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Dear Partners,

The Buddha Air crash, last week was an unfortunate happening. We are saddened by the event and our hearts are with the families who lost their loved ones.

Buddha Air has resumed its mountain flights from September 27, 2011. The weather condition has improved and flights are functioning without any difficulty.

In this issue we take you to the small town of Nuwakot, very quiet and peaceful with an interesting place to stay at and with some adventure too.

Do read on to know more...

Come explore with us

Regards,

Dipak Deva





## Nuwakot's Famous Farm

This beautifully restored farmhouse overlooks the historic village of Nuwakot. Formerly an important trade route to Tibet, the Newars settled here, building a great fortress and temple. This little-visited backwater is a real gem - on the way to or from the Langtang and Rasuwa trekking areas, this makes a welcome stopover or a great place to take a few days' break from Kathmandu.

The Farm is very relaxed and informal. The rooms are beautifully decorated with local handmade bedcovers, old wood furniture, timber beams and the thick thatched roof keeps the place cool in summer and warm in the winter.

There are 11 rooms, including three singles, with doubles, triples, a family room and two interconnecting rooms that can be arranged to suit, so it is ideal for small groups or families. All except the singles come with attached bathrooms.

Slightly off the main tourist route up to Langtang, there is plenty of interest to detain you for a day or two - longer if you just want somewhere to relax, where you can take short walks to admire Ganesh Himal and Langtang or explore the village of Nuwakot, a few minutes' walk below.

The Famous Farm is run by Himalayan Encounters, a successful and responsible trekking company who see a key aspect of tourism being in how it can serve the interests of the destination by creating jobs and various service providers. Himalayan Encounters' motto is encapsulated in its catchphrase -- "Tourism in communities and the community in tourism."

# Stay At





# Interesting Nepal

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## Nepal launches Great Himalayan Trail

Nepal has officially opened the Great Himalayan Trail, one of the longest and highest trekking routes in the world.

Billed as the ultimate trek, the arduous hike over Nepal's mighty Himalayas stretches from Taplejung in the shadow of the world's third-highest peak, Mount Kanchenjunga, to Humla, at the border with Tibet. This is a completely new product that aims to boost the tourism industry. It will also help cement Nepal's reputation as the ultimate destination for adventure seekers.

Adventurers who complete the 1,700-kilometre trek will encounter a variety of culture, ranging from the Buddhist Tamang people of the central Langtang region to the ancient animist practices that mix with Hinduism in the far west. GHT covers 16 districts, ranging from Dolpa that connects with the Tibetan plateau, to Darchula, which borders India.

It will take experienced trekkers around five months to complete, although it can also be broken down into smaller sections.

Nepal hosts thousands of trekkers and mountaineers annually. The country has eight of the world's 14 peaks over 8,000 metres, including the world's highest, Mount Everest, at 8,848 metres.





# Destination



## Nuwakot

Nuwakot is a small, still merely ignored town, which used to be quite a historic place, when King Prithvi Narayan Shaha, the first king of modern Nepal, planned and launched several unification campaigns from there.

Situated closed to Trisuli Bazar (North West from Kathmandu/ approx 3 hrs drive), there are only a very few people taking the opportunity to visit this place, making it a very preserved area (though lacking resources to maintain the buildings). An interesting, very quiet and peaceful place, benefiting from beautiful views of the Trisuli valley.

A pagoda style building popularly known as the seven story Palace and the temple of Taleju Bhawani and Bhairabi stand as the landmark of Nuwakot. With it's strategic hilltop view, the Tadi and Trishuli rivers to the south serve as a gate keeper to the main trade route north, onto Tibet via Kerung.





# Adventure



## 4 X 4 Jeep Ride from Kathmandu to Nuwakot

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A Jeep ride for 4 hours to Nuwakot, along the mountain highway, Trisuli Road, is rewarding with views of green forests on one side and terraced cultivation on the other. The road to Nuwakot begins from Kathmandu and terminates at Bidur where the road to Nuwakot bifurcates. The vehicles can go right up to the top, to the Nuwakot Palace.





# Airlines



## New Routes

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### IndiGo Ready fly to Kathmandu

IndiGo Air will fly daily on the Kathmandu-New Delhi route from October 10, 2011. India's domestic airline, IndiGo Air has also started international flights from September to Dubai, Singapore and Bangkok.

### Buddha Air to fly to Varanasi

Buddha Air has announced that it will be starting its Kathmandu-Varanasi ( the holy city in India), service from March 1, 2012 as part of the drive to expand its international network.

The carrier said it would be operating four weekly flights (Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday).

Buddha Air went international after 14 years of domestic service. It is the first foreign airline to serve Bhutan.





# Lifestyle



## Thamel House Restaurant

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The gorgeous Thamel House Restaurant provides a terrific dining experience in a restored 19th century, timbered Newari building. The dining spaces are extremely comforting. You may chose to sit in Asian style on the floor and eat on a foot high table or on a regular dining seating.

The food is traditional Nepali and Newari, it is fflavourful, aromatic and intriguing. The à la carte menu is worth a try, as are the individual dishes and the divine blowout set meal.





Deepawali (Tihar)  
26 to 28 October 2011

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Deepawali, or the festival of lights, is the second biggest Hindu festival of Nepal. The festival is celebrated for five days. The Laxmi Pooja, which falls on the third day of the festival, is the major attraction of the festival. People illuminate their houses with colourful lights and Bhailo (singers specially for this occasion) singers wish for the prosperity of people. Laxmi, the goddess of wealth, is worshipped on this day. The festival climaxes on the fifth day when sisters worship their brothers and wish for their progress and prosperity.

# Fairs And Festivals





# Impressions



## Loved Nepal

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Dear Suraj,

We loved Nepal and we will surely come back. Sita has given us a nice opportunity to see Nepal. I would again recommend our guide Gyanendra to anybody visiting Nepal.

Thanks  
Sudarshana Pai

