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### Himalayan Express - 10 Days - Chengdu / Lhasa / Tibet Train / Xi'an

Experience world's highest railway – Qinghai – Tibet train from Lhasa to Xi'an. Your journey starts in Chengdu where you will see the adorable Giant Pandas before flying to Lhasa to discover the mystical land of Tibet. Continue your journey to Xi'an by the Tibet train with amazing high plateau scenery. Complete your journey with a visit to the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an.

#### Day 1 Arrive Chengdu

Chengdu is a gateway to Tibet. It is also a powerhouse of Southwest China with a history spanning over 2500 years. On arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel.

#### Day 2 Chengdu

Take a morning visit to the Giant Panda Breeding and Research Base to learn more about these amazing endangered animals, then explore Wenshu Temple dating back to the Tang dynasty. Stop at People's Park to observe local life while relaxing in the teahouse. Sample a local specialty dinner. (B/L/D)

#### Day 3 Chengdu

Take a scenic drive to the Giant Buddha Statue, 71m in height, located at a small town of Le Shan, 160km from Chengdu. Then a river cruise will take you to overlook the Giant Buddha Statue from Minjiang River. Pass by Mt. Emei, the highest of China's holy Buddhist Mountain on the way back to Chengdu. (B/L)

Enjoy your trip by private car & with personal guide!

#### Trip Grading: Easy to Moderate

Suitable for travellers with an average level of fitness and good mobility. A fair amount of walking, climbing stairs, some long distance driving and high altitude are expected.

#### Extended Stay / Customise

Why not take 2 day excursion to scenic Yamdrok lake and 2nd large city of Gyantse in Lhasa? or continue your journey to the Silk Road from Xi'an? Or you may want to alter this itinerary to meet your individual needs. Please talk to one of our knowledgeable experts

#### **Day 4 Chengdu / Lhasa**

After breakfast, fly to the spectacular high altitude city of Lhasa, known as the heart and soul of Tibet. Take the afternoon to relax and acclimatise to the high altitudes of this region and do some local sightseeing on your own. (B)

#### **Day 5 Lhasa**

Visit the world-famous architectural wonder – the Potala Palace. This spectacular Palace towers over the entire mountain and the lake below is simply gorgeous. This is where the Dalai Lama spent his winters. You will also visit the Jokhang Temple, which is known as the most sacred place in Tibet – thousands of Pilgrims from all over Tibet come here to pay homage. Finally, enjoy wandering through a market at Barkor Circuit where you will be surrounded by prostrating pilgrims. It's definitely something you won't forget in a hurry! Enjoy a Tibetan specialty dinner. (B/D)

#### **Day 6 Lhasa**

Today you will visit the Norbulingka Park, it was the site of the Dalai Lamas' Summer Palace, Explore the impressive Sera and Drepung Monasteries and observe interesting debating monks. take a back streets walking tour of Tibetan Quarter and overlook the Lhasa Valley from the hilltop at Pawang Ka. (B/L)

#### **Day 7 - Day 8 Qinghai - Tibet Train**

This morning aboard a train for your amazing journey across the Tibetan Plateau. It is the highest rail link in the world. During the 36 hour trip you will enjoy spectacular views along the way and fantastic experiences of riding on a train to the top of the world. Arriving Xi'an in the later evening, you are met and transferred to your hotel.

#### **Day 9 Xi'an**

Today visit the greatest archaeological findings of the century - Terracotta Warriors, 7000 life-size lay statues each individually crafted, you will also learn how to make terracotta soldiers at a workshop, visit a local farmer family, last stop at the original City Wall. Sample a local speciality - dumpling dinner.

#### **Day 10 Xi'an**

Spend leisure time before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

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**\* Standard package price from \$2540p.p.**

**\* Superior package price from \$2872p.p.**

**\* Deluxe package price on request.**

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### **Inclusions:**

- 8 nights selected hotel accommodation
- 1 internal flight
- 1 night 4 berth soft sleeper train
- Professional English speaking guide
- Arrival/departure meeting and assistance
- All transfers by air conditioned vehicles
- All transfers in A/C vehicle
- Listed meals: B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner
- Tibet Permit
- Sightseeing and entrance fees

### **Exclusions:**

- International airfare
- Travel insurance
- Chinese Visa
- Personal expenses
- Gratuity & tips