



Tibet Kailash Trip

Trip Facts

Difficulty	Max Altitude 5,600m/18,373ft	Accommodation	Meals
Activity -	Best Season	Start / End Point	Duration 12-14 Days

Trip Overview

This classic route drives directly from Kathmandu across the northern border, tracking across the rugged Tibetan plateau.

Crucial Visa & Permit Logistics

If you plan to enter Tibet directly from Nepal, the legal requirements are highly specific:

- **The China Group Visa:** This is a special single-entry paper sheet issued exclusively by the Chinese Embassy in Kathmandu. Even if you already hold a standard Chinese tourist visa in your passport, it will be canceled and replaced by this group visa upon application in Nepal.
- **Processing Time:** Your physical passport must be submitted to the embassy in Kathmandu by your tour agency. This process requires at least 3 to 4 business days. You must plan to stay in Kathmandu during this time.
- **Minimum Group Size:** Embassy rules require a minimum of 5 travelers from the same nationality to issue the visa for group tours. Agencies routinely bundle solo travelers together to meet this requirement.

Trip Itinerary

Day 1–3 - Kathmandu to Kerung Border

Day 4–5 - Across the Tibetan Plateau

Day 6–9 - The Mount Kailash Kora (Trek)

Day 10–14 - Return Drive

Cost Includes & Excludes

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- **Tibet Travel Permits:** The agency secures all official military and regional permits required to enter Tibet and the Everest region.



- Chinese Group Visa Invitation: The legal authorization letter required by the Chinese Embassy in Kathmandu to print your group entry visa.
- Guided Transport: A private, certified tourist vehicle (car, van, or mini-bus) with a professional driver for all transfers and highway travel.
- Tibetan Local Guide: A mandatory, licensed, English-speaking Tibetan guide who must accompany you to all sights, temples, and checkpoints.
- Accommodations & Breakfast: Twin-sharing rooms in 3-star to 4-star hotels in Lhasa and Shigatse, plus basic guesthouse/tent stays at Everest Base Camp.
- Sightseeing Entrance Fees: Tickets for major sights, including the Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple, Sera Monastery, Yamdrok Lake, and the Everest National Park entry fee.
- Emergency Oxygen: Bottled oxygen or a cylinder tank inside the vehicle for high-altitude safety.

Excludes:

- The Chinese Group Visa Fee: The physical visa fee charged by the Chinese Embassy in Kathmandu (paid in USD cash, varying by nationality).
- Kathmandu Accommodations & Meals: Your hotel, food, and transport in Kathmandu during the 3 to 4 business days while the embassy processes your visa.
- Lunches and Dinners in Tibet: Standard tours leave lunch and dinner open so you can choose between local Tibetan, Indian, or Chinese restaurants.
- Flights / Train Tickets: The flight from Kathmandu to Lhasa (or your return transit) is usually quoted separately based on real-time airline pricing.
- Travel Insurance: A comprehensive policy that specifically covers high-altitude emergency medical evacuation up to 5,200 meters.
- Tips & Gratuities: Tipping your Tibetan driver and guide at the end of the tour is a standard and expected custom.
- Single Supplement Fee: If you are a solo traveler and do not want to share a room with another traveler of the same gender, you must pay an extra fee for a private room.
- Camera Fees: Certain monasteries and chapels inside the Potala Palace charge a steep local cash fee if you want to take photos inside the shrines