

Nepal tourism recovers 83pc pre-pandemic levels with 476,000 arrivals in 2023 first half

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Dhaka: Nepal is witnessing a resurgence in tourism as 476,000 foreign tourists arrived to the country during the first half of 2023. This marked a recovery of 83 per cent compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

In the period between January and June 2019, a total of 536,058 foreign tourists entered Nepal. Comparatively, the corresponding period witnessed the arrival of 220,815 tourists in 2020, 580,058 tourists in 2021, and 240,911 tourists in 2022.

Now, the number of foreign tourists arriving in Nepal during the first half of 2023 showed a remarkable increase of 97.79 per cent compared to the same period in the previous year, while it registered a slight decline of 16.93 per cent when compared to 2019 figures, announced Nepal Tourism Board.

NTB further mentioned, in January, 55,074 visitors arrived, followed by 73,244 in February, 99,426 in March, 98,773 in April, and 77,773 in May. Additionally, June welcomed 72,250 foreign tourists to Nepal.

Notably, the June arrivals included 38,845 individuals from India, 8,470 from the United States, 4,343 from China, 2,402 from Bangladesh, 1,992 from the United Kingdom, 1,639 from Australia, 1,799 from Malaysia, 888 from South Korea, 764 from Japan, and 702 from Bhutan.

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