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HON'BLE TOURISM MINISTER AT NATTA SECRETARIAT



Hon'ble Tourism Minister Mr. Ananda Prasad Pokhrel with NATTA Executive Members at NATTA Secretariat

Hon'ble Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Mr. Ananda Prasad Pokhrel graced his presence at NATTA Secretariat on 9th March 2016, Wednesday. President Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya along with NATTA Executives welcomed Hon'ble Minister and expressed gratitude for his kind presence.



Hon'ble Minister and Executives of NATTA had an interaction with each other on the matters which are being faced by tourism industry currently.

On the interaction, President Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya enlightened the issues on Classification of star hotels, Amendment in Tourism Act 2065, Terminal at Tribhuvan International Airport, CIP Lounge, Need of Tourist Bus Terminal, Renovation and decoration of cultural heritage sites, Monitoring of illegal operation of travel agencies, Fare Filing System (with the support of NATTA, NA, CAAN), Free Visa and Free Ticketing provision, MICE Tourism etc. President Acharya urged Hon'ble Minister to find amicable solutions on these issues for the betterment of tourism trade.



Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Pokhrel assured in diminution of raised matters and also asked for the support of tourism stakeholders in every of the government endeavors. Hon'ble Minister consoled that he along with his Ministry of Department will show his efforts for the development of tourism industry.

Meeting with APJC and IATA & Aviation Committee


A joint meeting of APJC and IATA & Aviation Committee was held at NATTA Secretariat on 8th March 2016, Tuesday in the chairmanship of Mr. Binay Basnet, Chairperson for the both committees.

Several issues faced by IATA Accredited members were raised in the meeting. After several discussions, meeting with concluded with the following some of the solutions:

To ease the IATA Payment, NATTA will request concerned banks to open for 1 extra hour on the IATA payment day. In addition, NATTA will request for the payment of IATA to be made online in coordination with IATA and concerned banks in further coming days.

Also, meeting with BARN to be arranged soon regarding settling of IATA Weekly Remittances.

To all the IATA accredited Agents, Billing and Settlement Plan and Remittance Calendar for Nepal has been published from January to December 2016.

 **IATA BILLING AND SETTLEMENT PLAN
REPORTING AND REMITTANCE CALENDAR
BSP NEPAL
JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2016**

2016	BSP NP			
Period	First Day of Period	Last Day of Period	Agent Billing Distribution Date	Agent Remittance
201601W1	Fri 01-Jan-16	Fri 08-Jan-16	Thu 14-Jan-16	Mon 25-Jan-16
201601W2	Sat 09-Jan-16	Fri 15-Jan-16	Thu 21-Jan-16	Mon 01-Feb-16
201601W3	Sat 16-Jan-16	Sat 23-Jan-16	Fri 29-Jan-16	Mon 08-Feb-16
201601W4	Sun 24-Jan-16	Sun 31-Jan-16	Sat 06-Feb-16	Mon 15-Feb-16
201602W1	Mon 01-Feb-16	Mon 08-Feb-16	Sun 14-Feb-16	Mon 22-Feb-16
201602W2	Tue 09-Feb-16	Mon 15-Feb-16	Sun 21-Feb-16	Mon 29-Feb-16
201602W3	Tue 16-Feb-16	Tue 23-Feb-16	Mon 29-Feb-16	Thu 10-Mar-16
201602W4	Wed 24-Feb-16	Mon 29-Feb-16	Sun 06-Mar-16	Wed 16-Mar-16
201603W1	Tue 01-Mar-16	Tue 08-Mar-16	Mon 14-Mar-16	Wed 23-Mar-16
201603W2	Wed 09-Mar-16	Tue 15-Mar-16	Mon 21-Mar-16	Tue 29-Mar-16
201603W3	Wed 16-Mar-16	Wed 23-Mar-16	Tue 29-Mar-16	Wed 06-Apr-16
201603W4	Thu 24-Mar-16	Thu 31-Mar-16	Wed 06-Apr-16	Fri 15-Apr-16
201604W1	Fri 01-Apr-16	Fri 08-Apr-16	Thu 14-Apr-16	Fri 22-Apr-16
201604W2	Sat 09-Apr-16	Fri 15-Apr-16	Thu 21-Apr-16	Fri 29-Apr-16
201604W3	Sat 16-Apr-16	Sat 23-Apr-16	Fri 29-Apr-16	Mon 09-May-16
201604W4	Sun 24-Apr-16	Sat 30-Apr-16	Fri 06-May-16	Mon 16-May-16
201605W1	Sun 01-May-16	Sun 08-May-16	Sat 14-May-16	Mon 23-May-16
201605W2	Mon 09-May-16	Sun 15-May-16	Sat 21-May-16	Mon 30-May-16
201605W3	Mon 16-May-16	Mon 23-May-16	Sun 29-May-16	Mon 06-Jun-16
201605W4	Tue 24-May-16	Tue 31-May-16	Mon 06-Jun-16	Tue 14-Jun-16
201606W1	Wed 01-Jun-16	Wed 08-Jun-16	Tue 14-Jun-16	Wed 22-Jun-16
201606W2	Thu 09-Jun-16	Wed 15-Jun-16	Tue 21-Jun-16	Wed 29-Jun-16
201606W3	Thu 16-Jun-16	Thu 23-Jun-16	Wed 29-Jun-16	Thu 07-Jul-16
201606W4	Fri 24-Jun-16	Thu 30-Jun-16	Wed 06-Jul-16	Thu 14-Jul-16
201607W1	Fri 01-Jul-16	Fri 08-Jul-16	Thu 14-Jul-16	Fri 22-Jul-16
201607W2	Sat 09-Jul-16	Fri 15-Jul-16	Thu 21-Jul-16	Fri 29-Jul-16
201607W3	Sat 16-Jul-16	Sat 23-Jul-16	Fri 29-Jul-16	Mon 08-Aug-16
201607W4	Sun 24-Jul-16	Sun 31-Jul-16	Sat 06-Aug-16	Mon 15-Aug-16
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201609W4	Sat 24-Sep-16	Fri 30-Sep-16	Thu 06-Oct-16	Fri 14-Oct-16
201610W1	Sat 01-Oct-16	Sat 08-Oct-16	Fri 14-Oct-16	Mon 24-Oct-16
201610W2	Sun 09-Oct-16	Sat 15-Oct-16	Fri 21-Oct-16	Mon 31-Oct-16
201610W3	Sun 16-Oct-16	Sun 23-Oct-16	Sat 29-Oct-16	Mon 07-Nov-16
201610W4	Mon 24-Oct-16	Mon 31-Oct-16	Sun 06-Nov-16	Mon 14-Nov-16
201611W1	Tue 01-Nov-16	Tue 08-Nov-16	Mon 14-Nov-16	Tue 22-Nov-16
201611W2	Wed 09-Nov-16	Tue 15-Nov-16	Mon 21-Nov-16	Tue 29-Nov-16
201611W3	Wed 16-Nov-16	Wed 23-Nov-16	Tue 29-Nov-16	Wed 07-Dec-16
201611W4	Thu 24-Nov-16	Wed 30-Nov-16	Tue 06-Dec-16	Wed 14-Dec-16
201612W1	Thu 01-Dec-16	Thu 08-Dec-16	Wed 14-Dec-16	Thu 22-Dec-16
201612W2	Fri 09-Dec-16	Thu 15-Dec-16	Wed 21-Dec-16	Thu 29-Dec-16
201612W3	Fri 16-Dec-16	Fri 23-Dec-16	Thu 29-Dec-16	Fri 06-Jan-17
201612W4	Sat 24-Dec-16	Sat 31-Dec-16	Fri 06-Jan-17	Mon 16-Jan-17

Note: Calendar may be subjected to change if there are any further addition or change in Public Holiday List.

NEPAL CHINA SALES MISSION -2016



As in the previous years, in conjunction with NTB, NATTA is organizing B2B Sales Mission in China's main cities: Beijing, Huangzhou, Shanghai and Chengdu starting from 10 - 19th April 2016.

Sales Mission has been organized in its bid to promote Nepal in the booming Chinese market.

Coordinator for Nepal China Sales Mission 2016 is Mrs. Shital Kumari Sharma Poudel, Chairperson for NATTA Regional Tourism Development Committee.

Participation cost will be published shortly that comprises of to and fro Airfare, accommodation in 4 star hotel on BB basis, rail tickets, charges of guide and other government tax.

Interested tourism stakeholders to participate in this mission are requested to register their name at NATTA Secretariat asap.

(Priority to Participants is on the basis of "First Come First Serve")

For further details, Itinerary has been linked below.

[Click Here to View Itinerary for Nepal China Sales Mission- 2016](#)

Inspire Nepal—2016 Opening Ceremony

NATTA received an invitation to the opening ceremony of Inspire Nepal 2016, Business Forum and Expo at Hotel Yak & Yeti on 10th March 2016. The ceremony was inaugurated by Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Bijay Kumar Gachhadar. The program was addressed by Deputy Ambassador of U.S Embassy Nepal John Carwile, Former U.S Ambassador of Nepal Mr. Scott H. Delisi and other felicitators.

"Inspire Nepal" is a platform for stake-holders and professionals of the private and public sectors to generate business, develop relationships, forge partnerships, gather knowledge and acquire expertise through creative interactions. It is a business exhibition to attend which offers opportunity, advice and information crucial for ongoing business entity through various conferences and entertaining networking activities.

NATTA President Mr. Madhusudan Acharya, Treasurer Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung and Jt. Treasurer Mrs. Sabita Bhattarai K.C participated in the opening ceremony.

Thousands of exhibitors from 187 countries participating in ITB Berlin 2016

Berlin: Global travel industry's leading trade show ITB Berlin kicked off amidst a grand ceremony in Berlin. Around 10,000 exhibitors from 187 countries and territories will be exhibiting the latest products and trends of the global tourism industry on 1,069 stands from 9 to 13 March 2016. Over two-thirds of the exhibitors are from abroad.

Over the last half-century ITB Berlin has had a decisive impact on tourism, and on the eve of its fiftieth anniversary it enjoys an excellent standing.

The organizers expect around 100,000 international trade visitors and public attendance to reach tens of thousands on the weekend. They will be able to obtain an overview of the industry's wide range of products in 26 halls.

The ITB Buyers Circle gathers travel buyers from Europe, Asia, America, Africa and Australia, more than 40 per cent of whom do business in the order of about 50 million euros each.

The Maldives is the official partner country of ITB Berlin 2016. With its glistening white beaches, turquoise lagoons and unrivalled diving opportunities, this island nation is a nature paradise, and one of the last on the planet.

Situated in the Indian Ocean, the Maldives has been exhibiting at ITB Berlin since 1984 and is a model of eco-friendly and carefully controlled tourism development. ITB Berlin 2016 will take place from 9 to 13 March.

In 2015 a total of 10,096 companies and organizations from 186 countries exhibited their products and services to 175,000 visitors, who included 115,000 trade visitors according to Messe Berlin .



NEPAL PROMOTED IN SINGAPORE

Nepali travel delegation drew significant interest and queries from Singaporean in a three-day tourism mart held in Singapore on March 4-6. The three-day NATAS Travel 2016 is among the largest consumer and business focused marts in Singapore, according to Nepal Tourism Board (NTB). The Fair was organized by National Association of Travel Agents Singapore (NATAS).

Nepal stall entertained more than 50,000 direct queries on tourism revival in the aftermath of April earthquake and energy crisis, according to a statement issued by NTB. "NTB participated in the fair together with Nepali Consulate in Singapore," the statement added.

Singapore is an emerging market for Nepal. Data shows Nepal welcomed 6,408 tourists from Singapore in 2014. The number, however, dropped to 6,171 in 2015. According to NTB, eight Singaporean teams with 39 members attempted different Nepali mountains in 2014.

Singaporeans are interested in leisure and adventure activities. They travel in groups and like to visit heritage sites in Kathmandu Valley, make stops in Pokhara and Chitwan, or go to the mountains for trekking and mountaineering, the statement added.



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In Picture:
View of Pashupatinath Temple decorated with lights on the occasion of Mahashivratri on 7th March 2016

WOMEN AND TOURISM
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10% OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY ON THE PLANET IS SUPPORTED BY TOURISM

66% OF THE WORLD'S WORK IS PERFORMED BY WOMEN

50% OF THE WORLD'S FOOD IS PRODUCED BY WOMEN

60-70% OF THE WORLD'S LABOUR FORCE IS MADE UP OF WOMEN

55% OF THE TOURISM WORKFORCE IS MADE UP OF WOMEN

10% EARN 10% OF THE WORLD'S INCOME

1% OWN 1% OF THE WORLD'S PROPERTY

10% MANAGE 10% OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST COMPANIES

15% MAKE UP 15% OF TOURISM COMPANY BOARD MEMBERS

15-20% EARN LESS THAN THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS IN TOURISM JOBS

66% OF THE HOTEL & RESTAURANT SECTOR HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF WOMEN EMPLOYERS GLOBALLY. THE HIGHEST BEING IN LATIN AMERICA, FOLLOWED BY AFRICA AND ASIA.

66 MILLION WOMEN ARE DIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY THE TRAVEL & TOURISM INDUSTRY WORLDWIDE

2.5 JOBS ARE STABILIZED FOR EVERY WOMAN WHO RECEIVES TECHNICAL EDUCATION

1 out of 5 MINISTERS OF TOURISM ARE WOMEN WORLDWIDE

Planeterra uses tourism as a force for positive change. The tourism industry is one of the largest job creators in the world and is able to reach some of the most rural and underserved people across the globe. The tourism industry also utilizes the most transferable skills that underpin them, who may not have benefited from formal education, can access to enhanced digital job opportunities and meaningful careers.

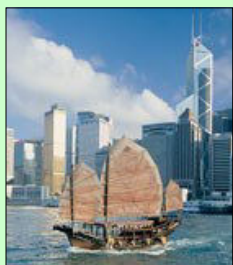
Often the first to be excluded from education systems are women and girls. Planeterra develops initiatives that create opportunities for women in Asia, Africa, and the Americas. With the help of our donors, we work with our network of ground partners to initiate hospitality programs that train women to be part of the tourism industry. Programs are designed to improve the lives of women by creating sustainable employment opportunities. With G.A.S. ventures and our partners, we are able to create these social enterprises are sustainable, providing career support and resources for the women and their families that benefit from them.

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PLACES TO TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2016

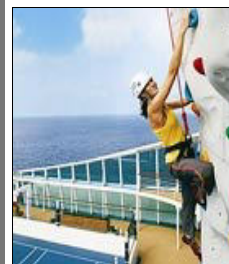
Season's Best

Bhutan
Philippines
Amsterdam
Nainital
Ooty
Japan



Cruises

Bahamas
Caribbean
Hawaii
Hong Kong
Galapagos Island Mediter-
anean



Special Events

April Fool's Day
Keukenhof, Netherlands
Spirit of Speyside, Scotland
TELUS World Ski Fest
Cheung Chau Bun Festival



Off Season's Special

Amsterdam
Darjeeling
Buenos Aires
Muscat, Oman
Ramgarh
Windhoek, Namibia

Festivals

Easter Holidays
Songkran, Thailand
Hana Matsuri, Japan
Ram Navami
Jazz Fest, New Orleans
Semana Santa, Seville

Adventure

Bishkek,
Cappadocia, Turkey
Pokhara, Nepal
Smoky Mountain, USA
Uttarakhand
Yosemite NP, USA



Pilgrimage

Golden Temple, Amritsar
Jerusalem
Dambulla, Sri Lanka
Sacre-Coeur, Paris
Vatican City, Rome

Beach

Cebu, Philippines
Cyprus
Goa
Ibiza, Spain
Phuket
Moorea Island
Mauritius



Honeymoon

Barbados
Greece
Shillong
Venice
Maldives
Andaman Islands
Paris



Hill Stations

Addis
Coorg
Chiang Mai
Jeolikot
Lonavala & Khandala
Mussoorie
Vienna



Luxury

Devigarh, Udaipur
Coconut Lagoon, Kumara-
kom
Anantara, Bali
Saman Villas, Sri Lanka



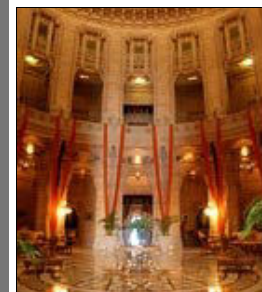
Heritage

Budapest
Jaipur
Marrakech, Morocco
Oxford
Petra, Jordan
Prague
Tallinn, Estonia



Wildlife

Bandipur
Everglades, USA
Galapagos Island
Simplipal NP
Pench NP
Mountain Zebra, SA
Manas Wildlife Park



Spa & Wellness

Ananda, Rishikesh
Taj Green Cove, Kerala
Amari Vogue, Krabi
Shandrani Resort &
Spa, Mauritius
Taj Exotica, Maldives
Park Hyatt, Goa

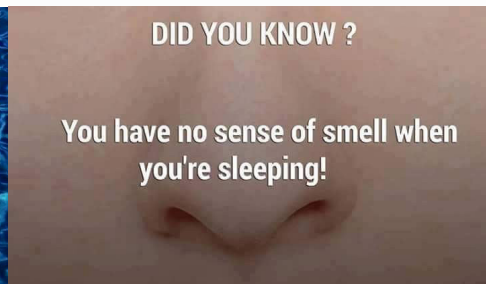
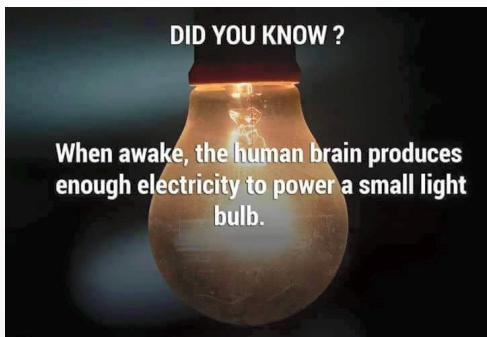


Offbeat

Amboli
Bucharest, Romania
Dadra & Nagar Haveli
Malta
Paro, Bhutan
Sofia, Bulgaria



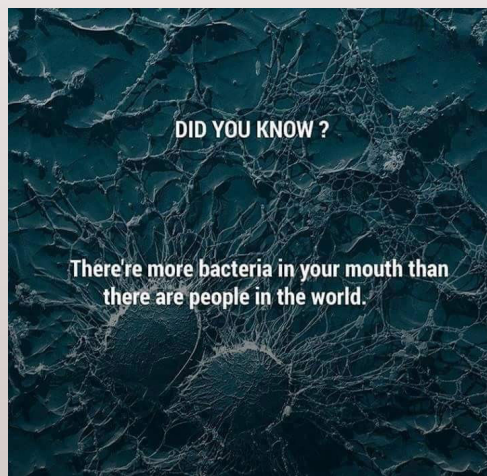
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