



Tibet Exploratory Horse Trek

June 15-29, 2007

In the nearly 20 years we've been exploring the Zoergai region of eastern Tibet, we've developed great friendships and watched the resurgence of Buddhism as temples are rebuilt. We've also seen the influx of Chinese immigrants and businesses and the ensuing changes in the character of once purely Tibetan towns. So in 2007 we have decided to move even deeper into Kham, to the Tibetan region of Tagong. This exploratory requires an interview and the permission of the trip leader, Linda Svendsen. If you're up for a ground-breaking and eye-popping adventure, with an itinerary that requires flexibility, patience and a sense of discovery, call and inquire.

June 15 Arrive Chengdu, capital of Sichuan

June 16 Drive to Kanding via Erlangshan Tunnel. Enroute, visit the famous Luding Chain Bridge, where Mao once led the Red Army during the Long March. Overnight Kanding Hotel. Elevation: 2,600m

June 17 Continue driving to Tagong via Zheduo Pass (4,962m). Overnight Tagong Hotel. Elevation: approx 3,750m

June 18 Acclimation day in Tagong. In the afternoon, drive to nearby village to meet our Khampa wranglers and horses. Overnight Tagong Hotel

June 19 Begin riding in the eastern Tibetan area of Kham

June 20-25 All day riding and camping out at night. Visit monasteries and small villages. Spectacular views of nearby mountain ranges. Route includes one layover/rest day

June 26 Return via horseback to Tagong. Overnight Tagong Hotel

June 27 All day return drive to Chengdu

June 28 Free day. Sightseeing & shopping in Chengdu with local guide

June 29 Depart Chengdu

What's Included: Meals begin/end in Chengdu (dinner June 15th thru breakfast June 29th), all land transportation upon arrival in Chengdu, tents, camping gear, horses, tack and guides, hotel in Chengdu and guesthouse accommodations RT to Tagong.

What's Not Included: Roundtrip international airfare to/from Chengdu, airport taxes, visa costs, gratuities, excess baggage charges.

Optional Lhasa Extension (tiered pricing):

2-3 \$1950.00, 4-5 \$1875.00, 6-9 \$1675.00, 10+ \$1525.00

Single supplement: \$240

Day 1 Fly from Chengdu to Lhasa

Day 2-5 Sightseeing in and around Lhasa including Potala, Drepung and Sera Monasteries; also Xigatze, Gyantse, Tashilungpo Monastery

Day 6 Morning flight from Lhasa to Chengdu