
CERTIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS

for GN Label Certified Trips

1- Norms Related to Itinerary Design

- Meet the clients' demands (according to the information provided by Global Nomad for each request)
- Unless otherwise requested, (and insofar as possible), use western comfort standards as a basis (for hotels, restaurants, buses, etc.) and choose character accommodation owned by locals whenever possible.
- Design a trip including visits and activities allowing for an interesting and authentic discovery of Tibet
- Include at least one meeting lasting at least one hour (with a family, Tibetan social entrepreneurs while visiting their projects, during an activity organized by Tibetans, etc.)
- In priority, select service providers and facilities (hotels, restaurants...) run by locals (insofar as this corresponds to the clients' request)
- If possible, and if they wish to, bring clients to visit small handicraft workshops and local cooperative handicrafts workshops (without forcing them to purchase anything, and of course without taking any commission on sales).
- Reduce transportation in motorized vehicles to an optimal minimum. As a general rule, the average of driving hours per day should not exceed 4 hours per day.
- Provide Global Nomad with the following details for each day of the trip (Global Nomad will, in turn, forward this information to the clients):
 - Place of departure
 - Place of arrival (including altitude)
 - Distance (kilometers) and approximate time of transportation and/or walking (if the daily walking time exceeds 40 minutes)
 - Day's schedule (places to visit, activities, etc.). If the day's schedule includes going over a pass, include the name and altitude of the pass; likewise, when passing lakes and other important sites include this information.
 - Name of hotel, guesthouse or camping place

For this, you may use the itinerary table provided in Annex 3 «I&Q».

2- Norms Related to the Agency's Quotation

- Field personnel receives a fair remuneration
- In temples, monasteries or nunneries with no entrance tickets, the Agency has to include at least 10 Yuan per person per monastery that will be given as an offering to those places
- The quotation should also include a fair remuneration for all activities made by other people than the guide, visit to a family (money to buy them some fruits, biscuits, tea...), home stay and so on.

3- Norms Related to the Preparation of the Trip

- Provide a Tibetan guide approved by Global Nomad (who has signed and respect "GN specifications for guides")
- Provide a quality driver: one who drives safely, is punctual and available, has a good knowledge of the local roads/itinerary, is friendly and doesn't smoke in the car.
- Provide necessary information to the people in charge of making bookings, to the guide, and to the driver.
- Bookings (for hotels, restaurants, vehicles, drivers, guide, cooks, etc.) made sufficiently in advance.
- The quality of equipment and gear must be verified prior to the trip:
 - * vehicle (passed technical inspection)
 - * for treks (tents, mattresses, etc.)
- Organize trips so as to limit the negative impacts on the environment, namely:
 - * try to choose vehicles that match the group size (if the cars are bigger than required, they use unnecessary fuel)
 - * provide a shovel to bury human (and organic) waste on treks and ecological soaps (to clean hands, dishes, clothes...)
 - * make preparations to bring all garbage (including used toilet paper) back to a major city
 - * buy food with as little packaging as possible; avoid canned food and drinks
 - * inform the trekking team of what they should do to respect the environment:
 - use existing trekking trails when possible (to reduce erosion and the negative impacts on wildlife: plants and wild animals)
 - use existing campsites when possible (to avoid damaging the land more than it is already)
 - install the toilet tent at least 50m from water sources (to avoid polluting water), dig a 20cm deep hole inside and put a trash can with a garbage bag next to it for used toilet paper
 - provide garbage bags for the campsite
 - provide boiled or filtered drinking water for clients and trekking team to refill their bottles (at the campsite and for picnics)
 - keep a distance of at least 50m from waterways to wash dishes, clothes... and use ecological soaps
 - leave wildlife undisturbed (no loud music, never feed wild animals) and do not pluck plants
 - do not make wood fire (unless you are in an area with abundant forests)
 - before leaving the camp site: cover toilet hole with earth, collect all garbage to bring back to town and make sure nothing has been forgotten on the camp site
 - don't leave organic waste in the wild (bury it at least 20cm deep or bring it back to town)

4- Norms Related to the Implementation of the Trip

- The trip is to be realized following the itinerary and price that Global Nomad has agreed to and in accordance with the norms set out in the Specifications.
- The guide must have sufficient money for payments to be done during the trip.
- Guides, drivers and trekking team should respect the immediate ecological environment (according to GN specifications)

5- Norms Related to the Conclusion of the Trip

All collaborators must be paid according to the price that was agreed upon with them, within a maximum of one week after the end of the trip. In the case the person to be paid does not present his/herself in due time to receive his/her payment, a later date shall be agreed upon with him/her.