

2018 Short Trek Catalog

High Lhagang Plateau, Zhakra Mountain, and Mount Gongka Hiking Treks and Tibetan Horse Rides

High Lhagang Plateau Treks and Rides

Day Rides 1 day

Nomad Visit: Ride up into the high Lhagang grasslands, stopping for lunch with a nomadic family. Visit a small nomadic temple and return to Lhagang in the evening. (6 hours with lunch)

Gyergo Nunnery: Ride across the low Lhagang grasslands to Gyergo Nunnery. Lunch there with a local family; visit the mani wall and nun's temple, and the newly built Monk's College. Return to town. (6 hours with lunch)

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person With English translation
1	Y690	Y1500
2	Y530	Y870
3	Y490	Y770

Nomad Homestay Hikes 2 days

Self-guided: Walk, following a map, to visit nomads, and stay the night with them in their tents. Enjoy the afternoon herding yaks and seeing the area, and try milking yaks in the morning. Walk back in the morning by the same route, or by the road and highway. (3-6 hours walk each day, depending on season.)

Nomad-guided: Walk up to the nomad camps with a guide to take you places you otherwise may not be able to find! Enjoy the afternoon herding yaks and seeing the area, and try milking yaks in the morning. Walk back the next day on your own. (3-6 hours walk depending on season.)

Trekkers in group	Price per person Homestay with self-guided hike	Price per person Nomad homestay with guided hike
1	Y100	Y430
2	Y100	Y320
3	Y100	Y275

Nomad Homestay and Horse Rides 2 days

Nomad Homestay with 1-Day Ride and Walk Back: Ride up into the high Lhagang grasslands, stopping for a temple visit and lunch with a nomadic family - or, if the weather is nice, have a grassland picnic. Stay the night with a nomadic family, and walk back over the same route the next day. (6 hours ride, 3 hours walk. Includes lunch, dinner, bed, breakfast, horses, and horse guide)

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y790	Y1780
2	Y630	Y1110
3	Y600	Y950

Nomad Homestay with 2-day Ride: As above but 2 days riding. The way back is different, and includes another small temple visit. (6 hour ride each day. Includes 2 lunches, dinner, bed, breakfast, horses, and horse guide.)

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y1610	Y3520
2	Y1220	Y2180
3	Y1090	Y1730

Nomad Tent Stay and Nunnery Ride 2 days

Nomad Homestay and Visit to Gyergo Nunnery, 2 Days Riding: Ride up into the high Lhagang grasslands, stopping for a temple visit and lunch with a nomadic family - or, if the weather is nice, have a grassland picnic. Stay the night with a nomadic family. The following day, try milking yaks in the morning and then ride on to Gyergo Nunnery. Visit the sights there - the temple, mani wall, and newly built monk's college. You need to return to Lhagang on your own or stay in a homestay here. (6 hours ride each day. Includes lunch, dinner, bed, and breakfast, horses, and horse guide. With additional night at Gyergo add Y90.)

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y1610	Y3520
2	Y1220	Y2180
3	Y1090	Y1730

Nomad Tent Stay, Gyergo Nunnery, and Meituk Lake Trek

3 days, ride or hike

Ride up into the high Lhagang grasslands, stopping for a temple visit and lunch with a nomadic family - or, if the weather is nice, have a grassland picnic. Stay the night with a nomadic family. The following day, try milking yaks in the morning and then ride on to Gyergo Nunnery. Visit the sights there - the temple, mani wall, and monk's college. Stay the night with a family at Gyergo, and the next day ride up to high Meituk Tso, a lake with gorgeous high peak views. Have lunch at the lake and then ride back to Lhagang. (6 hours ride each day and 2 home stays included. Includes all meals, beds, guiding, and horses (if riding). No packhorses.

Horse Riding

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y2710	Y5280
2	Y2060	Y3270
3	Y1840	Y2600

Hiking

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y1600	Y3690
2	Y1170	Y2280
3	Y1030	Y1740

High Plateau Lake Trek

3 days, ride or hike

With car return

(+optional nomad tent stay before trek)

Trek far into the grasslands west of Lhagang. Day 1: Set out for Yibei Lake, a deep sinkhole lake in the highest part of the Lhagang grasslands. Day 2: Ride or hike across high wetland, filled with wild birds, to a overlook to the north and west, and get a sense of the scope of the land. Visit sacred Ragni Lake, another sinkhole, and camp nearby. Day 3: Ride or hike to Genup Gumpa, an original small nomad temple on the edge of the high plateau. Meet a car this evening to return to Tagong or the ecolodge. Includes meals, tents, guides, and car. Add 90 yuan for optional tent stay the night before.

Horse Riding

Number of Trekkers	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
Single	Y4180	Y7470
Double	Y3030	Y5040

Hiking with packhorses

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y3150	Y6470
2	Y2150	Y2710
3	Y1820	Y2930

High Plateau Lake Trek
 4 days, ride or hike
 (+optional nomad tent stay before trek)

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Horse Riding

Number of Trekkers	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
Single	Y3610	Y7650
Double	Y2740	Y4750

Larger groups can share costs according to actual group size. Ie. 3 people are 2 double and 1 single.

Hiking with packhorses

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y2580	Y5900
2	Y1860	Y3520
3	Y1630	Y2730

Sacred Zhakra Mountain Treks and Rides

Zhakra Hotsprings and Turquoise Lake Trek 3 days, ride or hike

Meet in the morning at Gyergo Nunnery. Ride or hike up over Griffon Pass (4800 meters) and down to Zhakra Hot springs, and the base of the high peak. Stay the first night in tents there. Day 2, ride or hike down the valley to the forest. Set up camp there and take an afternoon trek up to see the sacred turquoise lake, Zhakra Yimtso. Day 3, ride or hike the low pass back to Gyergo Nunnery. (Horse riding 6-7 hours per day, hiking 8-9 hours per day. As a hike, this is very strenuous. Horse riding is medium difficulty with some hiking required. Includes all meals, horses (either riding or pack-horses), guiding, tents, and car from Ecolodge or Tagong (one way). Sleeping bags and pads can be rented for an extra charge.

Horse Riding

Number of Trekkers	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
Single	Y3280	Y6460
Double	Y2480	Y4070

Larger groups can share costs according to actual group size. I.e. 3 people are 2 double and 1 single.

Hiking with packhorse

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y2600	Y5260
2	Y1880	Y3210
3	Y1640	Y2530

Zhakra Hotsprings and Turquoise Lake Trek with glacier visit 4 days, ride or hike

Meet in the morning at Gyergo Nunnery. Ride or hike up over Griffon Pass (4800 meters) and down to Zhakra Hot springs, and the base of the high peak. Stay the first night in tents there. Day 2, leave the camp at the hot springs and hike up to the glacier of Zhakmu Peak (also ok to make this a rest day). Return in the evening for another hot springs soak. Day 3, ride or hike down the valley to the forest. Set up camp there and take an afternoon trek up to see the sacred turquoise lake, Zhakra Yimtso. Day 4, ride or hike the low pass back to Gyergo Nunnery. (Horse riding 6-7 hours per day, hiking 8-9 hours per day. As a hike, this is very strenuous. Horse riding medium difficulty with some hiking required. Includes food, food preparation, guide, horse or packhorse, and car one-way from Ecolodge or Tagong. Tents are also provided. Sleeping bags and mats can be rented.

Horse Riding

Number of Trekkers	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
Single	Y3930	Y7780
Double	Y2980	Y4910

Larger groups can share costs according to actual group size. ie. 3 people are 2 double and 1 single.

Hiking with packhorse

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y3100	Y5180
2	Y2250	Y3290
3	Y1970	Y2670

Zhakra Hotpsrings and Turquoise Lake Trek plus Nomad Tent Stay

5 days, ride or hike

Meet in the morning at Gyergo Nunnery. Ride or hike up over Griffon Pass (4800 meters) and down to Zhakra Hot springs, and the base of the high peak. Stay the first night in tents there. Day 2, ride or hike down the valley to the forest. Set up camp there and take an afternoon trek up to see the sacred turquoise lake, Zhakra Yimtso. Day 3, ride or hike the low pass back to Gyergo Nunnery. Day 4, ride across low grasslands to a nomadic family encampment. Day 5, after spending time with the family and trying out yak milking in the morning, return to Tagong. (Best in Summer. Horse riding 6-7 hours per day, hiking 8-9 hours per day. As a hike, this is very strenuous, for the very fit. Horse riding is medium difficulty with some hiking required. Includes food, food preparation, guide, horse or packhorse, and car one-way from Ecolodge or Tagong. Tents are also provided. Sleeping bags and mats can be rented.

Horse Riding

Number of Trekkers	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
Single	Y5370	Y10660
Double	Y4080	Y6720

Larger groups can share costs according to actual group size. Ie. 3 people are 2 double and 1 single.

Hiking with packhorse

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y3890	Y7990
2	Y2840	Y4880
3	Y2490	Y3850

Danba Village to Zhakra Turquoise Lake and Hotsprings

5 days, ride or hike

Meet at Maoniu Village the night before the start of the trek, and stay in a village guesthouse. Day 1: ride or hike up the Maoniu Valley to a midway camp. Day 2: Continue the hike or ride up the valley to the twin lakes in the Zhakra Basin. Day 3: Ride or hike down to the sacred Turquoise Lake, and do a kora of the lake. Then continue down and up to the hotsprings. Day 4: Do a day hike to the glacier above the hotsprings, and camp a second night at the springs. Day 5: Hike or ride over high Griffon Pass (4800 meters) to Gyergo Nunnery. (Best in Summer. Horse riding 6-7 hours per day, hiking 8-9 hours per day. Includes night at Maoniu, food, food preparation, guide, horse and packhorse, and car to return to Ecolodge or Tagong. Tents are also provided. Sleeping bags and mats can be rented.

Horse Riding

Number of Trekkers	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
Single	Y5970	Y11800
Double	Y4330	Y7260
Larger groups can share costs according to actual group size. I.e. 3 people are 2 double and 1 single.		

Hiking with packhorse

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y5040	Y8010
2	Y4220	Y5490
3	Y3870	Y4650

Mount Gongka Treks and Rides

Mount Gongka Trek starting to the southwest 6.5 days, ride or hike

Day 1: Meet in the village of Pengbuxi in the afternoon. Stay the night in a small family guesthouse. Day 2: Drive through lovely valleys and finally up and across high passes to Tsemei Village. Lunch with the family here and meet your guide. Walk or ride this afternoon to Gongka Monastery. This small monastery is the major base camp for Gongka Peak climbs, and offers great sunset views of the peak. Day 3. Today is a long hike or ride to the Yulongxi Village winter pasture in the Buchi valley. It starts in live oak and climbs into high grassland. We stay in a small herding hut here. Day 4: Today is a shorter trek with an option for a glacial dip at lunchtime. Camp high in preparation for crossing the pass the next morning. Day 5: A lovely day trek over the high Riwoche Pass (4950 m) and across permafrost to a glacial lake with impressive moraines. Camp below the lake. Day 6: Hike down to a camp in lower Riwoche Valley, a camp for a caterpillar fungus diggers. Day 7: Hike through lovely temperate forest to Laoyulin. Catch a car here to Kangding city.

(This area is very busy in summer; fall or spring are best (non-holidays)). Horse riding 6-7 hours per day, hiking 8-9 hours per day. Includes night at Pengbuxi, food, food preparation, guide, horse (if riding) and packhorse, and cars from Pengbuxi and to Kangding. Tents are also provided. Sleeping bags and mats can be rented.

Horse Riding

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad Guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y9880	Y17480
2	Y6790	Y10580
3	Y5750	Y8280

Hiking with Packhorse

Trekkers per group	Price per person Nomad Guide	Price per person with English translation
1	Y8530	Y10540
2	Y6270	Y7280
3	Y5520	Y6190

*Discounts are available for students, families with children, previous trekkers and their friends, and volunteers.