

## Flight from US to Kathmandu Nepal Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM)

We recommend you take some photos of your luggage before the initial check-in. This will help in the unlikely event of a loss /misplacement /delay.



The Kathmandu airport can be very chaotic. In some cases, the runways and the airspace have been congested up to the point that flights have been asked to hold over Kathmandu for up to an hour. On some days, planes get rerouted to India and Bangladesh, before finally being allowed to land in Kathmandu. Kathmandu offers plenty of adventure and zen, but to get to those, you'll have to first go through a slightly chaotic airport experience.

Visas are available on arrival at the airport. Once you land, you will enter the immigration hall, where you will need to electronically apply for a visa before standing in line and paying for it at the desk. You will be selecting a 15 day tourist visa which costs \$15 per person. If you are staying longer in Nepal, the cost of the visa will be higher. After you have filled out the electronic visa form and printed it from the machine, you will pay for it in a separate line by presenting your passport, printed visa application, and payment in US dollars.

You will then enter immigration which has separate lines for foreigners and Nepalis. It's helpful to fill out your landing cards and visa forms beforehand (if possible) because the lines could get long here. Note: There are also currency exchange booths after immigration counters.



After you take the escalators down to baggage claim, you can anticipate a long line before you can get to baggage claim. First, you'll be asked to place all your belongings into an X-ray machine. In the past year, the airport has added new conveyor belts, but the baggage area is still very busy. The wait for the luggage varies depending on the time of the day. Be prepared to spend at least an hour. Trolleys are available to use for free, but are often damaged.

You will go through one more check before you are out of the airport building—this time, it is the customs office. It's a haphazard process. Have your baggage tags handy, put your bags into the X-ray machine, and you should be able to walk out in no time.

#### Requirements for Entry:

- Passport must have six months or more validity remaining at the time of entry.
- One blank visa page available in passport for visa (not endorsements page).
- Nepali authorities generally allow entrance on an emergency passport printed overseas.
- Visa appropriate for the purpose of travel (obtainable upon entry to the airport).

#### Regular Tourist Visas:

- If you arrive by air, either apply for a visa at a Nepalese embassy or consulate before traveling, or purchase a tourist visa upon arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu.
- For an [online visa application form](#), see

<https://online.nepalimmigration.gov.np/tourist-visa>. Note that obtaining a visa on arrival may take some time.

- If you arrive by land, you are responsible for obtaining a visa and going through the necessary immigration formalities.

There is a tourist information desk right before the terminal exit, but unless you have pressing questions before you get to your hotel, you can skip this.

There are two money exchange counters at the arrival lounge after customs.

The CHOICE team and trip leaders will be waiting to greet you in CHOICE shirts.

#### SOURCES:

Roads and Kingdoms.com:

<https://roadsandkingdoms.com/travel-guide/kathmandu/tribhuvan-international-airport/><https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Nepal.html>

State Department:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Nepal.html>

Tribhuvan International Airport:

<http://www.tiairport.com.np/rcc>



## Baggage Help Desk

Passenger can find information regarding their baggage at baggage help desk, which is located at arrival hall (baggage area). Passenger can report their problem if they can't find their luggage at estimated time.