



**Kathmandu** The capital city of Nepal is a historic and cultural city of Newars. This largest metropolitan city of Nepal hosts numerous display of magnificent Newari art work in the form of ancient temples as well as traditional festival celebrations all year round. Kathmandu is also the core of urban infrastructure development of Nepal and the only gateway to the tourism adventure in Nepal. This blend of ancient culture and modern development makes it a unique tourist destination worth a visit. today with rapid growth in the number of shopping malls and super stores is making a name for itself as a shopping destination in the region. You could enjoy sale and discount offers all year round in Kathmandu. You can find products of all sorts ranging from expensive branded items to cheap but handy products of China. The best part of shopping in Kathmandu is getting what you want and in an affordable rate.

For branded products, you could visit their outlets located at Durbar marg and also in other major malls like City center, Sherpa Mall and Blue bird mall. These malls are quite near to Thamel and or in Durbar marg. Here you could buy branded or original products like clothes, watches, shoes, electronics and more. Bhat Bhateni, Blue



bird and Saleways are other places which you would want to visit if you are looking for something more cheaply. They are the major departmental stores of the country where you could find almost anything.

If you think you are good with bargaining and negotiating then you should visit shops at New Road and Thamel. New Road is well known for electronic items while Thamel for souvenirs. Souvenirs especially the local handicrafts are popular worldwide and also loved for their better quality, superb workmanship and creative brilliance. Souvenirs like shawls, mufflers, sweaters caps and winter wears made of Pashmina fabrics are fashionable worldwide. Pashmina fabrics are prepared from the internal fur of the Himalayan lambs and are well-liked for their

smoothness and natural colour.

Likewise, sacred scroll paintings called Thankas which portray deities' images and myths of Buddhist scriptures and cosmology are also equally popular. Although they are available in Thamel, the best places to buy these would be Boudha or Ekantakuna in Lalitpur.



Tea and spices of Nepal are also world famous. They are vital part of Nepalese cuisine. They are wrapped in small bags and are very appropriate for gifts. The best place to buy them would be New Road and Ason market in Kathmandu.

Jewelry and gems made of gold, silver and semi precious stones are available in fine workmanship and priced less expensively than elsewhere. There are several shops exhibiting beautiful stones and jewelry in Thamel, New Road and Durbar marg.

Similarly, the wood carvings of the Newars of the **Kathmandu valley**, Once a lake, Kathmandu valley is the union of three Newar sister cities namely Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur. Surrounded by hills on all the sides, Kathmandu valley has always remained the center of Nepalese civilization and current modern urbanization of Nepal. The Newar community is the ethnic inhabitants of this valley with evidential history of 2000 years. All the 3 cities have an integral role in the development of cultural and traditional heritage as well as national economy. are elaborately carved and are endowed with the ingenuity of wood carving which constitutes windows, ornate doors and photo frames. This legacy has indeed been carried forward through the generations of talented artisans. The places to look for wood and other carvings are

### **Bhaktapur Durbar Square**

Bhaktapur Durbar Square is a conglomeration of artistic ancient temples and monuments built around the 55 window palace of Bhaktapur. Full of charming artistic architectural monuments, this square highlights ancient Nepalese arts. The major attractions of the square are the lion gate built in 1696 AD and the most beautiful and richly molded artwork of its kind in the world, the golden gate. Likewise, the magnificent palace of 55 windows built in 1427 AD is also another must visit place in Bhaktapur Durbar Square. and other heritage areas of Kathmandu valley.



}There are numerous other equally popular handicrafts like {tooltip} **Mithila Painting** {end text



~~Madhubani Painting (Mithila) is a traditional folk art form from Bihar, India. It is characterized by its intricate line work and vibrant colors, often depicting scenes from daily life, mythology, and nature. The art is typically created on natural paper or cloth using natural pigments and is a significant part of the region's cultural heritage.~~