

MOMENTS

on the road

Lands of Silk and Snow:
Luang Prabang to Lhasa
(16 Days)





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We love road journeys. They are by far our favourite way of traveling. We think the world of western China and the countries that border on this region – think Vietnam, Lao, Thailand, Myanmar, for example.

On the Road Experiences is all about sharing with like-minded travelers just how beautiful a road journey in these varied lands can be. Now turn the page to find out what we've come to love so much...

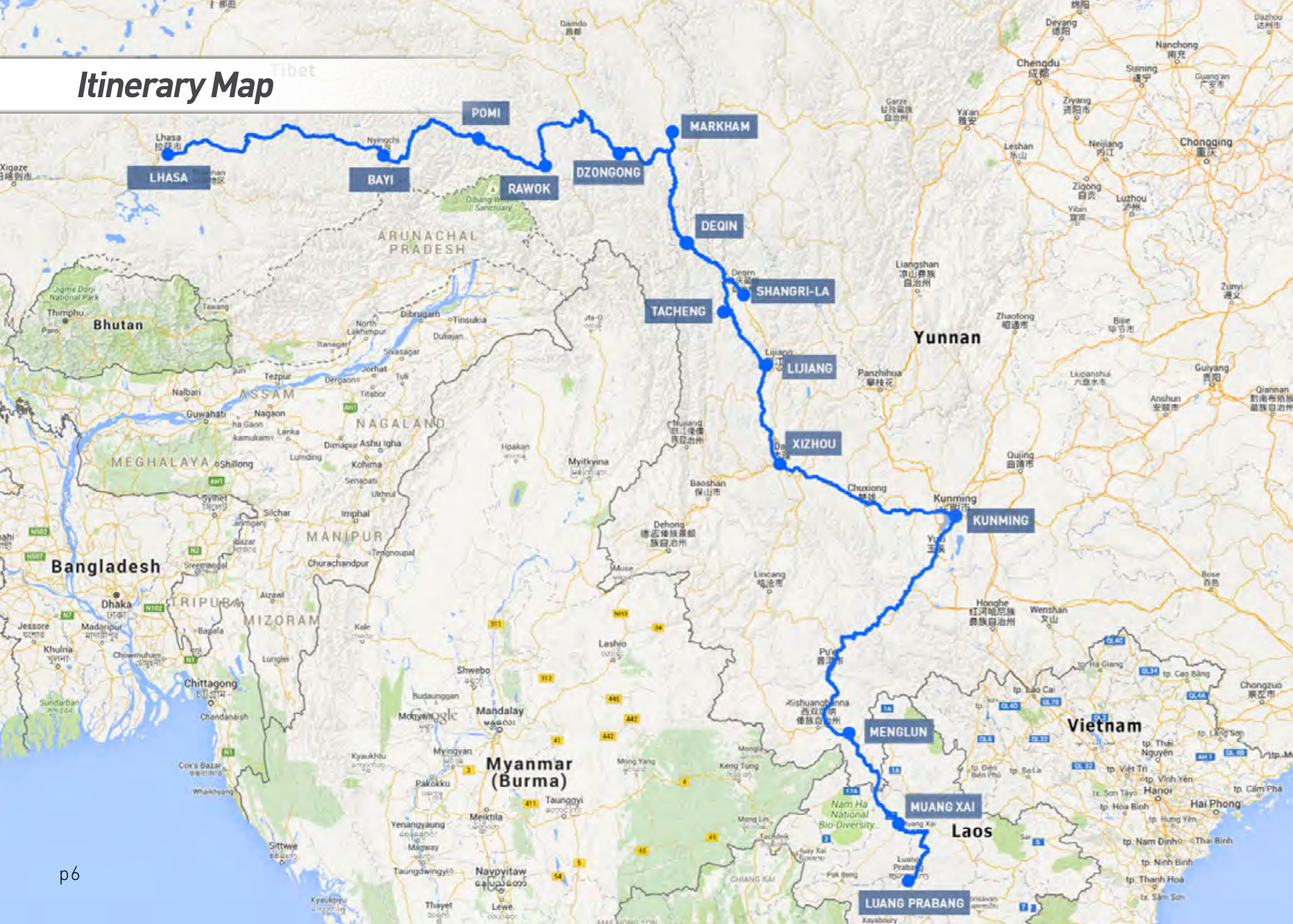


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Yes, it is possible...

A driving holiday in this part of the world is indeed possible. We take care of everything. All you need to do is come, drive and enjoy a rare adventure!

Lands of Silk and Snow: Luang Prabang to Lhasa is a discovery of the world's most stunningly beautiful scenery: From subtropical Laos via Yunnan to the valleys and mountains of the Tibetan Plateau.

Setting out from Luang Prabang you will drive through Laos rainforest and past sleepy villages to some of Yunnan's best loved destinations – Dali and Shangri-La – as well as some of its most remote, before driving onwards and upwards to Lhasa.

En route, drive past Yunnan's highest peak, Mount Kawakarpo (6,740 metres). Join Tibetan worshippers as they sing hymns in a remote Catholic church on the border of Yunnan and Tibet. Cross high mountain passes near Dzogong, before driving through the lushly forested valleys around Pomi and along the banks of the Brahmaputra. Finish your journey in Lhasa, and join scores of other modern-day pilgrims around the Jokhang, Tibetan Buddhism's holiest shrine. Join this spectacular journey and discover why mysterious Tibet has captured the imagination of explorers for centuries...

On the Road Experiences has paved the way for you to cross borders in your own properly insured SUV, so that you can enjoy the romance of a classic overland journey without any of the logistical headaches that typically accompany such journeys...

Journey of discovery




“Mountain ranges encircle the city in lush greenery...”

“Explore
MINORITY
villages along the
road sides...”



“VIEW
from the
road side...”



A photograph of a person walking away from the camera down a dirt path in a rubber tree plantation. The trees are tall and slender, with light-colored bark and dense green foliage. The ground is covered in fallen leaves and low-lying vegetation. The lighting is soft, suggesting early morning or late afternoon. A semi-transparent grey box in the upper right corner contains a quote in white text.

“XISHUANGBANNA
is a
FERTILE land...”



“ XISHUANGBANNA,
where TEA
thrives...”

“XISHUANGBANNA,
the home of
Yunnan’s
DAI MINORITY...”




Dai minority village in Xishuangbanna





“XISHUANGBANNA,
home as well to
MANY smaller
MINORITIES...”

Aini minority lady in Xishuangbanna



“ Over TEN THOUSAND plant species are found here in this GARDEN”



“Awaking in
China’s RURAL
COUNTRYSIDE...”



“ Take a lake shore
DRIVE and enjoy the
BEAUTIFUL sunset
reflections...”

“LIJIANG
is touristy, but
there ARE
HIDDEN GEMS to
DISCOVER...”




Jade Lake not far from Lijiang...

Jade Dragon Snow Mountain seen from the Black Dragon Pool, Lijiang...

“ The lovely winding alleys of Lijiang’s old town are a UNESCO World Heritage site...”



“The TIGER
LEAPING GORGE...
where the YANGTZE
makes you TREMBLE!”

A wide-angle photograph of a mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a dark, rocky cliffside features a winding asphalt road that curves along the edge. The background consists of vast, rugged mountains with deep valleys and ridges, all under a clear blue sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of adventure and a challenging drive.

“Yunnan to Tibet
IS a driving
ADVENTURE...”

Near Tiger Leaping Gorge



“STUNNING
LANDSCAPES
on the way to
LIJIANG...”

From a back road near Baishuitai

“ A colourful
WELCOME as
you APPROACH
TIBET...”



Tibetan prayer flags



“ Along the way,
one of the **LARGEST**
MONASTERIES in
SOUTH-WEST China...”

“RED-ROBED
MONKS in
Shangri-La”

At the Ganden Sumtseling Monastery

“A chance to
**PURIFY
YOUR
MIND?”**”

Prayer Session at Ganden Sumtseing Monastery

“ What a
SUNRISE at the
EDGE of
TIBET ...”

Kawagebo peak in the Meili Snow Mountain range

A scenic view of a mountain trail with hikers and vibrant autumn foliage. The trail is rocky and winds through a forest of trees with bright red, orange, and yellow leaves. Several hikers are visible on the trail, including one in a bright green shirt and another in an orange shirt. The background shows a steep, forested mountain slope.

“ Wonderful
HIKING, if you
like, as a WAY TO
RELAX...”

In the foot hills of Meili Snow Mountain



“72 hairpin TURNS
descending from
4,700m to 2,700m
on the way to
LHASA...”

“In **SPRING** or
in **AUTUMN**, an
ENCHANTING place
to **EXPLORE...**”

Midui Glacier, near Pomi, Tibet

A wide, calm river flows through a lush, green valley. The surrounding hills and mountains are covered in dense, misty forests. The mist is thick and white, partially obscuring the trees and creating a dreamlike atmosphere. The river is a light, milky color, and the overall scene is serene and majestic.

“LIKE a PAINTING,
mist in the DENSE
FORESTS on the
WAY to LHASA...”

The Brahmaputra flowing west, Tibet

“Where THIS
LAND is MY LAND,
says the YAK...”



“PROSTRATING
for SPIRITUAL
reasons...”

Pilgrims on their way to Lhasa



“ IF you're LUCKY,
you will meet
FASCINATING PEOPLE...
along this route...”

At a temple in Tibet...



“PILGRIMS
PRAY
in the shade...”

“GOSSIP
and PRAYER
go
hand-in-hand...”



The Jokhang, Lhasa

“RAINBOW
not
included...”

Day-by-day



Day 1 Preparing for Your Journey

UNESCO World Heritage Site, Luang Prabang's old city is mellow, charming, and full of character. After your arrival will bring you to your hotel, the Satri House. Located in a quiet residential area, but within walking distance to the city center, the hotel is one of the most exquisite places in this ancient city, designed with a style inspired by Lao culture and set in a truly relaxing environment.

The afternoon is free for you to explore and wonder around Luang Prabang, which sits at the sacred confluence of the Mekong River and the Nam Khan (Khan River), and has rightfully gained a reputation as one of the most alluring places in Southeast Asia.

Nowhere else can lay claim to the city's old-world romance of 33 gilded Wats, saffron-clad monks, faded Indochinese villas and exquisite cuisine.

For a dose of culture, visit the city's numerous and renowned Buddhist temples and monasteries. First, see Wat Visun, Laos's oldest operating temple, and pass by the smaller Wat Aham—the Monastery of the Opened Heart. Then visit the majestic Wat Xieng Thong, one of the most significant monasteries in the country. Finish your sightseeing with a climb up to Mount Phou Si, from here you have a beautiful view over the whole town.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: NA

Duration: NA

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 300m

Overnight: 300m

Hotel

Satri House, Luang Prabang
[*****]

In the evening we will meet in a local restaurant for our pre-departure briefing and a welcome dinner.

Day 2 Along sleepy villages through Laos countryside

You have two choices how you want to start your day today. Either you enjoy a leisurely morning at the hotel (till 8:30am) or you raise very early (5am) to observe the serene Buddhist ritual of almsgiving, known as Tak Bat. Over 600 years, locals of this UNESCO World Heritage City have been waking up before dawn to prepare for Tak Bat. As the sun rises, locals will take their spot on the sidewalk and wait for the procession of monks to start. Hundreds of monks from the 35 temples of Luang Prabang walk in silence, meditating as they collect their daily alms from devotees. This is the Buddhist practice of making merit, a symbiotic relationship between the monks and alms givers. By feeding the monks the lay people generate good karma and the monks grant merit to the devotees that counts towards their future lives. After the ceremony we will return to the hotel and you can

enjoy your breakfast. Then we welcome you on the Road in Laos! It's a long but beautiful first driving day, bringing you to Muang Xai, the capital of Oudomxai Province. There are many ethnic minorities living in this region, each with their own language and customs.

Muang Xai itself is a transport hub for trucks delivering goods to Vietnam, China, Thailand and Myanmar. We will pass through the town and continue to a more remote area where a small, luxurious hotel stands – almost in the middle of nowhere... The resort's design draws heavily on the region's architectural and cultural traditions, with beautiful, spacious rooms in an area of protected forest along the Nam Kat River. Enjoy the peaceful



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 200 km

Duration: 6 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 300m

Overnight: 300m

Hotel

Nam Kat Yorla Pa, Muang Xai
[***]

scenery while taking a dip in the pool or lay back with a book. Tonight's dinner will be a wonderful combination of local flavours, cooked using organic vegetables and herbs from the hotel garden, along with seafood and organic poultry.

Day 3 Cross the border into China

The drive from Muang Xai to Boten, the town where you will cross into China, will take approximately 3 to 4 hours on winding country roads and through lush subtropical forests.

Crossing borders in Europe, for example, these days is a non-event. In many other parts around the world, including here in East – and South-East Asia it is, indeed, a big event, especially when one attempts it, as you will, with Laos rental cars, driven by not by Laotians, but travellers from overseas. It is, the border people tell us again and again, not only rare, but we at On the Road Experiences, are the only ones who are foolhardy enough to do it. And thus this morning will be the first of two different kinds of adventure along this 16-day journey: a bureaucratic one. Rest assured, all will be well, not least because all

the paper work has been well prepared in advance, but it will take some time. We estimate that all in all it will take two hours: one hour on the China side and one hour on the Lao side.

The drive from the border to the Anantara Hotel in Menglun will only take around 1.5 hours. It is a drive to look forward to since you will be able to enjoy a beautifully landscaped new road that runs through hilly limestone land. Besides some original tropical forests, the dominant views are that of rubber tree plantations.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 290 km

Duration: 6 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 400m

Overnight: 600m

Hotel

Anantara Xishuangbanna
(*****)

Day 4 On superb highways to Yunnans capital

In the morning you will drive on the same excellent national road you followed yesterday from the Lao border towards Jinghong. From there you will join the Jinghong-Kunming highway for approximately 3.5 hours and you will feel the tropics fall slowly away as we go.

After lunch in Mojiang (please don't expect anything fancy!), you will continue to drive on the Jinghong-Kunming highway for approximately 4 hours slowly gaining altitude. The engineering work that has gone into the highway is quite breathtaking in places, with long tunnels and bridges helping to smooth out the hilly landscape of central Yunnan. As you approach Kunming the traffic becomes denser before you reach your hotel, the InterContinental, located just outside the city itself.

After this long day, you can enjoy this beautiful hotel and then dinner at one of the hotel restaurants.

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 665 km

Duration: 8 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 1850m

Overnight: 1850m

Hotel

InterContinental Kunming
(*****)



Day 5 Back to the countryside

Today you will drive along excellent highways towards Dali and on to Xizhou, home of the Linden Centre – a lovingly converted Bai minority mansion, where you will stay for the night.

Today's route allows us to gain quickly distance from Kunming.

Yunnan has one of the best road networks in China, as today's drive will demonstrate. After a relaxed start to the day you will set out from Kunming and drive along a world-class highway until you reach Dali – formerly capital of Yunnan's Nanzhao Kingdom.

The population of the region around Dali is predominantly Bai minority and you will see ladies wearing the traditional Bai headdress all over Dali. Tourism is now the mainstay of Dali's economy, but in years gone by the city was the capital of the Nanzhao Kingdom, which ruled a swath of what

is today Yunnan Province and northern Burma between the 8th and 9th centuries AD. From Dali it is only a short drive north to the Bai minority village of Xizhou...a hidden gem in the countryside.

Tonight you will stay in the Linden Centre, a lovingly converted Bai-minority mansion that has recently been converted to a lovely hotel. Sit and enjoy the view of the nearby Cangshan Mountains and Lake Erhai from the Linden Centre's roof terrace before a local dinner at the Linden Centers restaurant.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 360 km

Duration: 5-6 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 2050m

Overnight: 2000m

Hotel

Linden Centre, Xizhou {****}

Day 6 Yunnan's UNESCO world heritage town...

In the early morning, we recommend either a stroll through Xizhou market – a real treasure! – or a drive by the shore of lake Erhai.

Then, after breakfast at the Linden Center, it is a short drive to Lijiang where you arrive for lunch. Lijiang, former capital of the "Nakhi Kingdom", was introduced to the West by eccentric American botanist Joseph Rock in the 1930s and 40s. The cobbled streets of Lijiang's old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, run alongside crystal clear streams and up the steep slopes of Lion Hill, from where you can enjoy a wonderful view over Lijiang's old town to 5,000 metre (16,400 feet) tall Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

After lunch we have planned for a visit to the tiny village of Yuhu, Joseph Rock's home while he was stationed in the

Yunnan region. Yuhu is a pretty Naxi minority village very close to Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. It feels a few decades away from Lijiang's busy old town thanks to the fact that it remains more or less undiscovered and is therefore almost tourist free (although, sadly, this is changing rapidly, too.)

In the evening, we have a special dinner planned for you in the old town of Lijiang. While inevitably busy with tourists, the stroll through the beautifully lit alleyways of Lijiang is always enchanting.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 155 km

Duration: 3 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 2470m

Overnight: 2470m

Hotel

InterContinental Lijiang Hotel
{*****}

Day 7 Via the Tiger Leaping Gorge to the Edge of Tibet

Today will be your first day of driving in the countryside of northwest Yunnan.

You will first drive on a short stretch, newly built highway that will take you in short order to the Tiger Leaping Gorge – one of the deepest gorges in the world!

The afternoon will be for driving lovers as we ascend from 1,800m to 3,300m in a matter of a few hours. We will drive along one of the most beautiful roads we've discovered in this part of the world (weather permitting)! It will be a long day!



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 260 km

Duration: 6-7 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 3800m

Overnight: 3300m

Hotel

Songtsam Retreat Hotel,
Shangri-La (****)

Day 8 Gorgeous scenery and glaciers...

Before your departure, we invite you to visit the Tibetan home of a family which we have gotten to know well over the years. We suggest a light snack in their house to taste not only yak butter tea and Zanba, but also some of their other simply dishes of yak meat and roast potatoes. It will be a pleasure to talk to the members of the family about their lives.

The scenic drive from Shangri-La to Deqin winds through lush temperate and alpine forests with breath-taking views over the Baima Pass at 4,350 meters. There is a chorten (white stupa) at the pass with many prayer flags placed by the faithful asking for blessings. The Yangtze drainage area lies on one side of the pass and the Mekong on the other.

Baima National Reserve, a UNESCO designated world

heritage site, is one of the few truly wild places left in China. Nearly all of the world's species of rhododendron originated from this area. There are even still a few spots where red pandas and snow leopards roam free. Surrounded by snow-capped mountains and forested valleys, it is indeed Shangri-La.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 185 km

Duration: 3 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 4000m

Overnight: 3600m

Hotel

Songtsam Lodge, Deqin (****)

Day 9 Exploring the foot hills of Meili Snow Mountain...

Deqin is situated at the foot of the Meili Snow Mountain Range which is remarkable for its impressive chain of glaciated peaks more than 6,000 meters high. At sunrise and sunset, the soft sunlight illuminates all twenty peaks.

The Meili Snow Mountain Range is a sub-range of the Hengduan Mountains which run north to south, marking the boundary between Tibet and Yunnan.

The main peak is Kawagebo, standing at 6,740 meters. Kawagebo is the first of the six most sacred mountains in Tibetan Buddhism. Over 10,000 pilgrims make the 240 kilometer trek around the mountain each year. As of today, none of the major peaks have been scaled. Tibetan Buddhists believe that Great Spirits dwell in the mountains.

You will have a whole day to explore the area around Deqin. What might you be in the mood for? A gentle hike along lovely mountain trails? A short driving excursion to Feilaisi, a small, but charming Tibetan Buddhist temple? A visit to a Tibetan house for a simple lunch as the Tibetans eat it? A stroll through the border town of Deqin? We will be happy to arrange any of these to fill your day with wonderful memories.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 0-50 km

Duration: 0-2 hours

(Depending on your chosen activity)

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 3600m

Overnight: 3300m

Hotel

Songtsam Lodge, Deqin (****)

Day 10 Onto the 'Roof of the World' and into Tibet

Shortly after leaving Deqin you will enter Tibet and the countryside quickly gets wilder and more remote. You will make a stop at a Catholic Church close to the border where the congregation's singing is wonderful –many songs are familiar hymns sung in Mandarin overlaid with haunting Tibetan harmonies and rhythms.

Today's road leads through steep valleys, more often than not following the Mekong river further and further upstream. If you look carefully, on the opposite side of the road, you can see an ancient trail carved into the side of the rock... which is where the tea horse caravans travelled.

Tonight's overnight stop is in the frontier town of Markham, which has a real wild-west feel to it.

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 220 km

Duration: 5 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 3880m

Overnight: 3750m

Hotel

Kangsheng Hotel, Markham (**)

Day 11 Adventure on the high plateau

Today's driving distance is relatively short, but the road maybe, depending on the state of recent repairs, rough because it is frequented by trucks.

However, the route and the scenery will more than compensate for it: While crossing three high passes – including the tallest on the trip- Dongdha Mountain Pass at 5,100 metres (16,730ft) - you

will get to enjoy amazing views over the Tibetan Highlands of Eastern Tibet.

Tonight's hotel is the most basic on the trip, and one of the very few hotels we use that has only squat toilets - but Dzogong is the most remote stop on our journey, and unfortunately there are limited choices in this region of Tibet!"

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 160 km

Duration: 5 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 4500m

Overnight: 3800m

Hotel

Zogang Hotel, Zogang (**)



Day 12 Mountain passes and riverside roads...

On the way from Dzogong to Rawok, you will leave behind the G214 national road and join China's longest such road – the G318, which winds from Shanghai all the way to the Mount Everest Base Camp. This road will take you up the Mount Yela Pass – just over 4,600 metres (15,090 feet). Although this isn't the highest pass of the trip, it is made the most exciting by the spectacular descent through seventy-two hairpin turns down to 2,700 metres

elevation (8,860 feet) – a breathtaking descent. Once you reach the bottom of the descent, you will find yourself by the side of another one of China's mighty rivers, the Salween which flows from its source in Qinghai south toward Myanmar.

At the end of the day, you will arrive at tiny Rawok on the shore of Lake Rawok, a lovely alpine lake fed by nearby glaciers.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 250 km

Duration: 7 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 4800m

Overnight: 3930m

Hotel

Blue Lake Inn, Rawok (***)



Day 13 Through the spectacular Sundzom Valley...

Take an early morning drive out to the shore of Lake Rawok to watch sunrise, before returning to the hotel for a leisurely breakfast.

After a short drive through the main Sundzom Valley you will turn off the main road into a side valley to explore the area around

Midui Glacier – hike or take a ride on horseback towards the glacier before taking a break for a picnic lunch.

After lunch it's a short but beautiful drive towards Pomi, your overnight stop.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 140 km

Duration: 2.5 - 3 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 3000m

Overnight: 2740m

Hotel

Shenyang Hotel, Pomi (***)

Day 14 The road to Lhasa – the best and worst of the G318

Today you will experience the extremes of the G318.

Soon after you leave Pomi the road narrows and you leave the smooth pavement behind and the road winds along a steep hillside. You'll need to take this short section of road slowly before the road condition

improves dramatically and the road turns towards some of the most beautiful landscape of the entire journey. On a clear day, as you cross the 4,560 metre Serkym-La Pass, you will be rewarded by seeing eastern Tibet's highest mountain, the 7,700 metre tall Mount Namjagbarwa. After arriving in Bayi you can relax from the day's lows and highs in a good hotel and enjoy an excellent dinner.

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 230 km

Duration: 5.5-6 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 4520m

Overnight: 3000m

Hotel

Fujiang Hotel, Bayi (****)

Day 15 Arriving in Lhasa at last!

The drive from Bayi to Lhasa is long, but all on good roads, and through yet more stunning countryside. Today you will also climb the second highest pass of the trip – the 5,025 metre (16,480 feet) Pa-La Pass.

Gradually the valley in which the G318 runs opens up until you arrive in Lhasa, where you will wonder at the sight of the Tibetan capital – not least because you have driven here all the way on your own! In the evening enjoy a delicious Tibetan meal and evening dance performance together, or a well-earned drink in an atmospheric bar.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 400 km

Duration: 8 hours

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 5000m

Overnight: 3650m

Hotel

Shangri-La Hotel, Lhasa (****)



Day 16 Life must go on, or continue?

Some of you will have to fly home today because life must go on.

On the other hand, if you can spare an extra day or two, why not stay on to explore Lhasa's old city – a warren of prayer-wheel workshops, pool halls and teahouses (why not stop and try some yak butter tea?), to join the scores of pilgrims waiting to worship at the holiest shrine of Tibetan Buddhism – the goldenroofed Jokhang – and of course, to make time to visit the iconic Potala Palace. Lhasa is also a wonderful place to just sit and watch the world go by. However you spend it, an extra day or two would be a fitting end to your amazing journey.

If you have yet more time, well, why not extend your trip to the Mount Everest Base Camp by joining our "Roads on the Roof of the World" journey?

Whatever you choose to do, we will be here to help you make the arrangements.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: NA

Duration: NA

Elevation

Highest Daytime: 3650m



Choice of Cars

We include in the package price an SUV we procure from Avis or Hertz or another reputable car rental company. Most of the SUVs are Toyotas, but on occasion Mitsubishi's or other brands may also make an appearance. For some itineraries, we are able to offer you an option to upgrade your car to the new models from Audi.

We wish the car rental markets of China would be more developed and we could give you more choice, but this is not so: since we want to provide well-maintained and well-insured cars, the choice is rather limited.

But SUVs are in fact the right choice for driving journeys in this part of the world because they are spacious enough to accommodate a lot of luggage, photography equipment, and

good-and-bad-weather gear. Also, they reinforce the feeling of adventure, exploration and discovery...which is, in the end, the mood of journeys in this region, no matter how comfortable or even luxurious the night's hotel may be.

What's more, they offer sufficient clearance when required and thus add a sense of safety and all-round ability. (4-wheel drive capability is hardly needed in China these days since all roads are either very well-paved or, with good gravel, offer solid support.)

And so SUVs from reputable brands are our car of choice!

**“ ANY car,
as long as
it is an SUV”**

Adventures and Discoveries in Local Cuisines

While this itinerary is not one of our 'Foodie'-themed journeys, we do believe that each one of our journeys should introduce you not only to hidden gems of cultural and scenic beauty, but that sampling local cuisines is also a must.

Wherever you travel with us, we will order, with very few exceptions, dishes fresh and on location with an emphasis on local produce. It is not uncommon for our guides to venture into the kitchen to pick this, that or the other vegetable and to ask the cook to prepare them in the finest possible way. (On occasion we do preorder a meal: this will normally be the case only for special occasions!)

Wine and beer is always included in our meals for you to enjoy. (When we travel into high-altitude, we suggest moderation!)

Finally, if you have special dietary requirements are particularly interested in the culinary aspect of one of our journeys, please let us know.

For private journeys, we can, of course, tailor the meal experience to your taste (and budget).



What's Included / Best Months to Go...

Generally speaking, our journey packages and prices are all-inclusive. Once you've paid and you arrive at the starting point, you really won't have to take out your wallet again.

- **Cars** – a modern SUV is provided for all driving days, expertly maintained and serviced by Avis, Hertz, or other reputable car rental companies, and covered by the best insurance available, and hire car return from Lhasa to Kunming is also included
- **International Journey Host, Guide and Support Vehicle** – you will be accompanied by a registered Chinese tour guide, an On the Road in China host and a fully equipped lead car with a local support driver
- **Routes** – we provide an extensively researched and carefully designed itinerary and state-of-the-art satellite navigation system with a pre-programmed route for the journey. You will also receive a detailed pre-departure pack and route book for the journey
- **Driving License** – You will need a temporary Chinese driving license for which all arrangements and fees are included.
- **Fuel & Tolls** – we provide petrol for the car throughout the journey and pay all tolls



Best months to go...

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC

- **Airport Transfers** – all airport transfers are included
- **Flight** – Your flight from Kunming to Lhasa
- **Permits and Logistics** – all Tibet permits are included
- **Hotels** – the best available or five-star accommodation is included in each overnight stop

- **Meals** – breakfast (a choice of Western and Local is provided), and lunch and dinner are included on all driving days, as are drinks. Meals on non-driving days as specified above. Prepare for a culinary adventure!
- **Goodies** – you will enjoy an On the Road Home-Away-from-Home Kit containing wet towels, anti-bacterial gel and basic toiletries, and a daily picnic basket containing fresh fruit, fruit juice, water, and a mixture of sweets and nibbles

- **Other Essentials** – we provide each car with walky-talkies
- **Travel Insurance** – 24-hour medical assistance, evacuation and repatriation emergency service
- **Tips & Entrance Fees** – basic tips and entrance fees for jointly attended activities are included
- **Activities, Meals, Transport** during 'free times' as indicated in this Journey Dossier
- **Top-up Collision Damage Waiver** insurance

What's Not Included

The only items not included are your flights to Kunming and back from Lhasa, your China visa, and personal purchases (e.g., gifts, souvenirs).



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Ralph Waldo Emerson

