**BOUDHANATH**

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Take an early morning or evening stroll around the inspiring white dome buzzing with energy; observe the devout people circumambulating, light a butter lamp and say a little prayer, look around for souvenirs, or enjoy the view from a rooftop restaurant with a hot cup of cofee. Boudha is always full of life.

Situated 8 km to the east of downtown Kathmandu, Boudha,  is[one of the UNESCO World Heritage sites and one of the most imposing landmarks in Kathmandu](https://www.welcomenepal.com/places-to-see/kathmandu.html). Visible as soon as you land at the Tribhuvan International Airport, it is the [largest stupa in the Kathmandu Valley.](https://www.welcomenepal.com/places-to-see/kathmandu-valley.html)

The 36-meter-high stupa of Boudha is massive and dominates the skyline in the area. With countless monasteries around it, Boudha is the center of Tibetan Buddhism in Nepal.

Built in the shape of a mandala designed to replicate the Gyangtse of Tibet, the stupa was renovated by Licchhavi rulers in the 8th century. The location of the stupa is interesting as it once lay on the ancient trade route to Tibet and it was here that Tibetan merchants rested and offered prayers for many centuries. It is one of the major pilgrimage sites for Buddhists from around the world.

On each side are the all-seeing-eyes of the Buddha symbolizing awareness. The canopy has 13 stages. At ground level there is a brick wall that has 147 niches and 108 images of the meditational Buddha inset behind copper prayer wheels.