



POKHARA LODGE

CLIMATE IN NEPAL

Nepal's climate is dominated by the annual monsoon cycle whereby, as the Tibetan Plateau warms, air rises and this sucks in moist air from the southwest (and, to a lesser extent, from the southeast) off the Indian Ocean. This develops as the heavy monsoon rains form over the sub-continent through the months of June, July and August. As the air cools in the autumn the reverse process occurs and colder drier air sinks down from Tibet across the northern part of the sub-continent producing dry, clear weather. Such is the complexity of the cycle that Nepal has six seasons that equate to the Nepali months:

Nepali Season	English Name	Nepali and English months
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<i>Basanta</i>	<i>Spring</i>	<i>Falgun and Chaitra (mid-February to mid-April)</i>
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As with spring everywhere, warming, days lengthening and clearer weather; some thunder storms later. Average 17 to 27 C (62 to 81 F) Humidity 64 to 84%

<i>Grishma</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Baisak and Jestha (mid-April to mid-June)</i>
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Hot days and warm nights with thunderstorms, some violent. Average 20 to 28 C (68 to 83 F) Humidity 78 to 93%

<i>Barsha</i>	<i>Monsoon</i>	<i>Asar and Shrawan (mid-June to mid August)</i>
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Heavy rains, cloudy broken by dazzling clear breaks. Average 21 to 28 C (71 to 83 F) Humidity 91 to 95%

<i>Shishir</i>	<i>Post Monsoon</i>	<i>Bhadra and Ashwin (mid-August to mid-October)</i>
	<i>Summer</i>	

Some rains earlier, clear warm weather following. Average 20 to 28 C (68 to 83 F) Humidity 87 to 97 %

<i>Hemanta</i>	<i>Autumn</i>	<i>Kartik and Mangsir (mid-October to mid-December)</i>
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Growing cooler with some foggy mornings at lower elevations. Average 15 to 24 C (60 to 75 F) Humidity 68 to 88%

<i>Hiund</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Poush and Magh (mid-December to mid-February)</i>
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Cold nights, foggy mornings and warm days. Some rain in December. Average 13 to 22 C (55 to 72 F) Humidity 64 to 86%

The Lodge's hilltop location ensures a cool breeze even in the warmest weather, reducing the temperature compared to the valley floor.