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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



**Greetings Esteemed Guest!** 

I extend to you a warm Namaste as we gather here within the pages of our in-flight magazine during this enchanting season of October through December 2023. It is an honor to welcome you aboard.

First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each one of you for choosing Himalaya Airlines as your travel companion. Our relentless commitment to connecting you with new and exciting destinations is a driving force for us. In this everevolving world of aviation, we strive to make every journey a memorable adventure, where you can explore new horizons and experience the enchanting allure of the places we take you. Be it the towering peaks of the Himalayas, the bustling cities of Asia, or the tranquil desserts of the Middle East!

In the spirit of discovery and adventure, we feel delighted to announce the opening of a new sector in our ever-expanding network. Starting from September 2023, we are offering direct flights to Qingdao, a vibrant coastal city in China.

In this particular issue, we present to you a captivating collection of articles, features, and insights. These stories celebrate the spirit of exploration and the breathtaking beauty of the destinations we serve. As we usher in this festive season, I would like to extend my heartfelt best wishes for the Dashain and Tihar. May these joyous occasions bring you and your loved ones an abundance of happiness, prosperity, and unity.

On behalf of the entire Himalaya Airlines family, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a pleasant journey with us. May your travels be filled with wonders, new experiences, and cherished memories.

Thank you, once again, for choosing Himalaya Airlines as your trusted travel companion.

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**ZHOU ENYONG** 

PRESIDENT

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Traditionally, Nepalese citizens applied for ordinary passports through a physical submission process. However, with the advancement of technology and administrative efficiency, the nation has transitioned to e-passports.

## CALENDAR



#### **Fulpati**

October 21, 2023

The seventh day of the biggest festival, Dashain which generally means flowers, leaves & plants. Fulpati is celebrated at Basantapur Durbar Square as flowers are brought from Gorkha Durbar to Dashain Ghar in Hanumandhoka, Kathmandu, with rituals.

#### Maha Asthami

October 22, 2023

As it is the eighth day of Dashain, goddess Durga and Kali are worshiped with animal sacrifices.

#### Maha Nawami

October 23, 2023

This is the ninth day when people worship their tools, equipment, and vehicles. The Taleju Bhawani Temple in Kathmandu remains open on this day.

#### Vijaya Dashami

October 24, 2023

The most important day of the biggest festival, Vijaya Dashami, is celebrated by putting red Tika on the forehead and Jamara on the ear by the elders in the family as the youngers receive their blessings.

#### **Kukur Tihar**

November 12, 2023

On the second day of Tihar, all dogs, whether they are pets or stray, are worshipped and offered with food.

#### Laxmi Puja/ Gai Tihar

November 13, 2023

This day is celebrated by worshipping the goddess of wealth, Laxmi, and the national animal, 'Cow', believing that it will bring prosperity. Houses are decorated with flowers, electric lights, and traditional lamps.



#### Govardhan Puja/Mha Puja

November 14, 2023

The fourth day is known as Govardhan Puja on which the ox is worshipped, whereas in the Newar community, Mha Puja is celebrated by worshipping one's body in the evening. This day is also the beginning day of Nepal Era.

#### **Bhaitika**

November 15, 2023

Tihar ends with Bhaitika, when sisters worship their brothers with flowers, tika, and blessings, praying for their long life and prosperity.



#### Christmas

December 25, 2023

It is the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ and it also referred to as X-mas. On this day, people decorate Christmas trees, exchange gifts, go to church, and share meals.



#### Tamu Loshar

December 31, 2023

It is known as the new year of Gurung community, during which they greet each other, prepare a feast, dance, and sing along with their relations of all generations.

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#### Connecting Cultures and Nations: Himalaya Airlines Inaugurates Kathmandu-Qingdao-Kathmandu Flight Service



Himalaya Airlines launched Kathmandu-Qingdao-Kathmandu flight service from September 10, 2023, strengthening ties between Nepal and China. Operated every Sunday, this flight is definitely expected to provide a momentum to the inflow of Chinese Tourists from the Eastern Shandong region. The inaugural flight, H9 7220, took off with total 113 passengers on board, marking a momentous occasion for the airlines.

Honorable Minister of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation, Mr. Sudan Kirati and His Excellency Mr. Chen Song, the ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Nepal and various high-ranking officials from the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal and Tribhuvan International Airport graced the inaugural ceremony followed by a press meet.

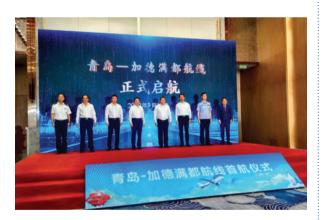






The new Kathmandu - Qingdao - Kathmandu route will offer passengers a seamless travel connect between the capital city of Nepal and the coastal city of China, known for its picturesque landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and economic significance. This launch also reaffirms Himalaya Airlines' dedication to providing convenient and safe travel experience for its passengers.

Similarly, Qingdao Jiadong International Airport, The People's Republic of China welcomed Himalaya Airlines with a special launch event organized at the airport wherein officials from H9 China Office interacted with the media invitees.





#### Celebrating Loads of Excellence: Himalaya Airlines at NEFFA Annual Awards 2023



Hy was honored with the NEFFA ANNUAL AWARD 2023 for being amongst Nepal's top online carriers, carrying the Third Highest Tonnage of Cargo in 2022. This recognition fuels our commitment to providing exceptional service and seamless logistics to our valued customers.



## **Empowering Dreams: Himalaya Airlines Supports Lowa Prasad Bal Griha at Sundarijal**



Taking further its "Step Towards Education" campaign under its Corporate Social Responsibility, Himalaya Airlines made a significant contribution for the renovation of kitchen and dining facilities of Lowa Prasad Bal Griha, a non-governmental and non-political social organization operated by Lowa Prasad Sudhar Sangh for the orphan and underprivileged children.



During a handover ceremony organized at the premises of the orphanage, on August 03, 2023, President, Mr. Zhou Enyong handed over the cheque of Rs. 3,96,000/- to the chairperson Ms. Usha Karki. In addition to the significant cash contribution, the airlines also donated kitchen cutlery sets, sketch books and various sport games like cricket set, carrom board, badminton sets, basket balls, ludo, skipping ropes, hula hoop, etc. to uplift the lives of resident children. Located at Sundarijal the organization currently provides shelter, education, care, and a nurturing environment to total 13 children.

The cash funds will be utilized to facilitate the renovation of kitchen and dining area of the building, creating a more conducive and comfortable living space for the children to maintain a healthy, homely environment.







## Bringing Comfort to Those in Need: Himalaya Airlines collaborates with NDA - Nepal Orthopedic Hospital



Pursuing its core CSR objective of Societal Responsibility in the healthcare sector, Himalaya Airlines stepped forward to collaborate with NDA - Nepal Orthopedic Hospital, Jorpati. On July 16, 2023, President, Mr. Zhou Enyong handed over a 2-ton air conditioner to NDA's Chairman, Mr. Samden Lama and the Medical Director, Dr. Kailash Kumar Bhandari. The donation from the airlines gave a much-needed respite and relief to the medical staff and the patients of the Sagarmatha General Ward from the high temperatures and humid conditions during the summer.



The ward is located at the top floor where the needy patients receive quality orthopedic care at affordable service charges.



The event marked a significant milestone in the ongoing partnership of Himalaya Airlines and the healthcare community in Nepal. During the challenging period of the COVID-19 pandemic, the airline has made significant contributions to various hospitals, NGOs and healthcare organizations of Nepal supplying Vero cell Vaccines, COVID-19 essential medical equipment and supplies etc

## Healing with Compassion & Commitment Nepal Orthopedic Hospital



#### **Providing Quality Orthopedic Care with Heart**

Amidst the breathtaking landscapes of Nepal, where the majestic Himalayas stand tall and proud, lies a beacon of hope and healing – the Nepal Orthopedic Hospital. Founded in 1998, this institution has become a vital part of the country's healthcare landscape, catering to orthopedic trauma needs and providing much-needed medical services to the community. In a recent interview, Dr. Kailash Kumar Bhandari, the Medical Director of the hospital shared insights into its origins, objectives, and contributions to society.

#### **Inspiration and Objectives**

The hospital's establishment was motivated by a significant gap in the availability of specialized orthopedic care in Nepal. With only a handful of orthopedic centers and surgeons across the nation, there was a pressing need for a facility dedicated to orthopedic trauma care. Dr. Bhandari highlighted the core objective of the hospital: to offer prompt, high-quality, and affordable services, coupled with a commitment to charity for those who cannot afford treatment.



#### **Founders and Support**

Nepal Orthopedic Hospital operates within the premises of Nepal Disabled Association, sharing its space with other charitable entities. Dr. Anil Bahadur Shrestha, a Rotarian and the founder Director along with Dr. Shankar Raj Sharma, the founder Chairman, played pivotal roles in establishing the hospital. The institution's growth and success have also been bolstered by extensive support from both the government and international partners.

#### Mission, Vision, and Values

The hospital's mission revolves around delivering advanced orthopedic care that's both affordable and compassionate. Its vision focuses on continuous growth and enhancement to reach even more patients in need. Through the years, the hospital has been able to cover operational costs while providing charity services to those who require assistance.

#### **Comprehensive Care Offerings**

Nepal Orthopedic Hospital provides a wide spectrum of orthopedic services, including joint replacements, spine surgeries, orthoscopic procedures, trauma care, and consultations. These offerings are supplemented by allied specialties like cardiology and radiography, ensuring comprehensive patient care. The hospital's strong international network also ensures access to cutting-edge practices and knowledge exchange.



#### **Patient Safety and Education**

Patient safety is a top priority, and the hospital adheres to international WHO protocols without compromise. Dr. Bhandari highlighted the significance of qualified personnel, infection control, and post-operative care. The hospital's dedication to patient education empowers individuals to understand their conditions and treatment options fully, fostering trust and confidence in the healthcare process.



#### **Unique Charitable Endeavors**

What sets Nepal Orthopedic Hospital apart is its unwavering commitment to charity. Over 25% of the hospital's annual turnover is allocated to charitable initiatives. These efforts are strengthened by collaborations with organizations like Himalaya Airlines. The hospital's rural camps, held annually, bring medical care directly to underserved communities.

#### **Envisioning a Bright Future**

As technology advances, Dr. Bhandari envisions the integration of global expertise into Nepal's healthcare landscape. The hospital, already conducting 15-16 surgeries daily, aims to keep pace with the changing needs of a mobile society, ensuring accessible and modern orthopedic care.







#### **Continuing the Journey**

As Nepal Orthopedic Hospital celebrates its 25th anniversary, it embarks on a journey of growth and continued service to the community. Dr. Bhandari's vision of enhancing orthopedic care and embracing new technologies promises a brighter future for patients across the country. With partners like Himalaya Airlines, this vision becomes a reality, setting the stage for comprehensive, compassionate, and accessible healthcare for all.



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#### Musasab Alkhalidi

Riyadh - Kathmandu

Thanks for a lot of care for my family. Family were happy in your airlines and thanks a lot for friendly cabin crew best wishes.

we like the nice food and drinks...it was very good

August 2, 2023

#### Gaurav Keshari

Kathmandu - Dubai

First of all, our one of the friendliest crews. So good that he made our flight like a home. We celebrated our birthday which made our day with a beautiful cake.

Hospitality was the best in the sky, we would recommend our friends and family to Himalaya Airlines always as they made our experience best by celebrating our birthday above 35,000ft. (first time in our life).

Thank you! Everyone and World's best crew members of Himalaya Airlines.

August 10, 2023

#### OTTO

#### Pradeep Acharya

Kuala Lumpur - Kathmandu

First flight in HA turned out to be more easier and comfortable with the kind gesture and high level professionalism from the crew and entire staff.

June 16, 2023

#### Chhunum Sherpa

Riyadh - Kathmandu

Thank you for cleanliness, good staff nature and friendly.(I will definetely fly again with HA.)

Be Positive, Be Happy and Spread Love.

September 6, 2023

#### Laxman Kadel

Dammam - Kathmandu

धेरै भन्दा धेरै राम्रो छ हजुरहरुले गर्नु भएको मान-सम्मान, अनि आफैले निभाउन् पर्ने भृमिकाहरु धेरै राम्रो छ।

I am so happy, Himalaya Airlines!

July 26, 2023

#### Sandeep Shrestha

Kathmandu - Dubai

Everything is Perfect!!! The food is delicious and healthy, plus it is served hot which is very good. Overall with Himalaya. my experience is going very wonderful. Cabin Crew are very helpful and cooperative. My one of the best airlines to travel Himalaya Airlines.

July 4, 2023

## अरब डायरी

- आलोक खतिवडा

मनै भरी तिमी, जुनै भरी 'तिमी', लेखुँ भन्छु चिठ्ठीहरू, पानै भरी 'तिमी', दिशा हीन् थिएँ, मेरो दिशा 'तिमी', आकाश भरी तिमी, तारै भरी 'तिमी', मुस्कानमा तिमी, रोदनमा 'तिमी', 'तिमी', 'तिमी' अनी 'तिमी'॥ अरबमा तातो हावा चल्दा तिम्रो याद भक भकी उम्लन्थ्यो. छोरीको याद आउँदा घर जाने मन त्ससै त्यसै उर्लन्थ्यो॥ ठेलाहरू उठ्दै थिए, कमाई ठिकै थियो, खुसी लैजान यता थिएँ, उता मेरो खुसी लुटिँदै थियो, खवर सुन्छ, उनी स्वःइच्छिक वलात्कृत भै रे?? तिमी म अनि परिवार घर चलेकै थियो. बैँशमा खाडी आएँ सायद, गल्ती मेरै थियो॥ भट्टीको नशामा 'म', उडेको धुँवामा 'म', कथा सुनाउदै 'म', समुद्रमा तारा खोज्दै 'म', नालीमा 'म', छटपटीमा 'म', तिम्रो खिल निकाल्न भ्वाङ पर्दै 'म',



Empowering the

Future: Lowa Prasad

Bal Griha's Journey of

Hope

Established in memory of Mr. Lowa Prasad Oli, a dedicated teacher from Jhapa, Lowa Prasad Bal Griha is a non-governmental and nonpolitical social organization founded by Ms. Usha Karki. This organization is embarking on a noble mission to extend a helping hand to orphaned and underprivileged children, particularly those dwelling in remote rural regions, to access education. In an exclusive interview, our team had the privilege of conversing with Ms. Usha Karki, the driving force behind this heartwarming initiative, to delve deeper into their remarkable journey.





#### The Genesis of Hope

t the heart of Lowa Prasad Bal Griha's inception lies the profound influence of Ms. Usha Karki's father, Mr. Lowa Prasad Oli. His unwavering dedication to serving others ignited a spark within Ms. Karki, inspiring her to embark on a mission to uplift the lives of those less fortunate. When Mr. Oli passed away in 2064 BS, his legacy of compassion and kindness lived on through his daughter. With a passionate team of like-minded individuals, she forged ahead with a clear vision

in mind – to empower and support marginalized communities, particularly the Chepang, through the gift of education.

The core objectives of Lowa Prasad Bal Griha revolve around providing educational opportunities to those who would otherwise be denied access to them. Recognizing the transformative power of education, the organization aspires to instill strong educational values in these young hearts, fostering their growth as empowered individuals who can shape their destinies

#### Mission, Vision, and Values

Lowa Prasad Bal Griha embraces an earnest mission to uplift marginalized and backward communities, with a special focus on promoting education among children who find themselves facing arduous circumstances. The organization's vision paints a beautiful picture of a brighter future for these young souls, a future teeming with boundless opportunities and a wealth of knowledge to empower their dreams.

The essence of Lowa Prasad Bal Griha's mission lies in its commitment to providing education as a powerful instrument of transformation. By igniting the flame of knowledge within these young hearts, the organization seeks to break the shackles of limited opportunities and illuminate the path towards a promising career.

#### **Empowering through Education**

Lowa Prasad Bal Griha is committed to providing holistic support to its beneficiaries. The organization's interventions include offering education, nutrition, clothing, and medical services to the children. Moreover, they strive to equip the children with skills and knowledge that can lead to job placements and opportunities for further studies, even abroad.



#### **Creating a Nurturing Environment**

The organization's living arrangements are designed to provide a warm and nurturing environment for the children. The facility is a two-story building, with separate areas for boys and girls. Children are encouraged to pursue their interests in music and taekwondo within the premises. The children in Lowa Prasad Bal Griha are currently pursuing their schoollevel education at Sundarijal Okhreni



Madhyamik Vidyalaya, and the older teens are attending Devkota College for higher education. The educational and vocational programs empower the children to build a better life for themselves.

## Overcoming Challenges with Community Support

Running an organization like Lowa Prasad Bal Griha comes with its challenges. Ms. Karki faced financial constraints, societal pressure, and criticism from the local community. However, through community support and collaboration with other organizations, they have been able to overcome these obstacles.

#### A Bright Future Ahead

With dedication and compassion, Lowa Prasad Bal Griha has transformed the lives of its beneficiaries, offering them hope and a chance for a brighter tomorrow. The organization's efforts have enabled children from marginalized communities to dream big, achieve their goals, and contribute positively to the society.

#### Supporting Lowa Prasad Bal Griha

You can be part of this meaningful journey by supporting Lowa Prasad Bal Griha. You can directly contribute or visit the facility to witness the positive impact of your help firsthand. Your support will go a long way in empowering these children and nurturing a generation of future leaders.

Lowa Prasad Bal Griha stands as a beacon of hope, providing vulnerable children with opportunities that were once out of their reach. With Ms. Usha Karki's vision and Himalaya Airlines' generous support, the organization continues to create a nurturing environment for the children, empowering them to build a better life for themselves and their communities.

Let us join hands in supporting this noble cause and be a part of this journey of hope and transformation. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of these young souls!



## BEAUTY OF NATURE

- Sadrish Raj Tuladhar

Nature is so beautiful
Oh! The amount of happiness you get there is plentiful
Now sitting under a tree
Is more relaxing than watching TV

Listening to the sound of birds chirping
Is more better than listening to your boss harping
Free from the stress of work and life temporarily
I think everyone would go there happily

But this is decreasing
Population and global warming are increasing
So why not lend our hand
To save our precious land
Let us save our earth, our birthplace
So out of shame, we won't have to hide our face





दशैं; जसलाई विजयादशमी पनि भनिन्छ, नेपालको सबैभन्दा ठूलो चाड हो। नेपाली मूलका हिन्दुहरूले विश्वभर मनाउने यो सबैभन्दा महत्त्वपुर्ण चाड हो । यो प्रायः हरेक वर्ष आश्विन/कार्तिक महिना (सेप्टेम्बर/अक्टोबर) मा पर्ने गर्दछ । त्यसैले आश्विन/कार्तिक सबै नेपालीको मुहारमा खुशी र मुस्कान ल्याउने महिना हो। यस समयमा सबै निजी र सरकारी संस्थाहरू बन्द हुन्छन्।



दशैंको पहिलो दिनलाई घटस्थापना भिनन्छ। त्यसै गरी पूर्णिमाको दिनलाई कोजाग्रत पूर्णिमा भिनन्छ। यी दिनहरूमा घरबाट टाढा रहेका मानिसहरूले आफ्नो ठाउँ आउन समय पाउँछन्। यो रमाईलो, पुनर्मिलन, उत्साह, र अत्याधिक खुशीको पर्व हो।

दशैंको समय निकै रमाइलो हुने र मौसम सफा र हल्का हुने भएकाले सडकमा धुलो पनि हुँदैन । वातावरण निकै रमणिय हुन्छ । कृषकहरूले समेत रोपाइँको थिकत मौसमबाट आराम र राहत पाएका हुन्छन् । दशैंमा हामी असत्यमाथी सत्यको र शअन्यायमाथि न्यायको विजयको सम्भना गर्हों ।

पहिलो नौ दिनमा शक्ति र विजयकी देवी नवदुर्गाको पूजा आराधना गरीने गरिन्छ । देवी दुर्गालाई समर्पित प्राय जसो मन्दिरहरू सधैं भक्तहरूले खचाखच भरिएका हुन्छन् । मन्दिर र घरहरुमा चण्डी पाठ (सत्ययुगमा देवताहरूले भूतहरूमाथि प्राप्त गरेको विजयको कथा) पढिन्छ । त्रेतायुगमा भगवान रामले यसै बेलामा विजय प्राप्त गरेको जनविश्वास छ ।

विजयादशमी पर्वको दशौँ दिन मुख्य दिन हो । यस दिन मानिसहरूले आफ्ना वरिष्ठहरूबाट आशीर्वाद लिन्छन् र रातो टिका, जमरा र आशीर्वाद थाप्दछन् । हिन्दू संस्कृतिमा रातो टिका भाग्य र विजय दुवैको प्रतीक हो । दशौँ पारिवारिक जमघट र चाडपर्वको समय पिन हो । यस बेला विदेशमा रहेका मानिसहरु आफ्नो घर वा देश फर्कने गर्छन् ।

मानिसहरू आफ्नो परिवारलाई भेट्न जान्छन् र आफ्नो विवादहरू पछाडि राखी एक आपसमा सद्भाव र सौहार्दपूर्ण तरिकाले भेट्दछन् । केटाकेटीहरू विशेष गरी यो चाडमा रमाउँछन किनभने यस बेला उनीहरूलाई लगभग ३० दिनको छुट्टी हुन्छ । आफ्ना भाइबहिनीहरूलाई भेट्ने मौका र नयाँ लुगाहरू पाउने हुनाले पनी बालबालिकाहरूमा दशैको रौनक छुट्टै प्रकरको हुन्छ । परिवारका वरिष्ठ सदस्यहरूले सामान्यतया उनीहरूलाई दक्षिणा, उपहार र आशीर्वादको रूपमा नगद दिन्छन् ।

गाउँघरमा मनोरञ्जनका लागि बाँसका बलियो पिङहरू पनि बनाइन्छ। चङ्गा उडाउँदा आकाश चङ्गाले भरिएको र रंगीन हुन्छ। नयाँ लुगा लगाउँने र मासु सेल रोटी खाने परम्परा पनि दशैंमा रहेको छ। मालश्री संगीत वरिपरि बजिरहेको हुन्छ। यो उत्सवले नेपाली जीवनशैलीलाई बलियो रूपमा प्रतिनिधित्व गर्दछ।

दशैं परोपकारको पर्व पनि हो। रेडियो, टेलिभिजन र पत्रपत्रिका जस्ता सञ्चारमाध्यमहरूद्वारा मनिसहरूको आफ्नै र प्रायोजित स्रोतहरूबाट शुभकामना र अभिवादनहरू प्रसारण वा प्रकाशित गरिन्छ।



त्यसैले दशैंको पावन अवसरमा हाम्रा सम्पूर्ण यात्रुहरूमा हार्दिक मंगलमय शुभकामना व्यक्त गर्दछौ ! हिमालयसँग तपाईंको उडान रमाइलो दशैं सम्भनाहरूको एक हिस्सा बनोस् । हिमालय एअरलाइन्स् रोज्नु भएकोमा धन्यवाद !



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## DAY T

## Airport High-Fives and Abu Dhabi Thrills

Picture this: landing at Dubai International Airport, feeling the buzz in the air as excitement bubbles up inside. After getting comfy at our digs, we took a breather and then hit the streets for some exploring. Our journey led us from Dubai to the neighboring thrill-fest of Abu Dhabi.

First stop, Ferrari World – a paradise for speed freaks. Ferraris everywhere, and rides that spun us around like crazy. Believe us, we tackled the fastest roller coaster on the planet! Our hearts raced faster than the wind.

Then, we geeked out at Warner Bros., reliving

our favorite movie moments. Yep, we're talking about unleashing our inner kids and having a blast

As the sun dipped, we floated down Dubai Creek on a chill Dow Cruise, soaking in the skyline's shimmer. After that, we wandered around Al Seef's market area – the scent of spices and the vibe of old-style bazaars hitting us like a cultural explosion.

So, that was just the warm-up, folks. Day One set the stage for a roller-coaster ride of awesomeness. Stay tuned for Day Two – it's about to get even wilder.

# We watched the sun paint the sky in hues we didn't even know existed.

2 Beach Bliss and Desert Action

Day Two rolled in, and we were ready to rock again. First up, Kite Beach, a sandy paradise by the sea. We jumped on a bus and splashed around in the turquoise waters like carefree fish. Talk about starting the day with a splash!

Then, the desert called, and we heeded the call with a rugged Land Cruiser ride through the dunes. It was like a crazy roller-coaster on sand – dune bashing, they call it. And hey, we weren't stopping there. Quad biking in the desert? Oh yes! We zoomed around like desert daredevils.

Evening crept in, and we hopped on a ferry to watch the sunset paint the sky as we cruised Dubai's coastline. It was like a living postcard.

But guess what? We were still up for more adventure. We strolled through the perfume and gold souks, getting a whiff of Arabian scents and getting bedazzled by shiny jewelry.

Day Two – conquered. Day Three, here we come!

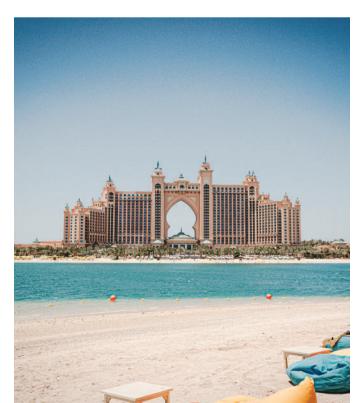
3 Iconic Spots & Global Vibes

Day Three was like a treasure hunt for cool spots. First, Dubai Frame – an architectural wonder that's like a time-traveling portal. The view? Mind-blowing. You get the past and future of Dubai in one glance. Unreal!

Hotel Atlantis was next, and it had an underwater world that blew our minds. We stood face to fin with the coolest sea creatures, a humbling reminder of the ocean's magic.

But hold on, we're not done. The View Palm deck gave us jaw-dropping views. We watched the sun paint the sky in hues we didn't even know existed. Nighttime was for the Burj Khalifa, the tallest building ever. Our heads were in the clouds, literally!

And then, we hit Global Village – a cultural buffet of food, shopping, and fun from all over the world. A full day? You bet! But we wouldn't have it any other way.





# Tradition and Beach Vibes

Our last day. Bittersweet, but we weren't slowing down.

We dived into Dubai's roots at Heritage Village and the Old Town. Old-school charm met our modern-day sneakers, and we walked away with a history lesson like no other.

Then, modern marvels took the stage as we met the sail-shaped Burj Al Arab. It's like the fanciest sailboat ever, just without the sea.

La Mer Beach was the ultimate ending. The sun dropped below the horizon, and we let the sand tickle our toes as we soaked in the beauty.

So here we are, packing up our unforgettable Dubai memories. It's been a blast, a whirlwind of adventure, tradition, and those amazing beach vibes. Dubai, you've been a roller coaster of fun – modern yet historic, thrilling yet serene. Come and explore Dubai's splendor, and you'll be left mesmerized by its charm and grandeur.

Safe travels!

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#### ECO-FRIENDLY TIPS FOR THE MODERN EXPLORER

# Traveling Sustainably

In an era where the allure of travel meets the urgency of environmental conservation, being a responsible traveler has become more important than ever. As we venture to explore the world's wonders, we have a unique opportunity to minimize our impact

on the planet and contribute positively to the communities we visit. Here are some valuable eco-friendly tips for the modern explorer, allowing you to tread lightly while savoring the beauty and culture of each destination.



#### 1. Choose Green Accommodation

Opt for eco-friendly hotels, lodges, or accommodations that have adopted sustainable practices. Look for certifications like LEED, Green Key, or EarthCheck, indicating a commitment to minimizing energy consumption, reducing waste, and promoting responsible tourism.



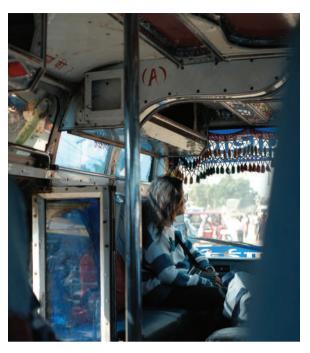
#### 2. Pack Lightly and Thoughtfully

Packing light not only makes your travels easier but also reduces fuel consumption by planes, trains, or automobiles. Moreover, pack reusable items like a water bottle, reusable shopping bag, and utensils to cut down on single-use plastics during your trip.



#### 3. Support Local Businesses

By shopping at local markets, dining in locally owned restaurants, and purchasing handmade souvenirs from local artisans, you can contribute directly to the local economy. This ensures that your travel spending benefits the communities you're visiting.



#### 4. Use Public Transportation or Sustainable Modes of Travel

Whenever possible, opt for public transportation, cycling, or walking to explore your destination. If you need to rent a vehicle, consider hybrid or electric options. Avoid renting a car for short distances; instead, embrace the opportunity to experience the place through the eyes of a local.



#### 5. Conserve Energy and Resources

Practice energy and water conservation in your accommodations. Turn off lights and appliances when not in use, take shorter showers, and reuse towels to reduce unnecessary washing.

#### 6. Respect Wildlife and Nature

Observe wildlife from a distance, and never feed or disturb animals in their natural habitats. Stay on designated trails when hiking and avoid picking plants or disturbing ecosystems.



#### 7. Say No to Single-Use Plastics

Plastics are a major contributor to pollution, particularly in remote and delicate environments. Carry a reusable water bottle and refill it from reliable sources. Say no to plastic straws, bags, and containers.



#### 8. Learn About the Local Culture and **Customs**

Respect for local cultures and traditions is integral to responsible tourism. Educate yourself about the customs, beliefs, and taboos of the destination you're visiting, and adhere to respectful behavior.



#### 9. Dispose of Waste Responsibly

Properly dispose of your waste, especially in areas without formal waste management systems. Carry a small bag for your trash until you find a suitable disposal site.



#### 10. Offset Your Carbon Footprint

Consider participating in carbon offset programs that support reforestation and renewable energy projects. These initiatives help counterbalance the carbon emissions generated during your travels.

As modern explorers, we have a shared responsibility to preserve the beauty of our planet for future generations. By embracing sustainable travel practices, we can create positive impacts, support local communities, and savor the incredible diversity of cultures and landscapes that the world offers. So, let's journey with a conscience, leaving behind memories and footprints that inspire a more sustainable future for travel!

# **UNVEILING CHINA'S COASTAL GEM**

# QINGDAO



### Himalaya Airlines' Newest Destination"

estled along the eastern coast of China, Qingdao is a city that combines historical charm with breathtaking natural beauty. Known for its picturesque landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and delectable seafood cuisine, Qingdao has recently emerged as a prominent destination on the radar of travelers worldwide. Adding to the excitement, Himalaya Airlines has expanded its flight network to include Qingdao, making it easier than ever for international travelers to explore this coastal gem. Join us as we embark on a journey to discover why Qingdao is a must-visit destination and how Himalaya Airlines is making it accessible to the world.

Qingdao's stunning coastline stretches for over 700 kilometers, offering visitors a diverse range of natural wonders to explore. From golden sandy beaches to rugged cliffs and serene bays, the city's coastal areas are a paradise for beach enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. The most famous of these is the iconic Zhangiao Pier, a symbol of Qingdao that extends gracefully into the sea, offering spectacular views and a glimpse into the city's maritime history.

Qingdao is a city deeply rooted in history and culture. Its colonial past is evident in the European-style architecture that dots the cityscape. Among these architectural treasures, the historic Badaguan area stands out, with its leafy streets lined with charming villas built during the early 20th century. Additionally, Qingdao is home to a rich tapestry of museums and galleries that offer insights into China's history, art, and culture.

No visit to Qingdao would be complete without indulging in its delectable seafood. Known for its fresh catch from the Yellow Sea, Qingdao's seafood cuisine is a culinary experience like no other. The city's bustling seafood markets and quaint seaside restaurants serve up a mouthwatering array of dishes, from succulent prawns to tender crabs, all prepared with a distinct local flair.

Beyond seafood, Qingdao offers a diverse range of culinary experiences. The city is famous for its Tsingtao Brewery, one of China's most renowned beer brands. Visitors can tour the brewery, learn about the beer-making process, and savor freshly brewed beer in its original setting. Qingdao's street food culture is equally enticing, with vendors selling snacks like fried dumplings, grilled squid, and savory pancakes, all perfect for satisfying your taste buds while exploring the city.



The inclusion of Qingdao in Himalaya Airlines' ever-expanding route network is a significant development for travelers seeking to explore the charms of this coastal city. With its reputation for excellent service and a commitment to passenger satisfaction, Himalaya Airlines is poised to make the journey to Qingdao a seamless and enjoyable experience. Travelers can expect modern amenities, comfortable seating, and warm hospitality from the moment they step on board.

As Himalaya Airlines extends its wings to Qingdao, the city welcomes international travelers with open arms. With convenient flight options connecting major cities in Asia, Europe, and beyond, Qingdao is now more accessible than ever. The city's vibrant tourism industry is ready to showcase its unique blend of natural beauty, history, and culture to the world.



#### Day 1: Arrival in Qingdao

- Arrive at Qingdao Jiadong International Airport via your Himalaya Airlines flight.
- ➤ Check into your chosen accommodation in the city center.
- ➤ Spend the evening exploring the charming streets of Old Town, known for its Europeanstyle architecture.
- ► Enjoy dinner at a local seafood restaurant tox savor Qingdao's famous cuisine.

#### Day 2: Coastal Beauty

- ➤ Start your day with a visit to Zhanqiao Pier and the nearby Little Fish Hill Park for panoramic views of the coastline.
- ➤ Explore Xiaoyushan Park, a tranquil place with lush gardens and scenic spots.
- ► Head to No.1 Bathing Beach for some sun and sea relaxation.

➤ In the evening, visit Qingdao Beer Street for a taste of local beer and street food.

#### Day 3: Cultural Immersion

- ➤ Begin your day with a visit to Qingdao's iconic May Fourth Square, known for its beautiful sculptures and waterfront views.
- ➤ Explore the Qingdao Underwater World, an excellent aquarium showcasing marine life from the region.
- ➤ Visit the Tsingtao Brewery Museum for a tour and beer tasting.
- ➤ In the evening, stroll along Badaguan Scenic Area and admire the historical villas.

#### Day 4: Day Trip to Laoshan

➤ Take a day trip to the stunning Laoshan Mountain, about an hour's drive from Qingdao.

- ▶ Hike or take a cable car to explore the mountain's peaks, temples, and lush forests.
- ► Enjoy a traditional Chinese vegetarian meal at a local restaurant on Laoshan.
- Return to Qingdao in the evening and relax at your hotel.

#### Day 5: Exploring Old and New

- ➤ Visit the Qingdao German-style Street, a historic area with well-preserved colonial architecture.
- ► Explore the Qingdao Naval Museum to learn about the city's maritime history.
- ➤ Discover Qingdao's modern side with a visit to the impressive Qingdao Grand Theatre.
- ► Enjoy an evening walk along the Olympic Sailing Center's waterfront promenade.

#### Day 6: Island Adventure

- ➤ Take a ferry to the nearby island of Huangdao.
- > Spend the day at Golden Sand Beach, a less crowded alternative to Qingdao's city beaches.
- Explore the Tangdao Bay Park and enjoy a picnic by the sea.
- ▶ Return to Qingdao in the evening and savor more seafood delicacies.

#### Day 7: Farewell to Qingdao

- ▶ Visit the Qingdao Aquarium, home to a wide variety of marine species.
- ▶ Discover Qingdao's history at the Qingdao Municipal Museum.
- ► Enjoy a leisurely walk around the city's picturesque Zhongshan Park.
- > End your day with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.
- ▶ Depart from Qingdao Jiadong International Airport via your Himalaya Airlines flight.

This one-week itinerary offers a well-rounded experience of Qingdao, from its coastal beauty and cultural heritage to its culinary delights and natural wonders. With Himalaya Airlines providing convenient access to this enchanting destination, your trip to Qingdao promises to be a memorable adventure!



Qingdao, with its coastal beauty, rich history, delectable cuisine, and warm hospitality, is an alluring destination for travelers seeking a unique Chinese experience. The addition of Qingdao to Himalaya Airlines' destination list opens up exciting opportunities for travelers to explore this coastal gem. Whether you're drawn to its stunning beaches, historic architecture, flavorful cuisine, or vibrant culture, Qingdao is sure to leave an indelible mark on your travel memories. With Himalaya Airlines, this captivating destination is now just a flight away, ready to be discovered and cherished by travelers from around the globe.



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# Unlocking the World

# Your Guide to Applying for an E-Passport in Nepal

- Rijan Maharjan

n the heart of South Asia lies the enchanting nation of Nepal, a land of breathtaking landscapes, rich culture, and warm-hearted people. If you're a Nepalese citizen, embarking on international journeys has become more convenient than ever with the introduction of e-passports. In this exclusive guide, we will walk you through the seamless process of obtaining your very own e-passport, ensuring your adventures across the globe are hassle-free.

#### The Transition to E-Passports

Traditionally, Nepalese citizens applied for ordinary passports through a physical submission process. However, with the advancement of technology and administrative efficiency, the nation has transitioned to e-passports. Now, all passport applications, whether for a new passport or a renewal, are conducted online.

#### Two Departments, One Goal

In Nepal, the issuance of e-passports is overseen by two departments:

#### District Administration Office (DAO):

Residents of Kathmandu enjoy the privilege of submitting their applications at the DAO.

#### Department of Passports (DOP):

For those living outside the Kathmandu Valley, the DOP serves as the go-to department for e-passport applications.



While the DOP is the sole issuer of passports in Nepal, applicants can collect their shiny new e-passports from the same department where they submitted their applications, complete with biometric data.

#### The E-Passport Availability

Yes, e-passports are readily available in Nepal. The online application process is smooth and accessible, unlike a few months ago when technical difficulties were common. You can now choose your preferred date of visit and experience a user-friendly website for your application.

**The Step-by-Step Application Process**Applying for an e-passport in Nepal is a breeze. Here's a step-by-step guide:

1. Online Application and Date Confirmation Begin by filling out the online form on the official Department of Passports website. Provide all the necessary information and select either DAO or DOP for application submission. Once the form is complete, download and print a copy.

#### 2. Payment

You have the option to pay online during the application process. Alternatively, if you submit the form at the District Administration Office (DAO), you can pay on the date of your visit after form verification. For those opting for the Department of Passport (DOP), online payment via ConnectIPS is available.

**3. Submission and Verification (Date of Visit)** Head to your selected department (DAO or DOP) for the verification process. It's crucial to choose the correct department, as your form won't be accepted elsewhere. The verification queue is usually manageable

First, a representative will cross-check your form and verify the details. Next, make the required payment and receive a voucher.

compared to other government offices.

Proceed to the biometric room for the necessary data collection. After completing the biometrics, you will be given a voucher and your verified form.



Picture: Department of Passport, Tripureshwor, Kathmandu

You'll receive a text message when your passport is ready for collection.

#### **The Required Documents**

To apply for a new e-passport in Nepal, you'll need:

- National ID card (NID)
   If you don't have an NID, a copy of the NID application form or the National ID number received on your mobile number can suffice.
- Original citizenship certificate
- Completed application form
- For minors, additional documentation may be necessary, including the citizenship certificates of both parents and the child's birth certificate.

Residents outside Kathmandu might be required to submit additional transfer documents.

#### **Cost and Processing Time**

The cost of obtaining an e-passport in Nepal varies depending on the department:

- District Administration Office (DAO):
   NPR 5,000 (for regular passports)
- Department of Passport (DOP):
   NPR 12,000 (for emergency passports)

#### The processing time also differs:

**DAO:** Approximately 25 to 30 days (around a month)

**DOP:** 3–15 days for emergency passports

In conclusion, Nepal's transition to e-passports has streamlined the application process, making international travel more accessible for its citizens. Whether you're exploring the beauty of Kathmandu or venturing beyond the valley, obtaining your e-passport is now a straightforward journey. Unlock the world with your new e-passport, and let your adventures begin!



Picture: District Administration Office, Kathmandu



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This quarter, Aries , you're infused with an entrepreneurial spirit. New opportunities knock at your door, urging you to take calculated risks. Lucky colors for you are vibrant red and deep shades of gold. These hues will complement your fiery determination and help you conquer challenges with flair.



June 21st - July 22nd

Cancer, your intuition is heightened during this period. Lucky colors like silver and sea green help you tap into your empathetic nature, offering insights into both your emotions and the feelings of those around you.



April 20th - May 20th

Taurus, your dedication to your craft shines through as you channel your energy towards professional growth. Shades of green, reflecting your earthy essence, are your lucky colors. They will provide you with a sense of stability and grounding amid potential changes.



July 23rd - August 22nd

The spotlight is on you, Leo, as opportunities for personal growth abound. Embrace lucky colors like vibrant orange and royal gold to radiate positivity and confidence wherever you go.



May 21st - June 20th

Communication is your superpower this quarter, Gemini. Your ideas flow like a Himalayan stream, and lucky shades of yellow and sky blue enhance your creativity. These colors also foster better connections in your personal and professional relationships.



August 23rd - September 22nd

Virgo, meticulous planning is your forte this quarter. Shades of earthy brown and muted pastels enhance your practical approach to problem-solving and decision-making.

As the year unfurls its final chapter, the celestial stage is set to host a mesmerizing performance of planetary movements and cosmic energies. Just like the Himalayas that grace our planet with their majestic presence, the celestial landscape promises to awe and inspire during the months of October to December 2023. Let's delve into the horoscope predictions for this period, illuminated with lucky colors that harmonize with the vibrations of the stars.



#### September 23rd - October 22nd

Balance and harmony are your themes, Libra. Embrace lucky colors such as light blue and gentle pink to align your energies and make the most of opportunities in both personal and professional spheres.



#### October 23rd - November 21st

Intense and transformative energies guide you, Scorpio.
Deep shades of maroon and dark purple resonate with your mysterious nature, aiding you in self-discovery and forging meaningful connections.



#### November 22<sup>nd</sup> - December 21<sup>st</sup>

Adventure beckons, Sagittarius. Your lucky colors, shades of royal blue and forest green, inspire you to explore new horizons and embrace the unknown with enthusiasm.



#### December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 19<sup>th</sup>

Capricorn, your hard work pays off as you achieve your goals.
Lucky colors like charcoal gray and deep indigo amplify your determination, helping you carve your path to success.



#### January 20th - February 18th

Innovation flows through you,
Aquarius, as you navigate
through unique opportunities.
Embrace shades of electric blue
and metallic silver to channel
your inventive spirit and make a
lasting impact.



#### February 19th - March 20th

Pisces, your creativity is a wellspring of inspiration. Lucky colors such as soft lavender and seafoam green enhance your imaginative pursuits, allowing your artistic expressions to flourish

As you traverse the final months of 2023, remember that your horoscope is a guiding light, not a predetermined script. The cosmic currents offer insights into potential trends, allowing you to make informed choices and harness the energies at play. Embrace your lucky colors as companions on your journey, harmonizing your inner and outer worlds as you soar to new heights. Let your spirit reach for the stars with confidence and grace!



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