

BY ODYSSEY

TRAIN: Qinghai Tibet Railways

JOURNEY: Xian to Lhasa (& vice - versa)

Journey Duration: Upto 3 days

Day to Day Itinerary

The Xian-Lhasa train gives you three options to choose from. You may either board Tibet train Z265 (07:53, dep.), Tibet train Z165 (09:27, dep.) or Tibet train Z917(23:35, dep.) to reach Lhasa. The three trains have the same travel route from Xi'an to Lanzhou, Xining, Golmud and Nagqu to Lhasa. You may choose the departure time that works best for you. The true beauty of the Tibetan Plateau unfolds when the Tibet train leaves from Golmud to Lhasa. Check the major railway stations, and altitude change in the following real time train schedule..

Timetable of Xi'an to Lhasa Train No.Z265

Station	Arrival	Departure	Stop Time	Days	Distance
Xian	-	07:53	-	1	-
Baoji	09:20	09:26	6 min	1	167 km
Lanzhou	15:05	15:32	27 min	1	676 km
Xining	17:53	18:13	20 min	1	892 km
Delingha	22:04	22:10	6 min	1	1409 km
Golmud	00:21	00:46	25min	2	1722 km
Anduo	08:47	08:50	3 min	2	2440 km
Nagchu	10:09	10:15	6 min	2	2542 km
Lhasa	14:17	-	-	2	2864 km

Timetable of Xi'an to Lhasa Train No.Z165

Station	Arrival	Departure	Stop Time	Days	Distance
Xian	-	09:19	-	1	-
Xianyang	09:42	09:44	2min	1	23 km
Baoji	11:00	11:08	8 min	1	167 km

Lanzhou	16:16	16:36	20 min	1	676 km
Xining	19:06	19:26	20 min	1	892 km
Golmud	01:34	01:59	25 min	2	1722 km
Anduo	09:58	10:01	3 min	1	2440 km
Nagchu	11:20	11:26	6 min	2	2542 km
Lhasa	15:05	-	-	2	2864 km

Compared with taking a train from Xian to Lhasa, it is easier to take a return train from Lhasa to Xian, because not many tourists choose to leave Tibet by train, and there are enough tickets for two trains from Lhasa to stop over at Xian. One is the Lhasa-Shanghai train (Z166), which runs from Lhasa Railway Station at 11:50 and arrives in Xian at 20:38 on the second night. The other is the Lhasa-Guangzhou train (Z266) departs from Lhasa at 12:40 and stops over at Xian railway station at 21:38. Besides, Train Z918 finally stops at Xi'an, departing every other day.

There are three choices to take a train from Lhasa to Xi'an. You can either board Tibet train Z166 or Tibet train Z266 or Tibet train Z918.

Timetable of Lhasa to Xian Z166

Station	Arrival	Departure	Days
Lhasa	-	11:50	1
Nagchu	15:35	15:41	1
Golmud	02:41	03:06	2
Xining	09:15	09:35	2
Lanzhou	12:06	12:31	2
Xian	20:38	-	2