

# TIBET AID SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO TIBET

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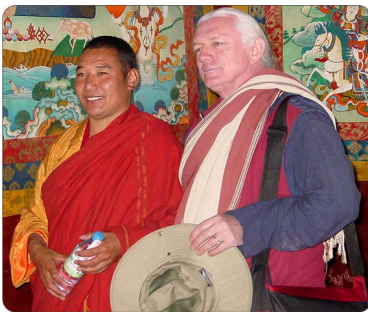
Join Lynne Wiggins, Tibet Aid and internationally renowned Tibetologist and teacher of Tantric Buddhist Meditation, Glenn Mullin for a two week journey to Tibet. We begin our trip in Kathmandu where we spend a few days visiting the Tibetan Community, Boudhanath Stupa, Swayambhunath, Kathmandu City and Patan. We then fly to Lhasa and spend the next 6 days visiting Lhasa and its out lying areas. The city is home to the Potala Palace, Jokhang, the Barkhor and the Sera and Drepung Monasteries. For two nights we leave Lhasa and drive to Drikung out in the countryside and experience the life in a Gear or Nomad Camp. From there we visit Nambar village where Lynne Wiggins' former groups have helped to build a school and medical clinic. Our journey continues as we drive to Shigatse and Gyantse and then on to Tashilunpo and Tingri. Our trip ends with a spectacular drive to the border of Nepal and our final night is spent in Kathmandu. With Glenn as a guide, you will also visit places most other tourists never get to see. He lived and studied in Tibet and with his vast knowledge and love of Tibetan culture allows our group to experience a unique adventure few other trips are able to offer.



Jokhang Temple, Lhasa



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Glenn Mullin is an internationally renowned Tibetologist and teacher of Tantric Buddhist meditation. He is the author of over 20 books on Tibetan Buddhism. Eight of these focus on the lives and works of the early Dalai Lamas. Some of his titles include *Tsongkhapa's Six Yogas of Naropa*, *The Practice of Kalachakra*, *Death and Dying: The Tibetan Tradition*, *Mystical Verses of a Mad Dalai Lama*, *The Mystical Arts of Tibet* and *The Female Buddhas*. He has also worked as a field specialist on three Tibet-related films and five television documentaries and has co-produced five audio recordings of Tibetan sacred music. After returning from India in 1984, Glenn founded and directed the Mystical Arts of Tibet. This association of Dharma friends was instrumental in bringing the first tours of Tibetan monks to North America to perform their sacred temple music, dance and to create mandala sand paintings.



Lynne Wiggins has been leading spiritual and adventure tours to the Worlds Sacred Sites for the past 13 years. Her trips offer the traveler safe and first class travel to unusual and ancient locations. Her philosophy is for her clients to enjoy all the local sites, as well as experience their rich past. For over 25 years, Lynne has studied with various Teachers, Healers and Shamans. She is well versed in the ways of the ancient teachings and world religions. After selling her Metaphysical Center in Boston, she devoted herself full time to helping others discover these Sacred Sites. Her travels have taken her to Peru, Egypt, Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia, Thailand, Bolivia, India, Mexico, Guatemala, Greece, Bali, Africa, Spain, France, England and Brazil. She now co-owns a wellness center and spa in Mooresville, NC. She is also on the board of directors for Tibet Aid.

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**June 12, 2009, Fri: Depart U.S.**

**June 13, Sat: In Flight.**

**June 14, Sun: Arrive in Kathmandu. Visit to Swayambhunath stupa. Hotel Shangri-La. (D)**  
**Swayambhunath:** It is one of the world's greatest Buddhist Stupas. It lies 3 km west of the city and situated about 77m above the level of the Valley. It is said to be 2000 years old.

**June 15, Mon: In Kathmandu. Visit Pashupatinath, Boudhanath & Pharping. PM: Briefing. Hotel Shangri-La. (B/L/D)**  
**Pashupatinath:** Situated 5 Kilometers east of Kathmandu city, Pashupatinath temple is one of the holiest Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.  
**Boudhanath:** One of the holiest in Buddhist power places in Nepal, and one of the biggest stupas in the entire world.

**Pharping:** Pharping village offers many arts object. It is believed that Padmasambava, the founder of Lamaistic School of Buddhism in Tibet. There is Guru Rinpoche's cave where on can see Guru Rinpoche's residence and reminder such as hand print, foot print etc.

**June 16, Tue: Fly to Lhasa and drive to Tsedang Hotel KyiChu, Tsedang. (B/-/D)**  
This 1 ½ hrs (approx.) flight is spectacular (weather permitting) with views of the mountains including Mt. Everest. From the airport it takes approx. 2 hours drive to reach Tsedang, a small country town.

**June 17, Wed: In Tsedang. Sightseeing of Yambulakhang, Traddruk Monastery and ancient Tombs of Tibetan Emperors. Hotel KyiChu, Tsedang. (B/L/D)**  
Yambulakhang is the first building in Tibet and dates back to 2<sup>nd</sup> century. It is reputed to be the oldest building.

**Traddruk Monastery:** On the way back, visit Traddruk monastery founded by King Songsten Gampo in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. From here, it is a 45 mins drive to Chongye, the tombs of ancient Tibetan Emperors.

**June 18, Thu: Samye - Lhasa. Hotel KyiChu. (B/L/D)**  
After the tour of Samye Monastery. We proceed to Lhasa (approx. 5 hrs. Lhasa is ranked as one of the most enigmatic cities in the world.

**Samye Monastery:** Samye Monastery's gleaming façade seems almost too festive for its arid setting. It was founded in 799 after Trisong Detsen invited Santarakshita, an Indian master, to train and ordain Tibet's first seven monks.

**June 19, Fri: In Lhasa. Visit Jokhang, Barkhor, Ani Sankhu Nunnery. Hotel KyiChu. (B/L/D)**  
**Jokhang Temple:** The oldest and the most revered religious structure in Tibet, it dates back to 639 to 647. Pilgrims from all over Tibet come here to worship and prostrate themselves in full length in front of the main doors of the temple.

**Ani Sankhu Nunnery:** Ani means nun in Tibetan. Built around a meditation cave used by Tibetan mystics over the centuries, in the mid-15<sup>th</sup> century it became a practice hermitage for six female disciples of Lama Tsongkhapa. They transformed it into a nunnery, and it has remained as such until the present day.

**June 20, Sat: In Lhasa. Potala Palace & Drepung Monastery. Hotel KyiChu. (B/L/D)**  
**Potala Palace:** Potala Palace has been the focus of pilgrims to Lhasa for centuries. It is the cardinal landmark and a structure of massive proportion. This symbol of Tibet is an architectural gem.

**Drepung Monastery:** Drepung, one of the world's largest monasteries was built in 1416 by Jamyang Choje. Drepung literally means "Rice Mountain".

**June 21, Sun: Drive to Drikung. Guest house or Nomad Camp. (B/L/D)**  
After breakfast we drive to Drikung. It takes approx. 3hrs to reach Drikung. Drikung was once a teaching center of the Kargyupa sub sect until it was destroyed during the Cultural Revolution. Now rebuilt, it offers stunning views of the valley. We will have lunch at the Guest House.

**June 22, Mon: Drikung. Guest house or Nomad Camp. (B/L/D)**  
Full day activity in Drikung.

**Drikung Qu** is a town of Chinese and old village houses that lies on the Kyi Chu's left bank. There's also a monastery known as **Drikungtil**. In Drikung, you can explore the buildings, hermitages and chapels. Near the monastery complex is a sacred site used for sky-burials.

**June 23, Tue: Drive to Lhasa. PM: Nambar Village. Hotel Kyichu. (B/L/D)**  
Today we will drive back to Lhasa. In the afternoon, we will visit Nambar Village where we are actively involved in community development.

**June 24, Wed: Drive to Shigatse via Gyantse. Hotel Manasarovar. (B/L/D)**  
After breakfast, we'll drive to Shigatse. On the way, we will explore Gyantse. Shigatse has one of the most impressive monastery complexes left in Tibet. Home to the Panchen Lama, Shigatse was spared during the devastation of the Cultural Revolution.

**June 25, Thu: Visit Tashilunpo & then drive to Tingri. Hotel Snow Leopard. (B/L/D)**

**Tashilunpo Monastery:** It is the seat of the Panchen Lamas. This is the monastery founded by Gedun Drup who was later recognized as the first Dalai Lama.

After visiting Tashilunpo, we will drive to Tingri which will take approx. 8hrs.

**June 26, Fri: Drive to Kathmandu. Hotel Shangri-La. (B/L/D)**  
It is an approx. 8hrs drive to Kathmandu. Rest of the day is free for relaxation.

**June 27, Sat: Depart Kathmandu. (B)**

**June 28, Sun: Arrive in USA.**



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