

Journey West: Xi’an, Xining, Tibet & Chengdu 11 Days

From ancient Xi’an to Qinghai Lake, the Tibet Railway and Lhasa, finishing in Chengdu and Leshan.

Ancient capitals, sacred lakes, the plateau and Sichuan culture

Cross Shaanxi, Qinghai, Tibet and Sichuan with private service, blending historic cities, plateau landscapes, Tibetan Buddhist culture and regional cuisine.

Tour Code XIY-XNN-LHA-CTU11 Duration 11 Days / 10 Nights Departure Daily · Minimum 2 Price $2,699 / Person

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 01 Arrive in Xi’an

Meet your guide at Xi’an airport and transfer to your city hotel. Depending on arrival time, explore the Muslim Quarter and get your first taste of the ancient capital.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

DAY 02 Terracotta Army, City Wall & Tang Culture

Visit the Terracotta Army and its life-size underground formations. Return to the city for the ancient wall and Bell & Drum Tower Square, followed by a dumpling banquet and Tang Dynasty music-and-dance show.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

DAY 03 Mount Hua Day Trip

Travel to dramatic Mount Hua. Use park transport and cableway access to enjoy granite peaks, cliff scenery and views across the Guanzhong Plain before returning to Xi’an.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

DAY 04 Xi’an → Xining

Take the high-speed train to Xining. Visit Kumbum Monastery for Tibetan Buddhist art, then Dongguan Grand Mosque, followed by a Qinghai-style hand-grabbed lamb dinner.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

DAY 05 Qinghai Lake & Tibet Train

Visit Qinghai Lake for high-altitude lake, grassland and mountain scenery. Later board the soft-sleeper Qinghai-Tibet train to Lhasa as the railway climbs onto the plateau.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

DAY 06 Tibet Railway → Lhasa

Enjoy snow mountains, grasslands and plateau lakes from the train before arriving in Lhasa. Transfer to the hotel and rest quietly to acclimatize to the altitude.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

DAY 07 Lhasa Monasteries & Norbulingka

Explore Norbulingka’s gardens and palace architecture, the vast Drepung Monastery complex and Sera Monastery, known for its lively monastic debating tradition.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

DAY 08 Potala Palace & Old Lhasa

Visit the Potala Palace, its fortress-like architecture, murals and historic collections. Continue to Jokhang Temple and walk the Barkhor circuit through the spiritual heart of Old Lhasa.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

DAY 09 Lhasa → Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu. Explore Jinli or the Wide and Narrow Alleys, then enjoy a Sichuan hotpot dinner and the dramatic face-changing performance of Sichuan Opera.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

DAY 10 Leshan Giant Buddha

Travel to Leshan to see the World Heritage Giant Buddha carved into the riverside cliff. View it from the scenic area or by boat, subject to local conditions, and learn about its engineering and Buddhist heritage.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

DAY 11 Chengdu Departure

Transfer to Chengdu airport or railway station according to your schedule, concluding an extraordinary journey across Shaanxi, Qinghai, Tibet and Sichuan.

Meals: As listed in the itinerary

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES

• Hotels rated 4★ or above

• Meals throughout except while aboard flights or trains

• Listed admissions and specialty meals

• Deluxe coach, first-class high-speed rail, Tibet soft sleeper and Lhasa-Chengdu flight

• Chinese/English guides and Tibet permit application

HIGH-ALTITUDE NOTES

• Xining and Lhasa have large day-night temperature changes; pack warm layers

• Strong plateau UV requires sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses

• Rest and move slowly after arrival in Lhasa; follow the guide’s advice

• Gratuities of $10 per person per day, international flights and personal expenses are excluded

Comfort throughout the journey

Four-star or higher reference hotels are shown below; final hotels depend on departure date and availability.

XI’AN Grand Noble Hotel Xi’an or similar VIEW MAP ↗

Sample room · hotel to be confirmed XINING Xining Four-Star or Higher Hotel Exact property to be confirmed XINING HOTEL MAP ↗

Sample room · hotel to be confirmed LHASA Lhasa Four-Star or Higher Hotel Exact property to be confirmed LHASA HOTEL MAP ↗

Sample room · hotel to be confirmed CHENGDU Chengdu Four-Star or Higher Hotel Exact property to be confirmed CHENGDU HOTEL MAP ↗

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