

Travel Tips

Introduction

Getting To Nepal: International flights are available to and from Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu.

Immigration: Passport & Visas

All travelers to Nepal must hold a valid passport. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas.

Passports must be valid for six months from the departure date. If you are travelling outside the EU you should have at least 2 blank pages in your passport for each country that you visit.

Visa- on - arrival

Visas on arrival are available at the Nepal airport, which means that holders of passports of those countries that are eligible for visa-on-arrival will be able to avail that facility. If your country is listed for the requirement of visa before arriving in Nepal, you should arrange for a visa before entering Nepal. Tourists can also apply for Nepali visas online.

Tourist visas fee rates are USD 30/50/125 for 15/30/45 Days. If you plan to obtain your Visa in Nepal, please bring the Visa fee in US dollar Cash. A passport photo is required and can be arranged at immigration on arrival.

Visa requirements and charges are subject to change without prior notice. Please visit below link for further information.

<https://www.immigration.gov.np/page/visa-fee-and-documents>

Transit Via India

If you are travelling via India (Delhi or Calcutta) to your destination you may also require a visa for India. This may apply even if you are not leaving the airport unless your baggage has been checked all the way through to your destination. Generally, if you use the same carrier for both legs of your journey, you will not need an India Visa.

Permit Fee – What Do We Need from You?

A valid permits are needed to enter many Nepal's main trekking regions. We just need your passport details & we will issue the permit on your behalf. Once you arrive please bring extra 2 passport size photos which we need to put in the Permit.

<https://www.immigration.gov.np/page/trekking-route-and-permit-fee>

Mustang Connectivity

Mustang is connected via both road and air. Best way to reach there is by flight to Jomsom airport, Heli charter to the lodge. Other alternate is Driving upto the Lodge.

Internal Flights

The ICAO (The International Civil Aviation Organization) removed Nepal's aviation from its blacklist in July 2017, however the European Union (EU) has still not removed it from the flight safety blacklist. In the latest air safety audit by ICAO, Nepal had made significant progress with a score of 70.1 per cent, which was above the global average of 67.2 per cent.

The changeable nature of mountain weather makes flying conditions complex. Please note that poor weather can cause delays on internal flights.

KATHMANDU- POKHARA– KATHMANDU

- There are many domestic carriers that fly from Kathmandu Domestic Airport to Pokhara International Airport
- There are daily above 20 flights from Kathmandu to Pokhara
- Flight timings are from 6:50am and last return flight is at 3.50pm (with the new international airport, there are plan to extend to evening flights)
- Flight duration is 25 minutes each way
- Baggage allowance is 20Kg hold baggage and 5Kg hand baggage
- This spectacular flight offers views of the Langtang, Manasalu, and Annapurna ranges.

Domestic Airlines	Aircraft	Seat
Buddha Air	ATR 72-500, ATR 42- 320	72, 42
Guna Air	J41, BEEHCRAFT 1900D	30, 18
Shree Airlines	Bombardier Dash Q400	76
Yeti Airlines	ATR 72-500	72

POKHARA-JOMSOM-POKHARA

- There are mainly 2 airlines scheduled from Pokhara Old Airport to Jomsom Domestic Airport
- Flight timings are from 6:30am until 10.00am and each carrier can fly up to maximum 4-5 times daily
- Flight duration is 20-25 minutes each way
- Regular flights are operated from morning to noon only due to the potential changes in weather and visibility
- Jomsom flight (STOL) will operate from Pokhara’s old airport which is 3 kms away from new international airport
- STOL airstrips in Nepal, the maximum allowance is 10Kg hold baggage & 5Kg hand baggage or combined 15Kg
- This flight takes you above the forested area of Ghorepani then over the Kali Gandaki Valley in between the Dhaulagiri range in the west and the Annapurna massif in the east

Domestic Airlines	Aircraft	Passenger
Nepal Airlines (Charter flight only)	DHC-6 Twin Otter	15-18
Summit Air	Let 410 UVP-E20	15-18
Tara Air	DHC-6/300, 6/400 Twin Otter	15-18

Private charter by plane or helicopter can be arranged at extra cost directly from Kathmandu to Jomsom or from Pokhara to Jomsom

Helicopters can usually fly even when the scheduled fixed wing aircraft cancel. Unless there is severe weather conditions.

- Kathmandu to Jomsom; Flight duration 70-80 minutes
- Pokhara to Jomsom; Flight duration 15-20 minutes

Domestic Airlines	Aircraft	Manufacturer	Passenger	Max Weight (Inc Passengers)	Max Altitude
Air Dynasty	9N ANA (AS350B3e), 9N ALA (AS350B3e), 9N-AJD (AS 350 FX II), 9N – AFQ (AS 350 FX II)	Air bus, France	5 +1	450 KG	23000 F
Altitude Air	9N-AMS , 9N-AMX	Turbomeca Arriel	5+1	420 KG	16550 F
Heli Everest	9N-ANB-AS350 B3E(H-125), 9N-AKP-AS350 B3E(H-125), 9N-AGK-AS350 B3E(H-125)	Airbus Helicopters	5+1	450 KG	23000 F
Kailash Helicopter	H125/ AS350B3e-9N AMT, H125-AS350B3E-9N AML, H125-AS350B2-9N AJJ	Air bus, France	5+1	450 KG	
Manag Air	9N-AMV– AS350 B3e (H125)	Air bus, France	5 +1	450 KG	23001 F

Manag Air	9N-ANJ – AS350 B3e (H125)	Air bus, France	4+2	450 KG	23002 F
Prabhu Helicopter	ROBINSON R66 - 9N-AMJ, ROBINSON R66 - 9N-AJN, ROBINSON R66 - 9N-ALU, ROBINSON R66 - 9N ALX	Robinson Helicopter	4 +1	420 KG	14000 F
Prabhu Helicopter	AIRBUS H125 (9N ANL)	Air bus, France	5 +1	450 KG	23000 F
Simrik Air	9N-ALP-AS 350 B3e, 9N-AKD-AS 350 B3e, 9N-AJZ-AS 350 B3e	Air bus, France	5 +1/4+2	450 KG	23000 F
Simrik Air	9N-ALT-Bell 407GXP	Bell Textron Canada	6+1/5+2	500 KG	20000 F

Baggage Allowance

For all flights to and from it is essential you keep the total weight of your baggage within this limit. This weight allowance is normally strictly enforced and excess baggage will be charged. Please be aware that you will have to pay for this at check-in. It is possible to leave clothes or other items not required at the Kathmandu hotel.

Driving (Via Land)

Pokhara to Jomsom (Four Wheel Drive Jeep)

- The overland journey is scenic, most of the way following the Kali Gandaki River.
- The journey will be a mixture of both blacktopped and off-road
- There is ongoing road – construction for completion.
- Its about 6-7 Hrs drive including the breaks. Road paases through small towns (Beni, Tatopani, Ghasa, Lete, Kobang Marpha). 300 meter waterfall-Rupse Waterfall, Kali Gandaki Gorge (the deepest gorge in the world)

Vehicle Transfer	Distance	Duration
Kathmandu to Jomsom	360 Kms	12-13 Hours
Kathmandu to Pokhara	201 Kms	6 Hours
Pokhara to Jomsom (Four Wheel Drive Jeep)	159 Kms	6-7 Hours

Booking/ Making Travel Arrangements

- Our in-house travel agency can help in travel arrangements (Adventure Quest Nepal Pvt. Ltd)
- In the event that the Pokhara flight is canceled for unforeseen circumstances like bad weather. We advise guests to travel same day by car or helicopter as inclement weather occasionally can last longer.
- However, if the guest wants to spend the night in Pokhara, we can assist with hotel reservations.
- The guest will be responsible for covering any additional lodging expenses.

Nepal: Nepal combines Himalayan views, golden temples, charming hill villages, and jungle wildlife watching to offer one of the world's great travel destinations.

Location: Between India & China (China in the North and India in the East, West and South)

Area: 147,516 sq. km.

Capital: Kathmandu

Population: 30.3 million (126 ethnic groups & 123 languages)

Mountains: 8 of the 14 peaks of the world lie in Nepal: Sagarmatha or Mount Everest (8,848 m), Kanchenjunga (8,586m), Lhotse (8,516m), Makalu (8,463m), Cho Oyu (8,201m), Dhaulagiri (8,167m), Manaslu (8,163m) and Annapurna (8,091m).

Geographical Division: 3 geographical zones (Mountain, Hilly and Terai)

12 national parks, 1 wildlife reserve, 1 hunting reserve and four conservation areas.

In which Chitwan and Sagarmatha National parks are enlisted in UNESCO as natural World Heritage Sites.

Kathmandu: Kathmandu is the largest city and capital of Nepal. It is surrounded by four major mountains: Shivapuri, Phulchoki, Nagarjun, and Chandragiri. Once thought to be the fabled and inaccessible Shangri-La, Kathmandu is now a hub for independent travellers as well as a growing vacation spot catering to all budgets. It is electrifying exotic with its medieval warren of alleys, Hindu temples and Buddhist stupas, and uniquely relaxed nightlife. As a result of considerable urban growth in recent decades, it is now part of one continuous urban area together with Patan to the south. Kathmandu is the gateway to tourism in Nepal. It is also the nerve center of the country's economy.

Pokhara: a perfect combination of tranquility and beauty, is located between the Great Himalayan and Mahabharata Ranges. Its natural ambience, which allows enjoying lakeside serenity, breathtaking view of the magnificent Annapurna Range, Mt. Fishtail, diverse topography, bio-diversity, caves, gorges, waterfalls, etc. have transformed Pokhara into a Paradise on Earth. Snuggled around the scenic Himalayas; Pokhara is known as the doorway to Annapurna Circuit - a famous trekking trail in Nepal. Pokhara offers a lot of adventure and exciting things to engage in. Be it adventure sports, sightseeing, trekking, camping, or nightlife; there are plenty of things to do that make your vacation truly exciting and invigorating

Mustang: Mustang, located at an elevation of 2800 meters (9,186 feet), and bordered by the Tibetan Plateau and sheltered by some of the world's tallest peaks, including the 8000-meter Annapurna and Dhaulagiri. Upper Mustang, which remained forbidden until 1992, and the region's strict regulations for tourists make it one of the most preserved areas in the world due to its relative isolation from the outside world, with the majority of the population still speaking the traditional Tibetan language.

Diversity surrounds this district hidden in the Kali Gandaki valley between the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri Mountain ranges, inhabited by Gurungs and Magars in the lower regions of the Kali Gandaki, Thakalis around Jomsom, and Loba (people with strong Tibetan roots) around Muktinath and up in Mustang.

Popular for its exotic landscape, it has attracted a significant number of tourists from all over the world in recent years.

We hope that above have answered most of your questions. Please feel free to contact us and speak to one of our experts.

Regards,
The Shinta Mani Mustang – A Bensley Collection Team

“Have a good trip and “Namaste.”