

## TIBET

At Third Eye Travel, we are very enthusiastic about Tibet; for years we looked at the Himalayan peaks and could only dream of what lay beyond. Since Lhasa was first opened to tourists in 1981 we at Third Eye Travel have been actively running trips into Tibet in association with our local Tibetan partners in Lhasa. The road to Lhasa from Kathmandu was opened to tour groups in 1984 and whole new type of trip became possible. Tibet's capital, Lhasa, the roof of the world, is not only as the earth's highest ecosystem and one of its last remaining great wildernesses but also as the source of Asia's greatest rivers. It shares a 3482km international border with India, [Bhutan](#), Nepal and Burma, and is bordered to the north and east by the Chinese provinces of Xinjiang, Qinghai, Sichuan and Yunnan. Tibetans call their homeland "BO" and BOPA are the people of Tibet. With the cultural revolution dying a well-deserved death, the true Tibet has made a small resurgence; though not as much as some of us would like to see. However, there has never been a better time to visit Tibet. Prohibitive prices of tours, *a general feature in early 80's is a thing of the past*. Services are greatly improved. The Chinese government has spent a huge money on the infrastructure like road, bridges and recently bringing the train across the Tibetan Plateau which is one of the marvellous engineering feats. The Lhasa Kathmandu road has been improved significantly.



### **TIBET, NEPAL AND BHUTAN ( 14DAYS) LAND COST: US\$ 2899.00 + INTERNAL AIR: \$1250.00**



If you ever feel a kick of adventure and want to cover Tibet, Nepal and Bhutan all at once, this is a perfect trip for you! Starting from Chengdu, China, you'll fly to the eastern Himalayas to the mystical Tibetan capital of Lhasa. In Tibet, not only do you see Lhasa where the Potala Palace is, you will also explore around historical monumental places like Tsetang, Shigatse & Gyantse. After Tibet, you'll fly to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Just in the vicinity of the Kathmandu valley alone, there are seven UNESCO designated World Heritage Sites, within a 13-mile radius. The

heritage sites and museums, stunning mountain scenery, and model conservation and preservation efforts all go to make Nepal one of the most rich and exciting destinations in the world. Next you will fly from Kathmandu to Paro, Bhutan. Enjoy the stunning views of the eastern Himalayan range. Mt. Everest (29,028 ft.), Mt. Makalu (27,815 ft.), Mt. Kangchejunga (28,160 ft.) and a host of other mighty Himalayan peaks. You leave the multitudes behind and enter the Land of the Thunder Dragon. Bhutan offers the experience of the Buddhist tradition in a setting of unique architecture and breathtaking Himalayan landscape. The friendly people of Bhutan share their traditional lifestyle untouched by outside influence. It is a unique opportunity to experience Himalayan Buddhist culture not influenced by the outside world.

### **MOUNT KAILASH TREKKING & TIBET TOUR( 15DAYS) LAND COST: US\$ 3180.00 + INTERNAL AIR: \$590.00**



The ultimate Tibet Trip! Not only does this trip involve an overland scenic drive to Mt. Kailash from Lhasa, it also involves the trekking around Mt. Kailash on foot from west to east before you return to Lhasa. Your trip begins with an arrival in Chengdu. You will then fly from Chengdu to Lhasa where you will have the sightseeing tours of some of the world famous monuments including the iconic Potala Palace. You will continue your journey from Lhasa to Darchen via Shigatse & Saga, then begin your trek around Mt. Kailash. Upon completion of this circuit, you

will drive back to Lhasa before returning home or, if you choose, an extension to Nepal.

**GANDEN - SAMYE TREK( 9DAYS) LAND COST: US\$ 1830.00 + INTERNAL AIR: \$590.00**

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The Ganden to Samye trek route has proved to be one of the most captivating of all Tibetan treks with rich variety of scenery from high snowy passes to lush alpine meadows to the desert like environs of the Samye monastery. There are secluded valleys inhabited by nomads and yaks. This pilgrimage route is well-used by Tibetans who combine a visit to Ganden, the principal monastery of yellow hat sect with a hard but reasonably direct walk to Samye , the first monastery of Tibet.