importantly, our adventures always aim to benefit the local people we interact with, safeguard the ecosystems we explore and contribute to the sustainability of travel in the regions we experience.



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World Expeditions does not require single travellers to pay a surcharge for travelling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveller of the same gender and if we cannot match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. Please refer to our website for the additional cost.

the trip

Travel across the Tibetan Plateau aboard one of the world's highest railways before exploring the cultural heart of Tibet. Based in Lhasa, you visit important monasteries, temples and historic landmarks including the Potala Palace and Jokhang Temple. Excursions beyond the city provide insight into the origins of Tibetan Buddhism, including Samye, Tibet's first monastery. This journey offers a rare opportunity to experience both the ancient traditions and modern realities of Tibetan life.

at a glance

DAY 1	JOIN CHENGDU (500M / 1,640FT)
DAY 2	EXPLORE CHENGDU, BOARD TRAIN TO LHASA (500M / 1,640FT)
DAY 3	TRAIN JOURNEY ACROSS THE TIBETAN PLATEAU (UP TO 5,072M / 16,640FT)
DAY 4	ARRIVE LHASA (3,760M / 12,336FT)
DAYS 5-6	EXPLORE LHASA – POTALA PALACE, JOKHANG TEMPLE, NORBULINGKA, DREPUNG AND SERA MONASTERIES (3,670M / 12,041FT)
DAY 7	TRAVEL TO TSETANG, YARLUNG VALLEY (3,100M / 10,170FT)
DAY 8	VISIT SAMYE MONASTERY (3,580M / 11,745FT)
DAY 9	RETURN TO LHASA (3,670M / 12,041FT, DRIVE 3 HRS)
DAY 10	RETURN FLIGHT TO CHENGDU (3,760M / 12,336FT, FLIGHT 2 HRS) TRIP CONCLUDES

what's included

- 4 berth sleeper train ticket from Chengdu to Lhasa on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway
- Accommodation as listed in the itinerary
- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- All scheduled sightseeing and entrance fees
- Private transportation as specified in the itinerary
- Expert English-speaking local guides throughout
- Comprehensive first aid kit and bottled oxygen for emergency use
- Pre-departure information guide with essential trip details

Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators in the adventure travel industry. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices we have chosen a policy not to ask for such payments.

what's not included

- International flights
- Lhasa to Chengdu flight (we can assist with booking)
- Airport and departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Tibet Travel Permit fee
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Meals not listed as included
- Bottled water, aerated drinks and alcoholic beverages
- Tips and gratuities
- Any items not listed as included

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trip dates

2026 02 Sep - 11 Sep
19 Sep - 28 Sep
27 Sep - 06 Oct

important notes

Note: - Train Schedule Note: Due to train schedule changes beyond our control, adjustments may occur without notice. If changes affect the schedule to Lhasa, departures will shift to Chongqing, with a connection arranged from Chengdu—refer to Itinerary B above. An additional surcharge applies as outlined below.

NB: - Trips can depart on other days of the year for a minimum of 3 travellers, a surcharge may apply.

fast facts

Countries Visited:

Tibet

Visas:

Yes*

Vaccinations:

Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

Private Groups:

Private group options are available for this trip*

Leader:

Expert local leader

Advice for people with limited mobility

This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

*Ask our staff for more information.

detailed itinerary

DAY 1 Join Chengdu (500m / 1,640ft)

Join in Chengdu where a World Expeditions representative will meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. Located in the fertile Sichuan Basin, Chengdu is known for its relaxed atmosphere, teahouse culture and renowned Sichuan cuisine. After checking in, the remainder of the day is free to rest or explore the city at your own pace. You may wish to wander through nearby markets, visit traditional teahouses or sample local dishes before returning to the hotel for the night.

Accommodation: Chengdu Buddha Zen Hotel or similar

meals: NIL

DAY 2 Explore Chengdu, board train to Lhasa (500m / 1,640ft)

After breakfast you begin a day of sightseeing in Chengdu. Your first visit is to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, where these iconic animals are protected and studied. Later you visit Wenshu Temple, one of Chengdu's oldest Buddhist temples, before exploring historic Kuan Zhai Alleyway and visiting lively People's Park. In the evening you transfer to the railway station to board the overnight train bound for Lhasa.

Accommodation: Sleeper train (four berth cabin)

meals: B,D

DAY 3 Train journey across the Tibetan Plateau (up to 5,072m / 16,640ft)

Today is spent onboard the train travelling across the vast landscapes of the Tibetan Plateau. Large windows reveal sweeping grasslands, distant snow-covered peaks and remote settlements scattered across the high plains. The train joins the Qinghai-Tibet Railway, the world's highest railway line, equipped with oxygen supply systems to assist passengers travelling at altitude. The gradual ascent offers a spectacular introduction to the landscapes of Tibet.

Accommodation: Sleeper train (four berth cabin)

meals: NIL

DAY 4 Arrive Lhasa (3,760m / 12,336ft)

This morning the train arrives in Lhasa, the spiritual and political heart of Tibet. After disembarking you transfer to a local restaurant for breakfast before continuing to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to rest while acclimatising to the altitude. Lhasa, meaning "Place of the Gods", has served as the centre of Tibetan Buddhism for centuries.

Accommodation: Gangjian Hotel or similar

meals: B,L,D

DAYS 5-6 Explore Lhasa – Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple, Norbulingka, Drepung and Sera Monasteries (3,670m / 12,041ft)

Two days are set aside to explore the rich cultural and religious heritage of Lhasa. Visits include the magnificent Potala Palace, once the winter residence of the Dalai Lama, and the revered Jokhang Temple, the spiritual centre of Tibetan Buddhism. You will also visit Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set

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thoughtful travel

Our World Expeditions adventures are grounded in a deep commitment to regenerative travel, going beyond minimising harm to actively restoring and enriching the places we visit. We partner closely with local communities, ensuring that our trips support cultural preservation, fair livelihoods, and community-led initiatives. Each expedition is designed to protect and regenerate natural ecosystems through low-impact practices, climate action, and education that fosters respect for biodiversity. We prioritise meaningful connections between travellers and place, encouraging a sense of stewardship that lasts well beyond the journey. By embedding sustainability into every layer of our operations, we aim not only to explore the world responsibly but also to leave it healthier, more resilient, and more vibrant for future generations.

trip grading Adventure touring

Although there is no commitment to extended walking on this journey we nonetheless want to keep the 'accent on the active'. We therefore advise some physical training before undertaking the trip to enable you to participate in optional activities. Although our day walks are optional, there's much to be said for making the most of your time in a place as spectacular as the Himalaya. As for any trip, the fitter you are the more you will enjoy your experience.

within peaceful gardens on the outskirts of the city. Excursions to the important monasteries of Drepung and Sera offer insight into Tibetan monastic life and Buddhist scholarship.

Accommodation: Gangjian Hotel or similar

meals: B,L,D

DAY 7 Travel to Tsetang, Yarlung Valley (3,100m / 10,170ft)

Today you travel southeast from Lhasa into the Yarlung Valley, regarded as the birthplace of Tibetan civilisation. This fertile region is associated with the earliest Tibetan kings and the development of Tibetan culture. En route you visit Thadruk Monastery, one of the oldest monasteries in Tibet, famous for its remarkable pearl Thangka. The journey offers scenic views of rural Tibetan landscapes before arriving in Tsetang.

Accommodation: Basic local hotel

meals: B,L,D

DAY 8 Visit Samye Monastery (3,580m / 11,745ft)

Today you visit Samye Monastery, the first Buddhist monastery built in Tibet. Established in the 8th century, the monastery symbolises the Buddhist universe with its distinctive architectural layout. Samye played a major role in the spread of Buddhism across Tibet and was the location where the first Tibetan monks were ordained. Surrounded by mountains and open plains, the monastery remains an important pilgrimage destination.

Accommodation: Basic local hotel

meals: B,L,D

DAY 9 Return to Lhasa (3,670m / 12,041ft, drive 3 hrs)

This morning you depart the Yarlung Valley and drive back to Lhasa, a journey of approximately three hours through scenic rural Tibetan landscapes. The route follows rivers and agricultural fields, passing traditional villages that provide insight into daily life on the Tibetan Plateau. Arriving in Lhasa around early afternoon, the remainder of the day is free to relax or explore the city independently. Many travellers choose to return to Barkhor Square to observe pilgrims completing their devotional circuits around Jokhang Temple.

Accommodation: Gangjian Hotel or similar

meals: B,L,D

DAY 10 Return flight to Chengdu (3,760m / 12,336ft, flight 2 hrs) trip concludes

After breakfast you transfer to Lhasa Gonggar Airport for the scheduled group flight to Chengdu. The flight takes approximately two hours and crosses the vast landscapes of the Tibetan Plateau before descending into the fertile Sichuan Basin. On arrival in Chengdu the journey concludes, marking the end of your exploration of Tibet's historic monasteries, sacred temples and cultural landmarks.

meals: B

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

places of interest

The Jokhang

The Old City of Lhasa was built around the Jokhang, the most sacred temple in Tibet. Established in the 7th century, when Buddhism was first introduced into Tibet, the temple has

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adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information on our website, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement weather, forces of nature and other circumstances beyond our control.

been considerably enlarged, particularly during the reign of the 5th Dalai Lama. Within the Jokhang, our guide will be able to give you a detailed description of each of the main chapels. The main entrance to the Jokhang is always full of activity, with pilgrims prostrating themselves as they conduct their prayers before continuing on their ritual circuit around the temple. This circuit area, together with the Barkhor, the marketplace outside the Jokhang, is a gathering place for Tibetans, who may have travelled for many months to reach Lhasa. The Barkhor is the "real Tibet", with a multitude of stalls selling anything from ceremonial scarves to Chinese thermos flasks. You can spend many hours there people-watching, although be sure to ask first before taking any photographs.

Sera and Drepung Monasteries

It is a short drive out of Lhasa to visit two of the most important Buddhist monasteries in Tibet. Drepung Monastery was founded in the 15th century. A century later, the 2nd Dalai Lama established the Ganden Palace that was to be his residence until the 17th century when he moved to the Potala Palace in Lhasa. While at the monastery we visit the huge Main Assembly Hall and the famous teaching colleges. Sera Monastery once housed a huge monastic population of around 5000 monks; sadly this number has declined to a few hundred since the Cultural Revolution. Like Drepung, Sera was founded in the 15th century and includes several important teaching colleges (including the famous debating courtyard) and the Main Assembly Hall with its important thangkas (painted or embroidered Buddhist banners) and impressive statues.

The Norbulingka

This large compound, situated to the west of the city, is where successive Dalai Lamas spent their summer months. Indeed, the 14th (current) Dalai Lama often preferred to stay in this summer palace, rather than in the cold, isolated chambers of the Potala. The Palace of the 14th Dalai Lama is situated in the centre of the compound, and little seems to have changed since he escaped into exile in India in 1959. Most of the private quarters are open to the public, which always includes a steady flow of Tibetan pilgrims keen to pay homage to their exiled leader. The Palace of the 13th Dalai Lama, situated on the perimeter of the Norbulingka, is also open to the public.

The Potala Palace

The Potala Palace is one of the highlights of a visit to Lhasa. It is divided into two main complexes: the outer white building that housed the administration, and the Red Fort, where chapels, tombs and the living quarters of the Dalai Lama were located. Founded in 1645 during the reign of the great 5th Dalai Lama, the White Palace was completed in 1648, twelve years after that Dalai Lama's death. To avoid possible problems, the head monks related to the masses that the 5th Dalai Lama was in deep meditation until after the Red Palace was completed. It is normal to approach the Potala through the Western Gate and make your way slowly through the labyrinth of chambers to the lower floor of the Red Fort. The most impressive hall within this medieval building is the chamber housing the tombs of the former Dalai Lamas, including the massive golden tomb of the 5th Dalai Lama. This chamber is currently undergoing renovation, however, and is not open to the public. Nearby is the chapel commemorating Padmasambhava, the Tantric sage who introduced Buddhism to Tibet. On the upper middle floor is the tomb of the 13th Dalai Lama, while the next floor contains the official Reception Hall and living quarters, some of which are open to the public. We complete our visit to the Potala Palace by leaving through the main gate and continuing on to the Red Fort, before descending the series of steps to the marketplace immediately in front of the palace. The time spent in the Potala will depend on the number of pilgrims and tourists that are visiting while we are there.

train travel

Ride the world's highest train journey from Chengdu to Lhasa, spanning over 3,070 kilometers (1,907 miles) it showcases the awe-inspiring landscape of the Tibetan Plateau.

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There are 4 bunks in a soft sleeper cabin, 2 of which are lower bunks and 2 upper. The area is about 2 meters * 2 meters. Underneath each lower bunk is space for your baggage. Also there is a deck above the door where you can put your bags of less weight. Between the 2 lower bunks at the window is a table where you can put your glasses, water bottles, books and tissue paper. Under the table is a thermos water bottle filled with boiling hot water for drinking. And next to it is a trash bin.

If the passenger on lower bunk is not sleeping or resting lying on bed, passenger of upper bunk can sit on the lower bunk. Outside under the window is a foldable chair you can sit and enjoy views outside.

Inside the cabin there is an audio system with announcement or music playing. You should find a switch on the wall and have it turned off if you don't like it. And light switches too. There is a reading light at each bunk.

There is heating on the train, but air-conditioning is seldom used on such a high elevation. Xining to Lhasa train is pressurized with air supply system. The highest elevation the train goes through is 5072 meters. You should drink as much water as possible in order to get acclimatized.

There is a washing closet on each coach and either end of the coach is a sitting toilet or a squat one. After you board your train, you should explore your coach and check both lavatories to see which is a sitting toilet and if there is toilet paper inside it. It is better to bring your own toilet paper in case there is none in the lavatory.

When you research the train, please note there is a stewardess staying in a small cabin at the coach end. Please find her if you need any help. After you board your train, she will check your ID, Tibet travel permit and ask you for your train ticket. She will keep your ticket and give you a tag, with which you can get out of train for a walk when the train stops at each station and re-enter the train. Meanwhile the stewardess knows which station you are alighting and she can come to remind you and return the ticket to you. The stewardess has the key to each cabin. When you leave for food at dining car, you can have your cabin locked up and have her open it for you when you come back.

Next to washing closet is a water boiler from which you can get boiled water. Chinese drink hot water. If you can't handle hot water, you can buy room temperature bottled water from pushcart which comes and goes by your cabin frequently. There is NO ice on the train.

There is a dining car on the train where you can have your lunch, dinner and breakfast. This car is normally on coach No. 7. If you have no idea what to order, please watch what people are having and show the waitress what you want. There are normally 4 dishes of food, 2 of vegetables and 2 of meat (fish, pork, chicken and beef). After that you can order a bowl of steamed rice and a watery soup of something (such as tomato with egg).

The practice is to get seated first, order, pay, get a coupon, leave it on table, waitress comes and collect it, wait, food delivered and eat. You can buy a beer or soda. But note they can be of room temperature. As courtesy for next passenger, please leave after you finish eating. Don't linger unless it is outside dining time, as dining car is always busy during lunch and dinner times and there may be people waiting for you to leave so they can eat. When you leave your cabin, please be sure to bring along your handbag with passport, wallet and cellphone. Other things of less value are safe and your cabin mates can watch for you. People who can afford travelling on soft sleeper in China are normally of some status. When you return, if you find your cabin locked, please ask the stewardess to open for you. Boxed lunch and dinner are also sold on pushcart during meal times, which cost less.

Stewardess will come and return ticket to you at one hour before arriving into Lhasa. You should give her back your tag. After that start to pack your stuff and have your bags ready to be taken away.

suggested extensions

→ Yunnan Explorer

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→ Everest Base Camp & Kala Pattar

country information

Tibet was for centuries a mysterious Buddhist kingdom isolated from the rest of the world by the Himalaya. In the 1950s, however, when Tibet was annexed by the People's Republic of China, everything changed. The Dalai Lama, Tibet's religious and political leader, fled to Dharamsala in northern India in 1959, where he established a Government in Exile; and more than 120,000 Tibetan refugees now live in India, Nepal and Bhutan. Since 1965, Tibet has been administered as the Tibetan Autonomous Region (TAR). Much of what was once Tibet has been incorporated into the Chinese provinces of Qinghai and Gansu (formerly known as Amdo), and Sichuan and Yunnan (traditionally known as Kham). The first tourists stepped into what was formerly Tibet in the 1980s, only to find many of its legendary monuments and monasteries in ruins. But the essence of Tibet is still there; the heart of the country is still beating. There are still pilgrims reciting mantras and spinning prayer wheels, the faith and goodwill of the people seems unaffected, and there's still the country's incredible location amidst the highest and most spectacular mountains in the world. Travelling in Tibet may be a sobering experience these days, but it is still an incredible one.

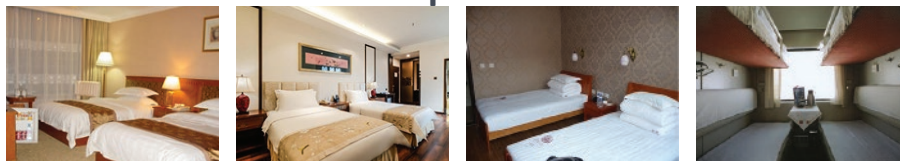
climate

The climate in Tibet is not as harsh as one would imagine it to be. Lhasa tends to have mild weather from May to November. Expect sudden cold snaps even in spring (April-May), and dramatic temperature ranges, particularly at high altitudes. Nepal, on the other hand, is subject to the defining influence of the Indian monsoon from late May to mid-September. The ideal time to visit this region is either pre-monsoon, from mid-March until the end of May; or post-monsoon, from October to mid-November, when the weather tends to be relatively cool and dry. Temperatures can vary considerably depending on your elevation but as a guideline, temperatures in April/May and October roughly range from 5C-15C.

dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

accommodation on the trip



The accommodation used on this trip has been selected to provide comfort and quality. Please note that the selection of hotels in Tibet is very limited and standards are not as they are in other less remote regions of the world. The Lhasa hotel is very comfortable if not slightly dated. The two

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nights spent outside of Lhasa are in more basic local hotels but we have selected the best available in those destinations.

what you carry

In your daypack you will need to carry extra warm clothing (depending on the altitude, location and weather), a rainjacket, water bottle, camera gear, valuables and personal items such as sunscreen, lip-eze etc.

equipment required

Good quality walking shoes and a day pack are required on this trip. A comprehensive pre-departure list will be provided on booking.

acute mountain sickness

When we ascend above 2500 metres our bodies have to acclimatise to the decreasing amount of the oxygen available. To allow our bodies to adjust we have structured our treks so that you ascend slowly, allowing acclimatisation to occur. However, during the acclimatisation process, you may experience some of the following symptoms.

- Headache
- Tiredness
- Disturbed sleep
- Loss of appetite/nausea
- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Palpitation
- Swelling of the hands and face

Individuals acclimatise at different rates. Your best strategy is to take your time and drink plenty of water. These symptoms may not indicate the onset of A.M.S. and if you experience them it does not necessarily mean that you should not continue. All our group leaders have basic first aid training and there are local medical facilities in the vicinity of Lhasa, travellers should communicate with their leader at all times should you believe you have any symptoms in order that we can effectively monitor your symptoms. The only cure for Acute Mountain Sickness is to descend.

Please note that your group leader has ultimate responsibility and may ask you to descend if symptoms persist.

high altitude travel by vehicle

Travellers sometimes drive or fly to high altitude (above 2000m) and therefore run a risk of altitude illness. This risk increases the faster one ascends and the higher the final altitude gained. The risk is reduced if the night following the ascent (sleeping altitude) is spent at low altitude, ie. If you are travelling by road, cross a high pass and descend to an altitude not more than 300 m from your starting point, the risk of altitude illness is minimized. Gaining height rapidly and staying high definitely risks developing altitude illness and you should be aware of, and watch for, the symptoms (see "Acute Mountain Sickness"). You should also consider the use of acetazolamide (Diamox) as an aid to acclimatization and discuss this with your doctor or leader before departure. Should altitude illness occur the treatment is to descend and/or visit a hospital or clinic where the appropriate oxygen and medications can be administered.

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vehicles & safety

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and whilst wherever possible, vehicles with seatbelts are provided, on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted.

visas

Australian, New Zealand, Canada and the UK passport holders can travel to China for tourism without a visa if their stay is 30 days or less. This visa-free policy is effective to 31 December 2026. If you are staying over 30 days you will need to apply for a visa before your trip.

If you require a visa, it is advisable to apply for your visa approximately 6 weeks before your intended entry into China, but not earlier than three months prior. Applying too early may result in your visa expiring before your arrival. Passport holders from Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, New Zealand and the United States, please visit: <https://consular.mfa.gov.cn/VISA/> to be directed to your dedicated city and countries website for instructions.

If you have any doubt about your eligibility, verify the conditions for visa free entry with your nearest Chinese Embassy.

Depending on your passport and location, different requirements apply and they change at short notice. Please refer to websites above for the latest information.

All other nationalities should check with your nearest embassy or consulate.

You must complete an electronic Digital Arrival Card (CDAC) prior to arrival to China. This free, mandatory, and 100% digital process is done via the National Immigration Administration (NIA) website, generating a QR code for immigration inspection. <https://s.nia.gov.cn/ArrivalCardFillingPC/entry-registration-home>

Please bear in mind that visas may be required for countries you are visiting en route or transiting through on the way to your destination. It is important that you check the requirements of all countries you will visit. Visa costs and requirements do change regularly so we suggest you check with your travel agent or World Expeditions reservations consultant. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary visas.

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private groups

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trip availability

We operate small group adventures, which means availability is always worth checking early. Check trip availability online or call our team who might be able to dig a little deeper for you to find what you want, when you want.

Many adventures require services that, if not available at the time you book (like an internal flight or permit) could mean the trip is unavailable. So, book early to avoid missing out on your dream adventure.

how to book

Check trip availability and book your tour online, or call or visit one of our offices. To book a trip, you will need to complete a Booking Form (online or request a PDF) and pay a non-refundable deposit. Please note that when booking our tours to not confirm any additional arrangements until all services related to your tour are confirmed by your dedicated Reservations Consultant.