

# NEPAL

## *destination for film shooting...*

Here are **some information** regarding a **FILMING PERMIT** and General Informations about Nepal and its shooting places for your kind concern:

### **EXTRACT FROM MOTION PICTURE (PRODUCTION, EXHIBITION AND DISTRIBUTION) RULES, 2057 B.S. (AMENDMENT 2060).**

1. License to produce feature films shall remain valid for three years. As regards other films the license shall remain valid for one year.
2. Ministry of Information and Communications can depute a Liaison officer during the shooting of the film and the producer should bear the cost of the Liaison Officer's ground or air transport, accommodation and daily allowance according to rules. In mountainous region necessary clothes, tools and medical facilities should be provided (Non- Refundable).
3. The film producer shall make arrangement for Rs. 3,00,000/- worth of life insurance of the Liaison officer covering the entire tenure of outdoor shooting.
4. In case of accidents during the shooting period where the Liaison officer succumbs to injuries the film producer must bear the cost of his/her medical expenses and a lump sum amount decided by the Compensation Decision Committee formed according to law which will not exceed Rs. 2,00,000/-.
5. Where the film producer is a foreign national he must apply for permission if the nearest Nepalese Embassy of Consulate General's Office before the public show. Rs. 10,000/- or equivalent of that amount should be deposited as a royalty fees in A/C 1-1-5-99 and Rs. 500/- for censor fees in concerned office.
6. Where the film producer is a foreign national he/she must submit to the MOIC a copy the film free of cost.
7. During the shooting of the film, the presence of Liaison Officer is compulsory.

### **PROCEDURES FOR THE FILMING LICENSING**

#### **Following Documents are Necessary:**

1. **APPLICATION FORM** (*sample in next page*) as prescribed by the rules affixing Nepalese postal stamp amounting of Nepalese Rs. 50.
2. **SYNOPSIS** of the filming story.
3. **CREWMEMBERS** with bio-data.
4. **EQUIPMENT LIST** with values for custom clearance.
5. **ITENARY** (Including Start Date of filming).
6. **CONSENT LETTERS** of concerned organizations:
  - **Consent Letter of Department of Archaeology**\*, Ramshahpath, Maitighar, Kathmandu if filming in archaeological place Kathmandu, Patan, Bhaktapur, Changunarayan, Durbar Square (*only outer area*), Boudhanath, Lumbini, Shoyambhunath etc. (*For filming in Bhaktapur area filming fee should be paid to Bhaktapur Municipality Office, Bhaktapur*). For filming in this area department of archaeology will appoint one staff for liasoning, he should be paid Rs. 200 per day as allowance. (*rates may subject to chage*).
  - **Consent Letter of Pashupati Development Fund Office**, Gaushala, Kathmandu if filming in Pashupatinath Mandir area.
  - **Consent letter of King Mahendra Sancturary Fund** if filming in Annapurna Conservation Areas.
  - **Consent letter of Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation** if filming is in upper Mustang and upper Dolpa Paying their fees US \$5000 per each places (*rates may subject to chage*).
  - **Consent letter of Department of Wildlife Conservation**, Babarmahal, Kathmandu if filming in conservation areas.
  - Consent letter of Lumbini Development Fund if filming Kapilvastu birth place of Lord Gautam Buddha.
7. **AUTHORIZATION LETTER to the Travel Agency/Local Domestic Film Production Company, as a local representative by the producer. (They can perform all the Legal Formalities here in Nepal.)**

*Note: Rates mentioned above may subject to chage as per government's rule and regulations.*

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#### **APPLICATION FORM (sample on next page),**

**Please read the procedures properly before applying for the filming licensing in Nepal.**

\* For receiving **Consent Letter following documents** should be submitted: (a) Authorization Letter to Travel Agency/ Film Production Company of Nepal, (b) Bond Letter to provide one copy VHS/DV Cassette of filmed portion from authorized company/person in his letter-pad & (c) Synopsis or Aim of the documentary/film.

DATE:

To,  
THE SECRETARY,  
Ministry of Information and Communications (Government of Nepal)  
Singhdurbar, Kathmandu, Nepal.

I hereby apply for the permission to produce the following film in Nepal in accordance with the Motion Picture (Production, Exhibition and Distribution) Act, 2026 B.E. and the Rules framed under it.

1.	<b>APPLICANT'S NAME:</b>	
	Permanent Home Address:	
	Temporary Address in Nepal:	
2.	<b>PASSPORT NO. :</b> (Issuing Office & Date):	
3.	<b>IF THE APPLICANT IS ORGANISATION OR COMPANY, REGISTRATION NO., DATE AND OFFICE ADDRESS:</b>	
4.	<b>PROPOSED FILM'S;</b>	
	Name:	Type:
	Language:	Technology:
5.	<b>NAME OF THE STORYWRITER:</b>	
6.	<b>IF THE STORY WAS PUBLISHED, PUBLISHER'S NAME:</b>	
7.	<b>SONG WRITER'S NAME:</b>	
8.	<b>WHETHER THE NAME OF THE FILM COINSIDES WITH THE FILM ALREADY PRODUCED OR PROPOSED FILM:</b>	
9.	<b>NUMBER OF ARTISTS:</b>	Nepali: Foreigners:
10.	<b>NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS:</b>	Nepali: Foreigners:
11.	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF THE FILM:</b>	
12.	<b>AIM OF FILM PRODUCTION:</b>	
13.	<b>OTHER MATTERS, if any:</b>	
14.	<b>LOCATION (Filming Areas):</b>	
15.	<b>START DATE OF FILMING:</b> Daily Program (ITINERARY):	
16.	<b>SYNOPSIS (to be attached):</b>	
17.	<b>AUTHORIZED TO (Agency/Personal):</b> Address (Tel./Fax./E-mail/URL):	
18.	<b>CONSENT LETTER from Storywriter of his/her heir (to be attached):</b>	

SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT:

Date: .....

Office Seal:

# NEPAL

*your perfect destination for tour & film shooting...*

- LOCATION** : It borders with the Tibet Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China in the North and India in the East, South and West respectively.
- AREA** : 147,181 sq. kilometers
- ALTITUDE** : Varies from 70 meters to 8848 meters
- CAPITAL** : Kathmandu
- POPULATION** : 2,31,51,423
- LANGUAGE** : **Nepali** is the national language of Nepal. Educated people understand and speak English as well.
- TIME** : Nepal Time is **5 hours 45** minutes ahead of GMT and 15 minutes ahead of Indian standard time.
- CLIMATE** : Nepal has four major seasons, namely:  
(1) Winter: December-February,  
(2) Spring: March-May,  
(3) Summer: June-August, &  
(4) Autumn: September-November.
- Nepal can be visited the whole year round.
- PEOPLE & RELIGION** : Nepalese people are mainly divided into two distinct groups the Indo-Aryans and the Mangoloids. Kathmandu Valley is the spiritual and cultural meeting point of all these groups. Hindu Temples and Buddhist shrines are scattered all over the kingdom. Nepal is the birthplace of Lord Buddha, the Light of Asia. There is a complex blending of Hinduism and Buddhism in Nepal.
- WHAT TO WEAR?** : Except in formal gathering informal clothes are acceptable mostly everywhere. Warm garments are required in October-March. An umbrella or a rain coat are must for the rainy season.
- CURRENCY & FOREIGN EXCHANGE:**  
Nepali Rupee notes come in Rs. 1, Rs. 2, Rs. 5, Rs. 10, Rs. 20, Rs. 50, Rs. 100, Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 denominations. Coins come in 5p, 10p, 25p, Rs. 1, Rs. 5 & Rs. 10 denominations.
- Foreign currencies must be exchanged only through the banks or authorized foreign exchange dealers. The receipts from such transactions are to be obtained and retained. Visitors can exchange foreign currency at the foreign exchange counter at the airport upon arrival. Visitor other than the Indian nationals have to make the payment in hotels, travel or trekking agencies and air tickets in foreign currency.
- Non-Indian visitors are not allowed to import or export Indian Currency. The approximate value of one US Dollar is equivalent to Rs. 71 as of February 2007 (*rates are subject to change*).
- ENTRY PROCEDURES** : All visitors except the Indian nationals must hold a passport and a valid visa. The visas can be obtained at the Nepalese Diplomatic Missions and Consuls abroad and entry points issue visa for a 15 days. The visa will be extended at the Department of Immigration, Exhibition Road, Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu. The Department also issues multi-entry visa for the visitors.
- ENTRY POINTS** : **By Air:** Tribhuvan Internaitonal Airport, Kathmandu
- By Land:** (1) Kakarbhitta (2) Birgunj (3) Belhiya (Bhairahawa) (4) Nepalgunj (5) Dhangadi (6) Jogbani (Biratnagar) and (7) Mahendra Nagar in Nepal-India border and Kodari in Nepal-China border. The overland tourists entering the Kingdom with their vehicles must possess an international carnet.

**CUSTOMS** : All baggage is subject to customs' check at the point of entry. Visitors are allowed to bring in the consumable articles such as liquor one bottle up 1.15 litres, 200 sticks of cigarette, 15 rolls of photo film and 12 rolls of movie camera film (*quantities are subject to change*).

Visitors are also allowed to carry one binocular, one camera, one movie camera, one video camera, one radio, one tape recorder, one bicycle, one wrist watch, one set of fountain pen, one perambulator, 15 radio cassettes & 10 disk records into the country on the condition that they are declared and are to be taken back on return. Carrying narcotics, arms and ammunitions are strictly prohibited.

Visitors can export souvenirs to their respective countries. The export of antiques requires special certificate from the Department of Archaeology, National Archive Building, Ramshahpath, Kathmandu. Gold, silver, precious stones, wild animals and their skins, horns, etc, all drugs whether processed or in their natural state, are prohibited to export.

**TRAVEL ROUTE** : Royal Nepal Airlines the national flag carrier of Nepal and other International airlines operate scheduled flights to Kathmandu from Bangkok, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Dubai, Dhaka, Paro, Varanasi, Frankfurt, Paris, Hongkong, Karachi, London, Moscow, Viena, Singapore and Lhasa. The International Airlines operating their flights to Kathmandu include Aeroflot, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, China South West Airlines, Druk Air, Austrian Air, Jet Air, Sahara Airlines, Indian Airlines, Lufthansa, Pakistan International Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Thai International.

**AIRPORT TAX** : Rs. 791 for Nepalese and for foreigners Rs. 1356 per person for departure to SAARC (South Asian) Countries and Rs. 1130 for departure to other international destinations. For domestic flights those flying within Nepal are required to pay Rs. 169.50. (*rates are subject to change*)

**INTERNAL TRANSPORT:**

Royal Nepal Airlines has an extensive network of air services in the interior of Nepal.

This includes:

Taplejung, Bhadrapur, Rajbiraj, Bhojpur, Phaplu, Lukla, Lamidanda, Tumlingtar, Rumjatar and Biratnagar in the East;

Nepalgunj, Chaurjhari, Surkhet, Dang, Rolpa and Jumla, in the Mid-West;

& Kolti, Mahendranagar, Dhangadi, Silgadi (Doti), Tikapur, Sanphebagar, Baitadi, and Darchula in the Far Western Region.

Besides, Royal Nepal Airlines, the other domestic airlines such as Buddha Air, Mountain Air, Yeti Airlines, Shangrila Airlines, Sita Air, Asian Airlines Helicopter, Dynasty Airlines Helicopter provide regular and charter services to different popular domestic destinations.

**MOUNTAIN FLIGHT** : Royal Nepal Airlines, Buddha Air, Mountain Air and other domestic Airlines in the private sector also operate breathtaking mountain flights for the tourists round the year.

**AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:**

In addition to metered taxis, limousine service is also available at the airport for transport to major hotels in the city.

**OTHER TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS:**

Metered taxis having black plates with white figures are available in Kathmandu. Micro Bus, Mini Bus are also available and are slightly cheaper than taxis. Bicycles, motorcycles and rickshaws are also available on hire. The fare for the bicycles or motorcycles is fixed whereas the fare of rickshaws is to be negotiated. There are regular bus services between the main town of the Kathmandu Valley.

The Bus Terminal is located at Gongabu (new bus terminal) and Bagbazar (old bus terminal). Similarly, scheduled bus services for outside the Valley operate from the Gongabu Bus Terminal which is located at Balaju, Kathmandu.

**TREKKING PERMIT** : The Department of Immigration located at Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu issues trekking permit for the tourists who intend to trek any part of the country. Trekking permit fee for different trekking areas are fixed as follows:

Trekking areas	Trekking permit fee
1. Annapurna, Everest, Langtang and Rara	Equivalent to US\$ *** per person per week for the first four weeks and US\$ *** per week thereafter.
2. Dolpa and Kanchenjunga	Equivalent to US\$ *** per person per week for the first four weeks and US\$ *** per week thereafter.
3. Manaslu	US\$ *** per person per week.
4. Mustang and upper Dolpa	US\$ *** per person for the first ten days and US\$ *** per person per day thereafter.

**Note:** Trekking to Dolpa, Kanchenjunga, Makalu and Mustang can be undertaken through registered trekking agencies only. To Trek in a national park area an entrance fee of Rs. \*\*\* is to be paid separately. Likewise, an entrance fee of Rs. \*\*\* is also collected from every trekker going into the Annapurna Conservation Area. There are several government registered trekking agencies in Nepal to conduct such trekking programmes. (*rates are subject to change*)

**ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES:** Nepal has every type of accommodation facilities that a tourist might ask for. This ranges from the international standard star hotels to budget hotels and lodges. Similarly, one can also have a choice of sightseeing from a range of different tour packages. In order to have an assured quality service it is advisable to use the facilities and services of government registered hotels, lodges, travel agencies the licensed tour guides only and engage an authorized guide or porter only through a registered travel/trekking agency.

#### **MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:**

**Very few countries in the world can offer as many varieties of adventure tourism packages as Nepal.** Of the 14 peaks above 8000 meters in the world eight are located in Nepal. It is the land of Sagarmatha (Mount. Everest, 8848 meters), the highest peak in the world and other 1310 mountain peaks.

For those who can not withstand the rigorousness of mountain climbing there are mountain flights which fly around the Mount Everest and provide a close look of the top of the world. Also from Nagarkot (32 kilometers East of Kathmandu) and Daman (80 Kilometers south-west of Kathmandu) one can have a distant view of Mount Everest and beautiful Himalayan ranges. Trekking is the best way to get to interesting and remote mountain villages of Nepal and to enjoy views of the famous peaks together with their lifestyle untouched with modern civilization.

The river rafting, which is known as "White Water Adventure" represents another major attractions. Within distance of 100 miles, one can see the topographical variations with the rivers rising from the higher points near Nepal's Tibetan border and then dropping dramatically to lower levels the plains bordering India. For those who wish to view wildlife, Nepal offers plenty of scope. Of the eight National Parks and four Wildlife Reserves and two conservation areas in Nepal.

For the less adventures, Pokhara, the lake city of Nepal has no equal as it provides ample opportunities for fishing, swimming, canoeing and boating along with the sightseeing of majestic panoramic views in its background. It is only Pokhara, a tropical spot with an altitude of about 900 meters where from one can see the mountain crossing over 8000meters from such a short distance of about 40 kilometers. For the nature lovers Nepal is such a land of natural beauty that metaphors cannot delineate its real picture. At the sametime, Nepal proffers an incomparable scope to the scholars and connoisseurs of art and culture to see and study the different aspects of the fine-arts be it painting, sculpture, wood carving or architecture.

Kathmandu Valley possesses several historical monuments, old palaces and palace squares, shrines and temples, ageless traditions and legends all make it a living museum that any visitor would cherish its vivid memory in his/her heart for ever. Nepal is the land of Lord Pashupatinath, which is supposed to be the holiest Hindu temple in the world. Besides, two out of the four main holy places (chhetras) of Hindu pilgrimages namely Muktichhetra and Varahachhetra, are located in Nepal.

Not only for the Hindus but also for the Buddhists Nepal offers a unique place of pilgrimage as it happens to be the birthplace of Lord Buddha, the apostle of peace and compassion.

Nepal is a land of Festivals with some part of the Kingdom or the other celebrating some festival during everyday of the year. Festivals may be linked with the remembrance of the departed soul, to herald the different seasons, to mark the beginning or end of the agricultural cycle, to mark the national events, or just family celebrations. On a festive day the Nepalese take their ritual bath, worship different gods and goddesses, visit temple, observe fasting and undertake feasting. The most important aspect of Nepali culture is the religious harmony and understanding prevailing among the Hindus and Buddhist.

Some of the **major festivals of Nepal** are:

New Year's Day-April 14, (First day of Baisakh)  
Matatirtha Aunsi or Mother's Day - (April)  
Buddha Jayanti - (April)  
Machchendranath Rath Jatra- (May-June)  
Guru Poornima (August)  
Gaijatra (August)  
Krishnashtami- (August-September)  
Gokarna Aunsi or Father's Day - (August-September)  
Indra Jatra- (September)  
Bada Dashain- (September-October)  
Tihar- (October-November)  
Constitution Day  
Bala Chaturdarshi- (November-December)  
Basanta Panchami- (January-February)  
National Democracy Day- (February 18, ie. Falgun 7)  
Maha Shivaratri- (March-April)  
Ghode Jatra- (March-April)

**If someone really wants to be away for sometime from the cacophony of modernization, here is Nepal, the best sojourn cradled in the lap of the Himalayas that never cases to offer eternal peace and tranquility.**

*Note: The rates and amount mentioned above are subject to change. And these informations may not be absolute correct. Some where it may have some mistakes. These informations are for just reference to know about NEPAL in brief.*

**Thank You!**

**Feel free to contact us if you need any more informations.**

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