

## IMMIGRATION AND ARRIVING IN NEPAL

- After you deplane and enter the terminal turn to your left to go to the Visa payment desk
- Present your completed Visa On-arrival form and payment to obtain a receipt
- Once you have a receipt, enter the immigration line

### CHANGING MONEY

Once you receive your visa, you'll go down the escalator to the baggage claim area. Carts are freely available. People may offer to help you with your bags here, which you are welcome to decline.

After you collect your bags, you may be asked to scan your checked luggage as you exit the terminal (weird, but they do it sometimes). Often you can pretend you don't see the large bag scanner and walk right past it.

Then you'll walk down a corridor (where you can change money) and take either an elevator or ramp down to the ground floor. **The ATMs on the ground floor are the best place to get money before leaving the airport.** The hotel also offers currency exchange if you prefer to wait until you arrive there.

**Only change/withdraw what you need. US\$100 - \$300 should be enough for your entire stay depending on how much shopping you plan to do.** Changing back to dollars at the end of your trip can be a pain and may require encashment receipts (documented proof of your previous exchanges.)

**Whenever you change money, please count your cash before walking away!** Also, if you see any bills that are torn or taped together, hand them back and ask for new ones. A lot of places won't take torn money. Ask for a few bills that are smaller denominations than 1000 Rps. This will help when making smaller purchases as there is often an inconvenient lack of change. If you are changing money at a bank counter with your passport etc, get an encashment receipt, so you will have the necessary documentation if you need to change back to dollars at the end.

Depending on your bank, it might be helpful to inform them in advance if you intend to use your debit/credit card in Nepal.

### MEETING YOUR RIDE

Look for our representative from Royal Mountain Trekking inside, but just before exiting the airport terminal holding a "Spiritual Pilgrim" sign. He will also be carrying a name list with your name on it. Do not go with any other drivers.