Nature

8 of the world’s 10 highest peaks
35% of the land covered by forest
20% is protected as national parks

Annapurna Trekking Circuit

This circuit is considered one of the best treks in the world and is reputed for its outstanding scenery. 17 to 21 days long, this trek takes you through a distinct regional scenery of rivers, flora, fauna and, above all, mountains.

Tilicho Lake

One of the highest lakes in the world

Panorama of Tilicho lake in April completely frozen over.

It is 4,949 m above sea level, in the Annapurna range of the Himalayas.

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One of the best countries for adventure destination in the world.
— National Geographic Adventure Magazine
Mount Everest is the highest mountain on Earth above sea level, and the highest point on the Earth’s continental crust, as measured by the height above sea level of its summit, 8,848 metres (29,029 ft). The mountain, which is part of the Himalaya range in Asia, is located on the border between Sagarmatha Zone, Nepal, and Tibet, China.
First Woman Climber
Junko Tabei from Japan was the first woman to reach the summit of Everest. She climbed Everest in 1975 via the South-East Ridge.

Longest Stay on Top
Babu Chiri Sherpa from Nepal stayed at the summit for twenty one and half hours in 1999.

Fastest Ascent
Pemba Dorjie Sherpa from Nepal climbed Everest in 8 hrs 10 min on May 21, 2004, completed the distance from Everest Base Camp to the summit.

Most Frequent
Apa Sherpa from Nepal climbed Everest 20 times during the period from 1990 to 2010.

First Climbers
Sir Edmund Hillary from New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay from Nepal climbed Everest for the first time on May 29, 1953.

To see more world records, visit http://tourism.gov.np/worldrecord.php

Coordinates : 27°59′17″N 86°55′31″E
Flora and Fauna

848 Species of Birds
319 Species of Exotic Orchids
11 of the World’s 15 Familles of Butterflies

Rhododendron is Nepal’s national flower and is found especially in the hilly areas above the altitude of 1200m. It blossoms from March to May in the spring. The mid mountain vertical belt between 2,000 and 4,000 m serves as the ‘wild’ preserve of the rhododendron, or “Gurans” in Nepali.

Bengal Tiger

A survey conducted from December 2009 to March 2010 indicates that 125 adult tigers live in Chitwan National Park. The adjacent Parsa Wildlife Reserve, Bardia National Park and Sukla Phanta Wildlife Reserve are also habitats for a significant tiger population.
One-horned Rhinoceros or the Asian One-horned Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) is a large mammal primarily found in north-eastern Nepal. It is confined to the tall grasslands and forests in the foothills of the Himalayas.
Bungy
At 160m high, it is Nepal’s ultimate adrenaline rush and one of the highest free-falls in the world.

Elephant Polo
This is one of the rare adventures and the only of its kind in Nepal. The World Elephant Polo Association organizes an annual Elephant polo tournament in Chitwan, south west of Kathmandu.

Rafting
Nepal is very famous for high current white rivers, which are considered the best for river runners. That is the reason many raft lovers believe that Nepal is rafter’s paradise.

Paragliding
This truly wonderful and fulfilling trip will take you over some of the best scenery on earth, as you share airspace with Himalayan griffin vultures, eagles, kites and float over villages, monasteries, temples, lakes and jungles, with a fantastic view of the majestic Himalayas.

Wild Life Jungle Safari
It consists of canoe rides on the jungle rivers, nature walks, bird watching excursions and quick tours around the villages to discover unique culture and traditions of the local village people.

Mountaineering
There are a total of 1310 snow peaks over 6000 meters high. Nepal thus offers the best choices for Himalayan expedition and mountaineering.
Honey hunting involves robbing honey from wild bee colonies and is one of the most ancient human activities still practiced by aboriginal societies in certain parts of Nepal.

Robbing honey from wild bee colonies is usually done by subduing the bees with smoke and breaking open the tree or rocks where the colony is located. The process is a once in a lifetime spectacle, if you can spot it.

Honey Hunting

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wp_kevGjpqw
CULTURE

60 ethnic groups
92 spoken languages
Over 3000 temples
1200 monasteries and lamasteries
10 of the world’s heritage sites with 7 within an area of 20 kms

Living Goddess

This is the tradition of worshipping young pre-pubescent girls as manifestations of the divine female energy or Devi in Nepal.

The Kumari is revered and worshipped by most of the Hindus and Nepali Buddhists in the Kathmandu valley.

Nepalese Hindu dancers wearing masks perform during festivities on the first day of Indra Jatra in Kathmandu.
Lumbini is situated in the lowlands of southwestern Nepal. This sacred place is the birthplace of Lord Siddhartha Gautam Buddha who was born in 623 BC. Lumbini as a whole is a peaceful beautiful garden which contains monasteries, shrines and a 3rd century BC stone pillar commemorating the birth of Buddha. The Ashoka pillar erected by the great Indian emperor Ashoka is the first epigraphic evidence relating to life history of Lord Buddha.

How to reach Lumbini
Travel agents of Nepal arrange frequent tours to Lumbini. The tourists fly to Bhairahawa from Kathmandu and then drive to Lumbini by car.
Covering an area of 147,181 sq.km, Nepal shares a border with India in the west, south and east and with the Tibetan Autonomous Region of China in the north. Kanchan Kalan in Jhapa district is the lowest point at 70m above sea level and the summit of Mt. Everest at 8,848 m is the highest. From east to west, Nepal is 800 km long and only 230 km. north to south at its widest. Within this narrow stretch of land there is incredible diversity in topography ranging from a sub-tropical climate in the tarai (plains) to Alpine conditions in the Himalayan regions. Mountains, mid hills, valleys, lakes and plains dominate the landscape of this landlocked country.
**Technology**

Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology is the implementing body of the Nepal Eye Program, a non-profit, community-based, non-government organization. With an aim to act as a model for treatment research and training, in co-operation with all other eye care centres and organizations in Nepal.

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20. QATAR AIR
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Hiking around Kathmandu and cultural walks

Hiking around Kathmandu offers you the opportunity to see Nepali rural life as well as superb mountain views without going too far and without climbing high. Besides you do not have to lose the comfort of the city while doing these hikes.

One day hiking routes

Dakshinkali Hiking | The Newari Village Hiking | Changunarayan Hiking
Shivapuri Hiking | Nagarkot Hiking | Namobuddha Hiking | Chisapani Hiking

Kathmandu

Kathmandu is a valley surrounded by beautiful hills and traditional villages. These hills are covered by terraced farms, and lovely forests. Despite being near from Kathmandu the villages are still not affected by the modernity. These Kathmandu hikes are for every age group and for all seasons.

The Kathmandu Valley lies at the crossroads of ancient civilizations of Asia, and has at least 130 important monuments, including several places of pilgrimage for the Hindus and the Buddhists. There are seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites within this valley.
Souvenirs of Nepal

**Khukuri**

The Khukuri is a traditional Nepali knife used in many of Nepal's historical wars. The shape varies a great deal from being straight to highly curved with angled or smooth spines. There are substantial variations in dimensions and blade thickness depending on intended tasks as well as the region of origin and the Kami that produced it.

**Bag-Chaal**

Bag-Chaal is an ancient strategic game that originated in Nepal. Two players take control of the tigers and goats respectively. Four tigers surround twenty goats. Tigers are required to hunt the goats while the goats need to block the tiger’s movement.

**Tibetan Rug**

Tibetan rug making is an ancient, traditional craft. Tibetan rugs are traditionally made from Tibetan highland sheep’s wool. Tibetans use rugs for many purposes ranging from flooring to wall hanging to horse saddles, though the most common use is as a seating carpet.

**Pashmina**

Nepal is also known for its finely woven Pashmina shawls and sweaters which are indigenous and unique products of Nepal. They are hand-made from wool sheared off mountain goats that are found in the mountainous regions of the Himalayas. This soft wool is first hand spun into thin and even Pashmina yarn and then it is woven into fabric with the handloom.

**Singing Bowl**

Singing bowls originate from the Himalayas and are found throughout Nepal, Tibet and Northern India. Each handmade bowl is in itself unique. The natural and harmonious sound emitted by singing bowls is used to invoke a deep state of relaxation which assists meditation. Each singing bowl comes with a wooden stick.

**Puppet**

Puppet like this one of the Living Goddess ‘Kumari’ is loved widely by tourists as a souvenir from Nepal. Such puppets reflect Nepalese cultures, lifestyles and religion. Tourists can get a wide variety of Nepalese puppets representing different forms of Gods and Goddesses found in Nepal. Especially, string puppets of masked dancers are the most popular.
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