



Country Profile: Nepal

Nepal is a developing country with extensive tourist facilities, which vary widely in quality and price. The capital is Kathmandu. Nepal has suffered from political instability for almost 11 years. The Government signed a Comprehensive Peace Agreement on November 21, 2006, formally ending the Maoist insurgency, which began in 1996. The Maoist insurgents and other political groups have yet to fully end the violence. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Nepal for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Nepal
Continent:	Asia
Capital City:	Kathmandu
Boundary Countries:	China, India
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Pokhara: Celestial Healthcare & Research CentreKathmandu: Awon Kalimati Clinic, B & B Hospital, CIWEC Clinic, Hospital for Advanced Medicine & Surgery, Kathmandu Hospital, Kathmandu Model Hospital, Life Care Hospital, Medicare National Hospital, Nepal International Clinic, Patan Hospital, Scheer Memorial Hospital, Siddhartha Hospital, Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital, Universal Medical Center
Main Cities:	Kathmandu, Patan, Pokhara, Butwal, Dharan Bazar, Biratnagar, Janakpur, Birganj, Hetauda, Bhaktapur, Bharatpur, Mahendranagar, Dhangarhi, Nepalganj, Bhairahawa
Country Size:	147,181 sq km
Population:	28,901,790

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Nepali 47.8%, Maithali 12.1%, Bhojpuri 7.4%, Tharu (Dagaura/Rana) 5.8%, Tamang 5.1%, Newar 3.6%, Magar 3.3%, Awadhi 2.4%, other 10%, unspecified 2.5% note: many in government and business also speak English
Currency:	Nepalese Rupee (NPR)
Predominant Religions:	Hindu 80.6%, Buddhist 10.7%, Muslim 4.2%, Kirant 3.6%, other 0.9%; only official Hindu state in the world
National Holidays:	
Economic Status:	Nepal is among the poorest and least developed countries in the world with almost one-third of its population living below the poverty line.
Security:	Royal Nepalese Army (includes Royal Nepalese Army Air Service); Nepalese Police Force

US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu Embassy of the United States of America Maharajgunj, Kathmandu, Nepal Tel.: 977-1-423-4000
Major Airports:	Airports: 48, Airports w/paved runways: 10Kathmandu – Tribhuvan Airport (KTM/VNKT)Kathmandu Airport, Nepal, Kathmandu, NEPALTel: +977 (0)1 470274

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