

Potholed roads, unbelievable traffic jams, an ever increasing cost of living Kathmandu The capital city of Nepal is the center of all kinds of activity. Love it or hate it, it is the capital for a reason. From culture to clubs and arts to adventure, the valley has it all. Divided into three historic districts, Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur, all three have their own distinct flavor allowing visitors to enjoy three diverse places in one valley.

The cultural, financial, arts capital of the country, Kathmandu is a great mix of the new and the old. If it is culture and architecture you seek, the Basantapur durbar square with its centuries old palaces and temples



should wow you. Also pay a visit to the oldest Buddhist stupa in the world, the recently renovated Swoyambhunath stupa. It is situated on the top of a hill, west of Kathmandu and is one of the most popular, holy and instantly recognizable symbols of Nepal.

The Bouddhanath stupa is also equally popular amongst Buddhists here. Bouddhanath Stupa, the biggest stupa in Nepal, lies about 7 km east of the capital. The Bouddhanath stupa, also called by many as Khasti Chitya, is one of the oldest stupas in the country. After 1959, many Tibetans arrived and settled in Bouddhanath area. Both Swoyambhunath and Bouddhanath stupas, the well-known Buddhist pilgrimage sites, are included in World Heritage Cultural site list by UNESCO.



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