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# TRAVEL & TOURISM ECONOMIC IMPACT 2024



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## 2024 to break all records

I'm delighted 2023 was another strong year for Travel & Tourism. That was, in part, thanks to the restarting of flights from China, with outbound travellers swelling numbers. The sector contributed almost \$10 trillion in value to the global economy and has almost returned to pre-pandemic levels, trailing the 2019 peak by 4%. This success came in the midst of a year of rising geopolitical tensions and economic uncertainties – yet more proof of the sector's resilience.

Let's look more closely at the figures. Globally, the sector contributed to **9.1% of global GDP**. It is a major employer providing jobs in some of the world's poorest countries. Last year, the Travel & Tourism workforce grew by 27.4 million to employ **330 million people**, almost reaching its pre-pandemic high. International spending increased by 33.1% to \$1.63 trillion, just 14% below 2019 levels. Domestic spending, meanwhile, increased by more than 18% to reach almost \$5 trillion, surpassing 2019 levels. Leisure spending surged by 21.2% to \$5.3 trillion, while business expenditure saw a 22.4% increase to reach \$1.3 trillion, with both closely approaching levels seen in 2019. This tells us that whether travellers holiday in their own country or abroad, or travel for business purposes, they are spending more.

Travel & Tourism recovered to 2019 levels in almost all regions around the world, including North, Central and South America, Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

Asia-Pacific, where COVID-19 restrictions were more severe, fully re-opened in 2023 and we can predict its return to 2019 levels this year.

We can predict a record-breaking 2024. The sector's global economic contribution is set to reach an all-time high of **\$11.1 trillion**, which will generate one in every ten dollars worldwide. The sector is also expected to support nearly **348 million jobs**, an increase of 13.6 million jobs on its 2019 record. International visitor spending is expected to come close to its peak, reaching \$1.89 trillion, while domestic tourists will spend more than in any previous year.

The future is very bright. That does not mean there are no risks, whether it is geopolitical instability or stubborn inflation. Furthermore, growth brings with it an added responsibility to do so inclusively and sustainably. In 2022, the WTTC began tracking and reporting the environmental and social impact of Travel & Tourism. The research proved that the decoupling of greenhouse gas emissions from the sector's growth has begun. This is good but we need to do more. The sector must decarbonise faster, whether it is through sustainable fuels for aviation and cruise or electric vehicles, and we must also protect the natural world upon which our future depends. And while Travel & Tourism already provides considerable opportunities for women, young people and some of the world's most marginalised people, we need to ensure this increases.

The sector's growth in 2024 and beyond will depend on the actions we take now. We need to continue to improve connectivity, whether it is through transport or telecoms infrastructure, and we must address the labour and skills shortages affecting so many businesses globally. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is evolving quickly and we must take advantage, whether it is making travel smoother, more efficient or creating a sector tailored to the needs of every traveller.

We trust that this report and its accompanying data will support policymakers, industry professionals and individuals engaged in the evolution of travel. It aims to help shape a future for the sector that emphasises sustainability and inclusion.

**Julia Simpson**  
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# ECONOMIC IMPACT 2024

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF GLOBAL TRAVEL & TOURISM

2019	2023	2024 (Projections)
<b>Travel &amp; Tourism GDP (percentage share of global GDP)</b>		
<b>10.4%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
<b>Change in Travel &amp; Tourism GDP</b>		
<b>-48.4%</b> -2020 vs 2019 - -\$5.0 trillion GDP loss	<b>+23.2%</b> -2023 vs 2022 - +\$1.9 trillion GDP gain	<b>+12.1%</b> -2024 vs 2023 - +\$1.2 trillion GDP gain
<b>Jobs supported by Travel &amp; Tourism</b>		
<b>334m</b> 10.5% of global employment	<b>330m</b> 10% of global employment	<b>348m</b> 10.4% of global employment
<b>Change in Travel &amp; Tourism Jobs</b>		
<b>-69.5m</b> -2020 vs 2019 - (-20.8%) Lost Jobs	<b>+27m</b> -2023 vs 2022 - (+9.1%) New jobs	<b>+18m</b> -2024 vs 2023 - (+5.5%) New jobs

# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TRAVEL & TOURISM

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### Global Data

	 <b>Total GDP contribution:</b>		 <b>Total Travel &amp; Tourism jobs:</b>	
<b>2019</b>	<b>10.4%</b> (of Total Economy) USD 10.33TN	Change in 2020: <b>-48.4%</b>	<b>334 MN</b> =10.5% (Share of Global Jobs)	Change in 2020: <b>-69.5 MN</b> -20.8%
<b>2023</b>	<b>9.1%</b> USD 9.90TN	Annual Change: <b>+23.2%</b> (-4.1% vs 2019) Economy Change YoY= 2.7%	<b>330 MN</b> =10.0%	Annual Change: <b>+9.1%</b> (-1.4% vs 2019)
<b>2024</b> (E)	<b>10.0%</b> USD 11.10TN	Annual Change: <b>+12.1%</b> (7.5% vs 2019) Economy Change YoY= 2.2%	<b>348 MN</b> =10.4%	Annual Change: <b>+5.5%</b> (4.1% vs 2019)
<b>2034</b> (F)	<b>11.4%</b> USD 16.00TN	CAGR <sup>2</sup> (2024 - 2034): <b>3.7%</b> Economy CAGR (2024 - 2034): <b>2.4%</b>	<b>449 MN</b> =12.2%	New Jobs (2034 vs 2024): <b>101.1 MN</b>

### Nepal Key Data

<b>2019</b>	<b>6.7%</b> (of Total Economy) NPR 300.3BN (USD 2.3BN)	Change in 2020: <b>-41.9%</b>	<b>1.15 MN</b> =16.1% (Share of Total Jobs)	Change in 2020: <b>-13.2%</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>6.1%</b> NPR 327.9BN (USD 2.5BN)	Annual Change: <b>+17.1%</b> (9.2% vs 2019) Economy Change: +8.1%	<b>1.19 MN</b> =15.2%	Annual Change: <b>+2.9%</b> (3.6% vs 2019)
<b>2024</b> (E)	<b>6.6%</b> NPR 358.9BN (USD 2.7BN)	Annual Change: <b>+9.5%</b> (19.5% vs 2019)	<b>1.22 MN</b> =14.9%	Annual Change: <b>+2.5%</b> (6.1% vs 2019)
<b>2034</b> (F)	<b>7.1%</b> NPR 535.9BN (USD 4.0BN)	CAGR (2024 - 2034): <b>+4.1%</b> Economy CAGR (2024 - 2034): <b>+3.4%</b>	<b>1.40 MN</b> =14.3%	New Jobs (2034 vs 2024): <b>0.18 MN</b>

## Nepal Visitor Spending

2019	2023	2024 (E)	2034 (F)
<b>International Visitor Spending:</b>			
<b>NPR105.2BN</b> (USD 794.5MN) 30.0% of total exports	<b>NPR83.9BN</b> (USD 633.7MN) Annual Change: <b>49.5%</b> (-20.2% vs 2019)	<b>NPR102.6BN</b> (USD 774.8MN) Annual Change: <b>22.3%</b> (-2.5% vs 2019)	<b>NPR166.9BN</b> (USD 1.3BN) 22.0% of total exports CAGR (2024 - 2034): <b>5.0%</b>
<b>Domestic Visitor Spending:</b>			
<b>NPR169.8BN</b> (USD 1.3BN)	<b>NPR210.8BN</b> (USD 1.6BN) Annual Change: <b>11.7%</b> (24.1% vs 2019)	<b>NPR226.8BN</b> (USD 1.7BN) Annual Change: <b>7.6%</b> (33.6% vs 2019)	<b>NPR325.3BN</b> (USD 2.5BN) CAGR (2024 - 2034): <b>3.7%</b>

### Domestic Spending International Spending



% share of total spending

### Leisure Spending Business Spending



% share of total spending

### Inbound Arrivals<sup>3</sup>:

2019	2023
1. India 21%	1. India 33%
2. China 14%	2. United States 11%
3. United States 8%	3. United Kingdom 6%
4. United Kingdom 5%	4. Australia 5%
5. Sri Lanka 5%	5. Bangladesh 4%
<b>Rest of world 47%</b>	<b>Rest of world 41%</b>

### Outbound Departures<sup>3</sup>:

2019	2023
1. India 27%	1. India 27%
2. Thailand 8%	2. Japan 12%
3. China 8%	3. United Arab Emirates 8%
4. Japan 7%	4. Australia 8%
5. Kuwait 7%	5. Bahrain 7%
<b>Rest of world 44%</b>	<b>Rest of world 39%</b>

**Note:** All figures shown for 2024 are estimates (E) and for 2034 are forecast projections (F). Data for additional Travel & Tourism indicators are available in the full report. For more details, visit <https://researchhub.wttc.org>.

1. All values are in constant 2023 prices & exchange rates. As reported in March 2024.

2. CAGR= Compound Annual Growth Rate

3. Source: Oxford Economics, national sources and UN Tourism (formerly UNWTO)

# DEFINING THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM

Travel & Tourism is an important economic activity in most economies around the world. As well as its direct economic impact, the industry has significant indirect and induced impacts. The UN Statistics Division-approved Tourism Satellite Accounting methodology (TSA:RMF 2008) quantifies only the direct contribution of Travel & Tourism. But WTTC recognises that Travel & Tourism's total contribution is much greater, and aims to capture its indirect and induced impacts through its annual research.



## DIRECT CONTRIBUTION

The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP reflects the 'internal' spending on Travel & Tourism (total spending within a particular economy on Travel & Tourism by residents and non-residents for business and leisure purposes) as well as government 'individual' spending - spending by government on Travel & Tourism services directly linked to visitors, such as cultural (eg museums) or recreational (eg national parks).

The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP is calculated to be consistent with the output, as expressed in National Accounting, of tourism-characteristic sectors such as hotels, airlines, airports, travel agents and leisure and recreation services that deal directly with tourists. The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP is calculated from total internal spending by 'netting out' the purchases made by the different tourism sectors. This measure is consistent with the definition of Tourism GDP, specified in the 2008 Tourism Satellite Account: Recommended Methodological Framework (TSA: RMF 2008).

The total contribution of Travel & Tourism includes its 'wider impacts' (ie the indirect and induced impacts) on the economy. The 'indirect' contribution includes the GDP and jobs supported by:

- Travel & Tourism investment spending – an important aspect of both current and future activity that includes investment activity such as the purchase of new aircraft and construction of new hotels;
- Government 'collective' spending, which helps Travel & Tourism activity in many different ways as it is made on behalf of the 'community at large' – eg tourism marketing and promotion, aviation, administration, security services, resort area security services, resort area sanitation services, etc;
- Domestic purchases of goods and services by the sectors dealing directly with tourists – including, for example, purchases of food and cleaning services by hotels, of fuel and catering services by airlines, and IT services by travel agents.

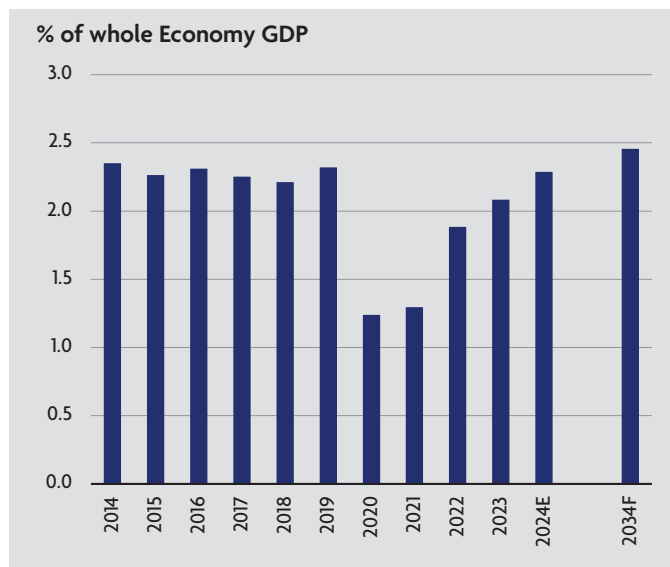
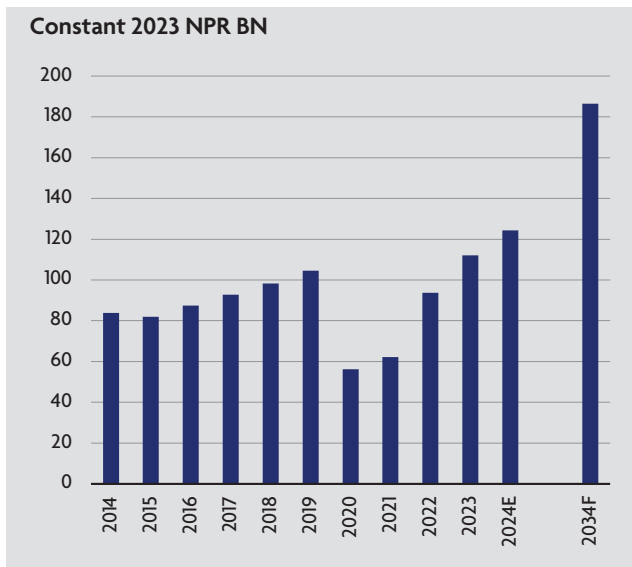
The 'induced' contribution measures the GDP and jobs supported by the spending of those who are directly or indirectly employed by the Travel & Tourism industry.

# TRAVEL & TOURISM'S CONTRIBUTION TO GDP<sup>1</sup>

The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP in 2023 was NPR112.1bn (2.1% of GDP). This primarily reflects the economic activity generated by industries such as hotels, travel agents, airlines and other passenger transportation services (excluding commuter services). But it also includes, for example, the activities of the restaurant and leisure industries directly supported by tourists.

The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP is expected to grow by 4.1% pa to NPR186.4bn (2.5% of GDP) from 2024 to 2034.

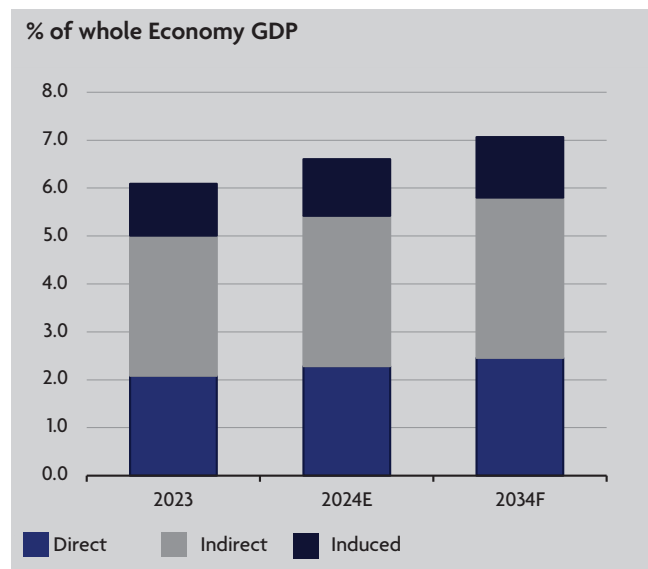
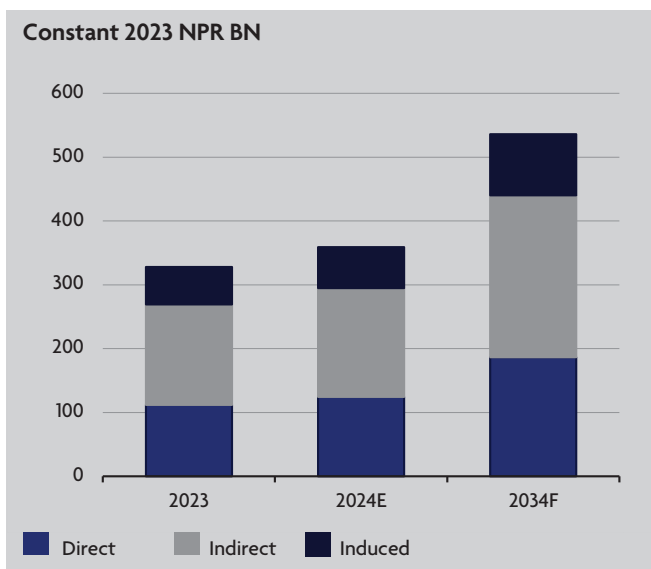
## Nepal: Direct Contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP



The total contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (including wider effects from investment, the supply chain and induced income impacts, see page 3) was NPR327.9bn in 2023 (6.1% of GDP).

It is forecast to rise by 4.1% pa to NPR535.9bn from 2024 to 2034 (7.1% of GDP).

## Nepal: Total Contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP



<sup>1</sup> All values are in constant 2023 prices & exchange rates

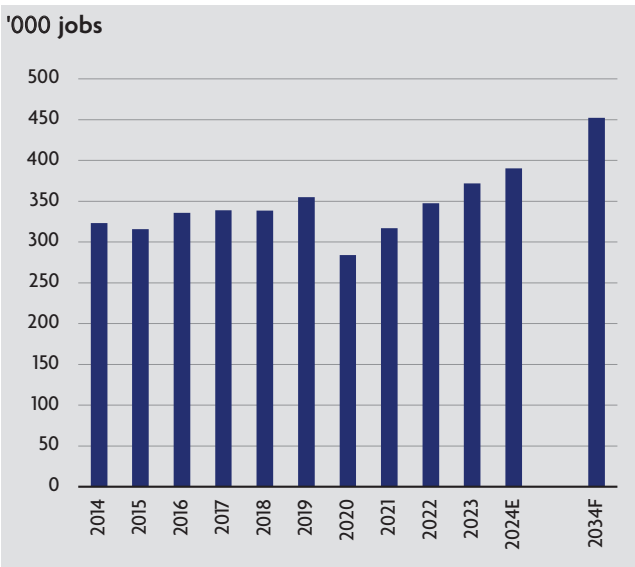
**E - Estimate, F - Forecast**

# TRAVEL & TOURISM'S CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYMENT

Travel & Tourism generated 371,972 jobs directly in 2023 (4.8% of total employment). This includes employment by hotels, travel agents, airlines and other passenger transportation services (excluding commuter services). It also includes, for example, the activities of the restaurant and leisure industries directly supported by tourists.

By 2034, Travel & Tourism will account for 452,332 jobs directly (4.6% of total employment), an increase of 1.5% pa from 2024.

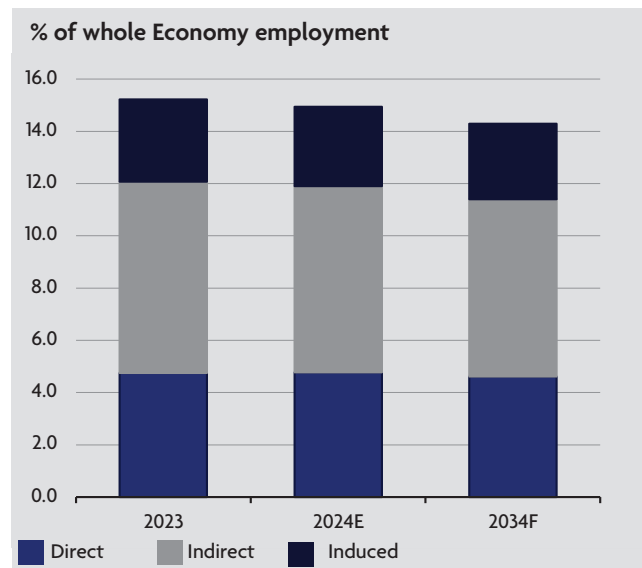
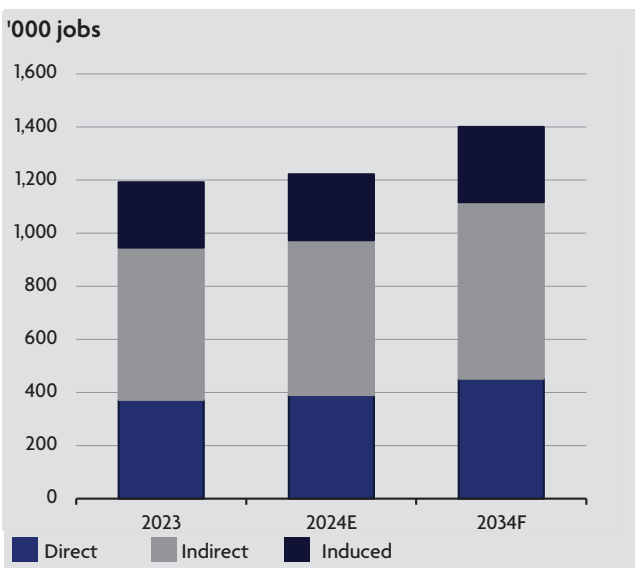
## Nepal: Direct Contribution of Travel & Tourism to Employment



The total contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment (including wider effects from investment, the supply chain and induced income impacts, see page 3) was 1,191,488 jobs in 2023 (15.2% of total employment).

By 2034, Travel & Tourism is forecast to support 1,400,731 jobs (14.3% of total employment), an increase of 1.4% pa since 2024.

## Nepal: Total Contribution of Travel & Tourism to Employment



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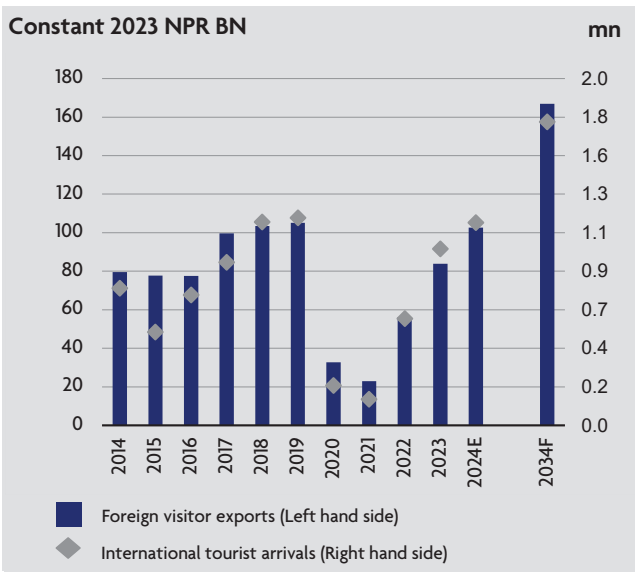
# VISITOR EXPORTS AND INVESTMENT<sup>1</sup>

## VISITOR EXPORTS

Visitor exports are a key component of the direct contribution of Travel & Tourism. In 2023, Nepal generated NPR83.9bn in visitor exports.

By 2034, international tourist arrivals are forecast to total 1,750,000, generating expenditure of NPR166.9bn, an increase of 5.0% pa since 2024.

### Nepal: Visitor Exports and International Tourist Arrivals

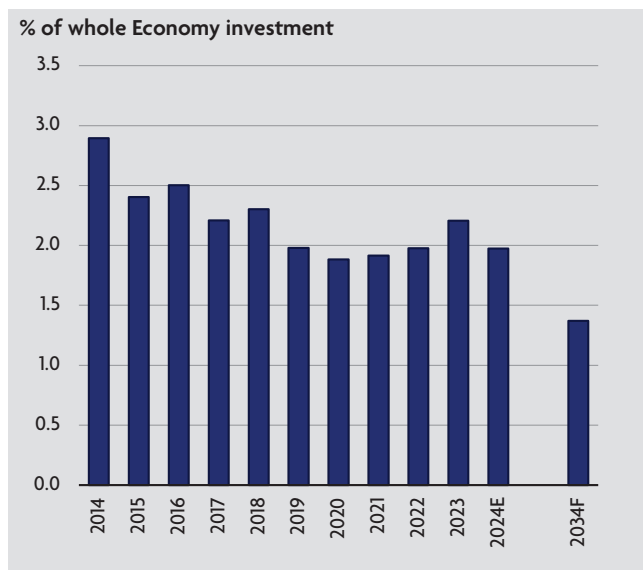
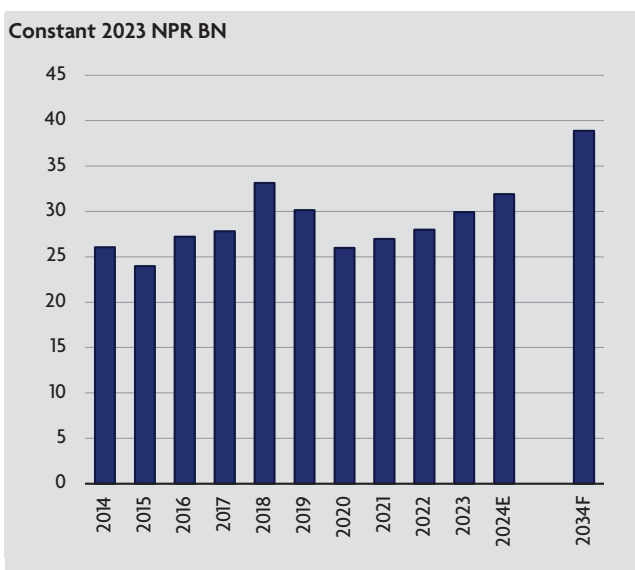


## INVESTMENT

Travel & Tourism is expected to have attracted capital investment of NPR29.9bn in 2023.

Travel & Tourism's share of total national investment is expected to be 1.4% in 2034.

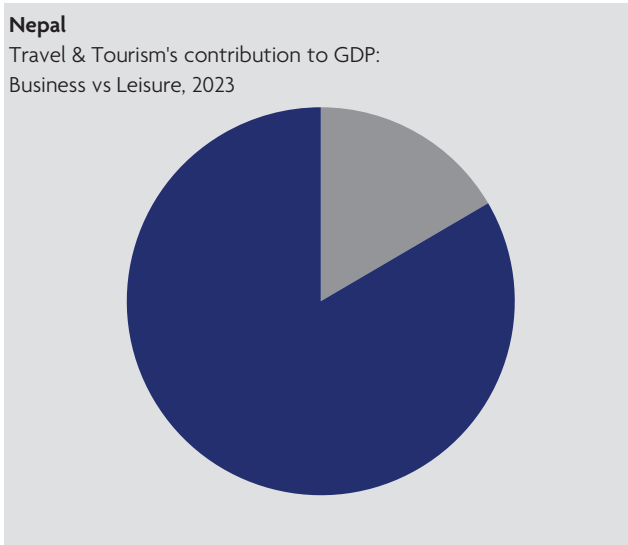
### Nepal: Capital Investment in Travel & Tourism



<sup>1</sup>All values are in constant 2023 prices & exchange rates

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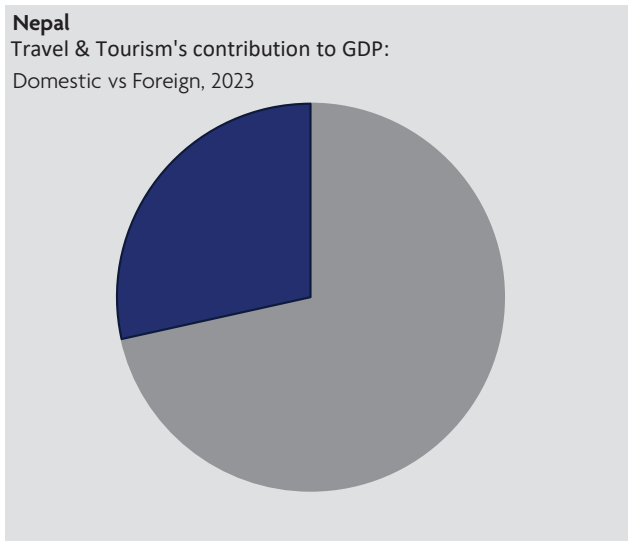
# DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF TRAVEL & TOURISM<sup>1</sup>



Leisure travel spending (inbound and domestic) generated 83.4% of total internal spending in 2023 (NPR245.9bn) compared with 16.6% for business travel spending (NPR48.8bn).

Leisure travel spending is expected to rise by 3.9% pa to NPR403.8bn from 2024 to 2034.

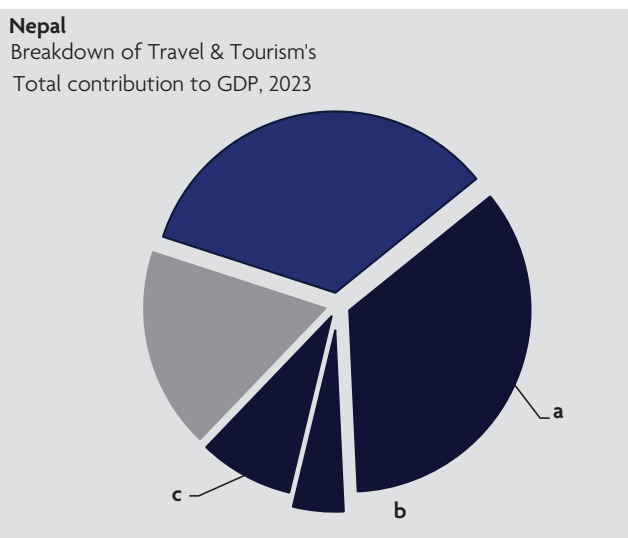
Business travel spending is expected to rise by 5.0% pa to NPR88.4bn from 2024 to 2034.



Domestic travel spending generated 71.5% (NPR210.8bn) of total internal spending in 2023 compared with 28.5% (NPR83.9bn) for visitor exports (ie foreign visitor spending or international tourism receipts).

Domestic travel spending is expected to rise by 3.7% pa to NPR325.3bn from 2024 to 2034.

Visitor exports are expected to rise by 5.0% pa to NPR166.9bn from 2024 to 2034.



The Travel & Tourism industry contributes to GDP and employment in many ways as detailed on page 3.

**The total contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP is nearly three times greater than its direct contribution.**

<sup>1</sup> All values are in constant 2023 prices & exchange rates

# ECONOMY RANKINGS: ABSOLUTE CONTRIBUTION, 2023

Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to GDP		2023 (US\$bn)
2	China	326.1
10	India	79.6
22	Thailand	24.6
28	Vietnam	19.2
<b>World Average</b>		<b>16.5</b>
<b>South Asia Average</b>		<b>15.6</b>
69	Bangladesh	3.4
79	Cambodia	2.9
89	Sri Lanka	2.1
119	Nepal	0.8
121	Myanmar	0.8
150	Laos	0.3

Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to GDP		2023 (US\$bn)
2	China	1,302.9
8	India	231.6
27	Thailand	53.5
<b>World Average</b>		<b>47.9</b>
<b>South Asia Average</b>		<b>45.8</b>
41	Vietnam	28.5
68	Bangladesh	9.5
77	Sri Lanka	7.4
92	Cambodia	5.4
115	Myanmar	2.5
116	Nepal	2.5
141	Laos	1.2

Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to Employment		2023 '000 jobs
1	China	27,909.7
2	India	19,664.9
5	Thailand	5,215.2
8	Vietnam	3,531.6
<b>World Average</b>		<b>1,305.7</b>
19	Cambodia	1,125.9
25	Bangladesh	695.6
<b>South Asia Average</b>		<b>620.2</b>
39	Nepal	372.0
60	Sri Lanka	209.2
91	Myanmar	115.9
107	Laos	82.8

Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to Employment		2023 '000 jobs
1	China	77,473.8
2	India	42,944.5
7	Thailand	7,608.9
10	Vietnam	5,617.3
22	Cambodia	2,275.3
23	Bangladesh	2,143.7
<b>World Average</b>		<b>1,607.4</b>
<b>South Asia Average</b>		<b>1,446.7</b>
37	Nepal	1,191.5
44	Sri Lanka	869.0
75	Myanmar	405.3
91	Laos	320.5

Travel & Tourism Investment		2023 (US\$bn)
2	China	159.5
5	India	43.8
<b>South Asia Average</b>		<b>8.3</b>
24	Vietnam	7.7
<b>World Average</b>		<b>5.5</b>
54	Thailand	2.1
63	Bangladesh	1.2
73	Sri Lanka	0.8
83	Cambodia	0.6
120	Laos	0.2
121	Nepal	0.2
141	Myanmar	0.1

Visitor Exports		2023 (US\$bn)
6	China	57.3
12	Thailand	34.1
17	India	29.4
<b>World Average</b>		<b>8.8</b>
46	Vietnam	8.5
<b>South Asia Average</b>		<b>6.6</b>
73	Cambodia	3.4
82	Sri Lanka	2.9
114	Myanmar	1.0
130	Nepal	0.6
140	Laos	0.4
143	Bangladesh	0.4

The tables on pages 8-11 provide brief extracts from the full WTTC Economic League Table Rankings, highlighting comparisons with competing destinations as well as with the world and regional average. Averages are simple cross-economy averages. The competing destinations selected are those that offer a similar tourism product and compete for tourists from the same set of origin markets. These tend to be, but are not exclusively, geographical neighbours.

# ECONOMY RANKINGS: RELATIVE CONTRIBUTION, 2023

Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to GDP		2023 % share
26	Cambodia	8.8
52	Thailand	4.8
59	Vietnam	4.6
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>2.8</b>
120	Sri Lanka	2.2
121	India	2.2
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>2.1</b>
130	Nepal	2.1
147	China	1.8
150	Laos	1.8
176	Myanmar	0.9
178	Bangladesh	0.8

Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to Employment		2023 % share
17	Thailand	13.1
22	Cambodia	11.7
40	Vietnam	6.9
66	Nepal	4.8
76	Laos	4.3
80	India	4.1
91	China	3.7
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>3.7</b>
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>3.5</b>
122	Sri Lanka	2.6
170	Bangladesh	1.0
173	Myanmar	0.8

Travel & Tourism Contribution to Total Capital Investment		2023 % share
50	Cambodia	7.3
70	Laos	5.9
71	Vietnam	5.8
91	India	4.2
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>4.0</b>
104	Sri Lanka	3.7
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>3.6</b>
154	Nepal	2.2
156	China	2.2
164	Thailand	1.8
176	Bangladesh	1.0
178	Myanmar	0.9

Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to GDP		2023 % share
33	Cambodia	16.3
61	Thailand	10.4
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>9.1</b>
91	Sri Lanka	7.8
99	China	7.3
111	Vietnam	6.8
115	Laos	6.5
117	India	6.5
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>6.2</b>
121	Nepal	6.1
175	Myanmar	3.0
181	Bangladesh	2.3

Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to Employment		2023 % share
25	Cambodia	23.7
35	Thailand	19.1
41	Laos	16.5
46	Nepal	15.2
73	Vietnam	10.9
77	Sri Lanka	10.6
83	China	10.3
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>10.0</b>
99	India	8.9
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>8.1</b>
169	Bangladesh	3.0
172	Myanmar	2.8

Visitor Exports Contribution to Exports		2023 % share
52	Nepal	20.0
60	Sri Lanka	15.2
71	Cambodia	12.6
77	Thailand	10.2
101	Myanmar	6.5
103	Laos	6.5
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>5.3</b>
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>4.5</b>
137	India	3.9
158	Vietnam	2.3
169	China	1.6
175	Bangladesh	0.7

# ECONOMY RANKINGS: REAL GROWTH, 2023

Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to GDP		2023 % growth
3	China	143.2
6	Myanmar	94.5
10	Cambodia	90.6
12	Laos	71.9
13	Thailand	64.3
23	Sri Lanka	38.6
45	Vietnam	27.4
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>21.3</b>
66	Nepal	19.5
70	India	18.6
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>17.7</b>
125	Bangladesh	9.4

Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to Employment		2023 % growth
1	Myanmar	68.5
10	Laos	15.9
27	China	11.6
38	India	10.6
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>10.0</b>
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>9.0</b>
58	Thailand	8.9
60	Vietnam	8.8
91	Nepal	7.0
102	Bangladesh	6.3
116	Cambodia	5.7
145	Sri Lanka	4.4

Travel & Tourism Investment		2023 % growth
9	Myanmar	40.4
12	Sri Lanka	36.3
16	Cambodia	34.6
47	Thailand	22.2
65	China	18.4
67	Vietnam	17.9
72	India	16.9
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>16.3</b>
84	Laos	15.3
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>13.0</b>
113	Bangladesh	11.4
164	Nepal	6.8

Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to GDP		2023 % growth
2	China	135.8
7	Cambodia	80.9
9	Myanmar	75.4
12	Thailand	59.4
13	Laos	55.9
16	Sri Lanka	45.4
34	Vietnam	29.5
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>23.2</b>
68	India	18.4
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>17.8</b>
74	Nepal	17.1
123	Bangladesh	10.6

Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to Employment		2023 % growth
1	Myanmar	51.6
7	China	15.9
32	Vietnam	10.8
39	India	9.7
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>9.1</b>
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>9.0</b>
70	Laos	7.9
80	Bangladesh	7.5
99	Thailand	6.6
129	Sri Lanka	5.3
136	Cambodia	5.1
174	Nepal	2.9

Visitor Exports		2023 % growth
3	Laos	404.9
8	Myanmar	205.6
15	Cambodia	114.9
18	China	102.8
20	Thailand	100.3
21	Vietnam	97.5
29	Sri Lanka	76.5
41	Nepal	49.5
	<b>World Average</b>	<b>33.1</b>
69	India	32.3
	<b>South Asia Average</b>	<b>31.8</b>
95	Bangladesh	19.7

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Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to GDP		2024 - 2034 % growth
3	Myanmar	9.4
5	India	7.5
<b>South Asia Average</b>		7.2
6	Thailand	7.1
7	Sri Lanka	7.1
8	China	7.1
12	Cambodia	6.7
15	Vietnam	6.3
21	Laos	6.1
41	Bangladesh	5.0
76	Nepal	4.1
<b>World Average</b>		3.7

Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to Employment		2024 - 2034 % growth
1	Myanmar	7.6
7	Sri Lanka	5.4
48	India	3.4
<b>South Asia Average</b>		3.3
<b>World Average</b>		2.5
84	Laos	2.5
87	Vietnam	2.4
103	China	2.3
123	Cambodia	2.0
136	Thailand	1.8
153	Nepal	1.5
165	Bangladesh	1.3

Travel & Tourism Investment		2024 - 2034 % growth
3	Laos	12.4
8	Cambodia	10.5
10	India	9.7
12	Myanmar	9.3
<b>South Asia Average</b>		9.3
15	China	8.7
26	Bangladesh	7.6
71	Thailand	5.5
<b>World Average</b>		5.1
123	Vietnam	3.8
126	Sri Lanka	3.7
172	Nepal	2.0

Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to GDP		2024 - 2034 % growth
3	Myanmar	9.0
5	India	7.4
6	Laos	7.4
7	China	7.3
<b>South Asia Average</b>		7.1
9	Cambodia	7.0
10	Thailand	6.7
11	Sri Lanka	6.6
14	Vietnam	6.5
42	Bangladesh	5.0
86	Nepal	4.1
<b>World Average</b>		3.7

Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to Employment		2024 - 2034 % growth
2	Myanmar	7.4
21	Sri Lanka	4.3
47	Laos	3.4
49	India	3.3
<b>South Asia Average</b>		3.2
70	China	2.9
83	Thailand	2.7
87	Cambodia	2.7
92	Vietnam	2.6
<b>World Average</b>		2.6
158	Bangladesh	1.4
159	Nepal	1.4

Visitor Exports		2024 - 2034 % growth
7	Myanmar	10.2
11	Thailand	9.3
16	China	8.1
18	Sri Lanka	7.9
32	Vietnam	6.9
34	Cambodia	6.8
53	Laos	5.7
<b>South Asia Average</b>		5.3
63	India	5.1
68	Nepal	5.0
<b>World Average</b>		4.5
108	Bangladesh	4.0

# SUMMARY TABLES: ESTIMATES & FORECASTS

Nepal	2023	2023	2024E	2034F		
	USDbn <sup>1</sup>	% of total	Growth <sup>2</sup>	USDbn <sup>1</sup>	% of total	Growth <sup>3</sup>
Direct contribution to GDP	0.85	2.1	11.0	1.4	2.5	4.1
Total contribution to GDP	2.5	6.1	9.5	4.0	7.1	4.1
Direct contribution to employment <sup>4</sup>	372.0	4.8	5.0	452.3	4.6	1.5
Total contribution to employment <sup>4</sup>	1,191.5	15.2	2.5	1,400.7	14.3	1.4
Visitor exports	0.63	20.0	22.3	1.3	22.0	5.0
Domestic spending	1.6	3.9	7.6	2.5	4.3	3.7
Leisure spending	1.9	4.6	11.9	3.0	5.3	3.9
Business spending	0.37	0.9	11.2	0.67	1.2	5.0
Capital investment	0.23	2.2	6.6	0.29	1.4	2.0

<sup>1</sup>2023 constant prices & exchange rates; <sup>2</sup>2024 real growth adjusted for inflation (%); <sup>3</sup>2024-2034 annualised real growth adjusted for inflation (%); <sup>4</sup>'000 jobs

South Asia	2023	2023	2024E	2034F		
	USDbn <sup>1</sup>	% of total	Growth <sup>2</sup>	USDbn <sup>1</sup>	% of total	Growth <sup>3</sup>
Direct contribution to GDP	93.9	2.1	10.7	207.5	2.5	7.2
Total contribution to GDP	275.0	6.2	10.5	605.4	7.4	7.1
Direct contribution to employment <sup>4</sup>	22,327.1	3.5	6.0	32,850.2	4.3	3.3
Total contribution to employment <sup>4</sup>	52,080.9	8.1	5.2	75,151.0	9.8	3.2
Visitor exports	39.3	4.5	17.9	77.4	5.5	5.3
Domestic spending	202.9	4.5	9.3	456.6	5.5	7.5
Leisure spending	228.6	5.1	10.3	504.4	6.1	7.2
Business spending	13.6	0.3	17.3	29.5	0.4	6.3
Capital investment	49.7	4.0	12.4	136.0	6.1	9.3

<sup>1</sup>2023 constant prices & exchange rates; <sup>2</sup>2024 real growth adjusted for inflation (%); <sup>3</sup>2024-2034 annualised real growth adjusted for inflation (%); <sup>4</sup>'000 jobs

Worldwide	2023	2023	2024E	2034F		
	USDbn <sup>1</sup>	% of total	Growth <sup>2</sup>	USDbn <sup>1</sup>	% of total	Growth <sup>3</sup>
Direct contribution to GDP	3,059.3	2.8	10.9	4,865.7	3.5	3.7
Total contribution to GDP	9,899.3	9.1	12.1	15,998.6	11.4	3.7
Direct contribution to employment <sup>4</sup>	120,812.2	3.7	5.3	162,759.0	4.4	2.5
Total contribution to employment <sup>4</sup>	329,600.6	10.0	5.5	448,996.5	12.2	2.6
Visitor exports	1,632.6	5.3	15.9	2,945.0	7.4	4.5
Domestic spending	4,968.5	4.6	9.3	7,608.8	5.4	3.4
Leisure spending	5,296.0	4.9	10.7	8,501.0	6.1	3.8
Business spending	1,305.2	1.2	12.2	2,053.2	1.4	3.4
Capital investment	1,013.2	3.6	10.7	1,843.7	5.0	5.1

<sup>1</sup>2023 constant prices & exchange rates; <sup>2</sup>2024 real growth adjusted for inflation (%); <sup>3</sup>2024-2034 annualised real growth adjusted for inflation (%); <sup>4</sup>'000 jobs

% of total refers to each indicator's share of the relevant whole economy indicator such as GDP and employment. Visitor exports is shown relative to total exports of goods and services. Domestic spending, as well as leisure and business spending, is expressed relative to whole economy GDP. Investment spending is expressed relative to whole economy investment.

**E - Estimate, F - Forecast**

# THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM: REAL 2023 PRICES

<b>Nepal</b> (NPRbn, real 2023 prices)	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2034F</b>
1. Visitor exports	103.4	105.2	32.7	23.0	56.1	83.9	102.6	166.9
2. Domestic expenditure (includes government individual spending)	155.4	169.8	114.0	140.4	188.7	210.8	226.8	325.3
3. Internal tourism consumption (= 1 + 2)	258.8	275.0	146.7	163.4	244.9	294.7	329.4	492.1
4. Purchases by tourism providers, including imported goods (supply chain)	-160.6	-170.5	-90.5	-101.2	-151.1	-182.6	-205.0	-305.8
<b>5. Direct contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to GDP</b> (= 3 + 4)	98.2	104.5	56.2	62.1	93.8	112.1	124.4	186.4
<b>Other final impacts (indirect &amp; induced)</b>								
6 Domestic supply chain	127.3	135.5	72.8	80.6	121.6	145.3	161.2	241.6
7. Capital investment	33.1	30.1	26.0	27.0	28.0	29.9	31.9	38.9
8. Government collective spending	21.0	21.7	18.2	19.8	25.8	29.3	31.7	48.6
9. Imported goods from indirect spending	-44.8	-45.1	-28.1	-31.7	-39.2	-47.3	-54.3	-75.2
10. Induced	51.0	53.6	29.4	33.1	50.0	58.5	64.1	95.6
<b>11. Total contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to GDP</b> (= 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10)	285.9	300.3	174.5	190.8	280.0	327.9	358.9	535.9
<b>Employment impacts ('000)</b>								
12. Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment	338.6	354.9	284.0	316.8	347.5	372.0	390.4	452.3
<b>13. Total contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to employment</b>	1,112.8	1,150.6	998.6	1,084.9	1,157.9	1,191.5	1,221.3	1,400.7
<b>14. Other indicators</b>								
Expenditure on outbound travel	85.6	60.1	19.5	29.7	77.0	82.0	85.9	121.7
Leisure spending	221.3	223.7	108.7	126.2	203.6	245.9	275.1	403.8
Business spending	37.6	51.3	38.0	37.1	41.3	48.8	54.3	88.4

E - Estimate, F - Forecast

# THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM: NOMINAL PRICES

<b>Nepal</b> (NPRbn, nominal prices)	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2034F</b>
1. Visitor exports	80.6	90.1	28.1	20.8	55.6	83.9	106.2	252.3
2. Domestic expenditure (includes government individual spending)	121.1	145.5	97.9	127.3	187.0	210.8	234.7	491.7
3. Internal tourism consumption (= 1 + 2)	201.6	235.6	126.0	148.2	242.7	294.7	340.9	743.9
4. Purchases by tourism providers, including imported goods (supply chain)	-125.1	-146.1	-77.7	-91.8	-149.7	-182.6	-212.2	-462.2
<b>5. Direct contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to GDP</b> (= 3 + 4)	76.5	89.5	48.2	56.4	93.0	112.1	128.7	281.7
Relative contribution (% whole economy)	2.2	2.3	1.2	1.3	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.5
<b>Other final impacts (indirect &amp; induced)</b>								
6. Domestic supply chain	99.2	116.1	62.5	73.1	120.5	145.3	166.9	365.3
7. Capital investment	25.8	25.8	22.3	24.5	27.7	29.9	33.0	58.8
8. Government collective spending	16.4	18.6	15.6	17.9	25.5	29.3	32.8	73.4
9. Imported goods from indirect spending	-34.9	-38.6	-24.1	-28.8	-38.8	-47.3	-56.2	-113.7
10. Induced	39.7	45.9	25.3	30.0	49.5	58.5	66.3	144.6
<b>11. Total contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to GDP</b> (= 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10)	222.7	257.3	149.8	173.1	277.5	327.9	371.5	810.1
Relative contribution (% whole economy)	6.4	6.7	3.9	4.0	5.6	6.1	6.6	7.1
<b>Employment impacts ('000)</b>								
12. Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment	338.6	354.9	284.0	316.8	347.5	372.0	390.4	452.3
Relative contribution (% whole economy)	4.8	5.0	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.6
<b>13. Total contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to employment</b>	1,112.8	1,150.6	998.6	1,084.9	1,157.9	1,191.5	1,221.3	1,400.7
Relative contribution (% whole economy)	15.9	16.1	14.1	14.7	15.2	15.2	14.9	14.3
<b>14. Other indicators</b>								
Expenditure on outbound travel	66.6	51.5	16.8	26.9	76.3	82.0	88.9	184.0
Leisure spending	172.4	191.7	93.3	114.5	201.8	245.9	284.7	610.4
Business spending	29.3	44.0	32.6	33.7	40.9	48.8	56.2	133.6

## E - Estimate, F - Forecast

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# THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM: REAL 2023 PRICES (USD)

<b>Nepal</b> (USDbn, real 2023 prices)	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2034F</b>
1. Visitor exports	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.3
2. Domestic expenditure (includes government individual spending)	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7	2.5
3. Internal tourism consumption (= 1 + 2)	2.0	2.1	1.1	1.2	1.8	2.2	2.5	3.7
4. Purchases by tourism providers, including imported goods (supply chain)	-1.2	-1.3	-0.7	-0.8	-1.1	-1.4	-1.5	-2.3
<b>5. Direct contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to GDP</b> (= 3 + 4)	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.4
<b>Other final impacts (indirect &amp; induced)</b>								
6 Domestic supply chain	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.8
7. Capital investment	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
8. Government collective spending	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
9. Imported goods from indirect spending	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6
10. Induced	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7
<b>11. Total contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to GDP</b> (= 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10)	2.2	2.3	1.3	1.4	2.1	2.5	2.7	4.0
<b>Employment impacts ('000)</b>								
12. Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment	338.6	354.9	284.0	316.8	347.5	372.0	390.4	452.3
<b>13. Total contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to employment</b>	1,112.8	1,150.6	998.6	1,084.9	1,157.9	1,191.5	1,221.3	1,400.7
<b>14. Other indicators</b>								
Expenditure on outbound travel	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9
Leisure spending	1.7	1.7	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.1	3.0
Business spending	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7

E - Estimate, F - Forecast

# THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM: NOMINAL PRICES (USD)

<b>Nepal</b> (USDbn, nominal prices)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2034F
1. Visitor exports	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.9
2. Domestic expenditure (includes government individual spending)	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.8	3.8
3. Internal tourism consumption (= 1 + 2)	1.9	2.1	1.1	1.3	1.9	2.2	2.6	5.7
4. Purchases by tourism providers, including imported goods (supply chain)	-1.1	-1.3	-0.7	-0.8	-1.2	-1.4	-1.6	-3.6
<b>5. Direct contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to GDP</b> (= 3 + 4)	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	2.2
Relative contribution (% whole economy)	2.2	2.3	1.2	1.3	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.5
<b>Other final impacts (indirect &amp; induced)</b>	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.3	2.8
6. Domestic supply chain								
7. Capital investment	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5
8. Government collective spending	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6
9. Imported goods from indirect spending	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.9
10. Induced	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.1
<b>11. Total contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to GDP</b> (= 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10)	2.0	2.3	1.3	1.5	2.2	2.5	2.8	6.3
Relative contribution (% whole economy)	6.4	6.7	3.9	4.0	5.6	6.1	6.6	7.1
<b>Employment impacts ('000)</b>								
12. Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment	338.6	354.9	284.0	316.8	347.5	372.0	390.4	452.3
Relative contribution (% whole economy)	4.8	5.0	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.6
<b>13. Total contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to employment</b>	1,112.8	1,150.6	998.6	1,084.9	1,157.9	1,191.5	1,221.3	1,400.7
Relative contribution (% whole economy)	15.9	16.1	14.1	14.7	15.2	15.2	14.9	14.3
<b>14. Other indicators</b>								
Expenditure on outbound travel	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.4
Leisure spending	1.6	1.7	0.8	1.0	1.6	1.9	2.1	4.7
Business spending	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.0

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# THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM: GROWTH

Nepal Growth <sup>1</sup> (%)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2034F <sup>2</sup>
1. Visitor exports	3.8	1.7	-68.9	-29.8	144.4	49.5	22.3	5.0
2. Domestic expenditure (includes government individual spending)	7.5	9.2	-32.9	23.1	34.4	11.7	7.6	3.7
3. Internal tourism consumption (= 1 + 2)	6.0	6.2	-46.6	11.3	49.9	20.3	11.8	4.1
4. Purchases by tourism providers, including imported goods (supply chain)	6.1	6.1	-46.9	11.8	49.3	20.9	12.3	4.1
<b>5. Direct contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to GDP</b> (= 3 + 4)	5.8	6.4	-46.2	10.6	51.0	19.5	11.0	4.1
<b>Other final impacts (indirect &amp; induced)</b>	5.8	6.4	-46.2	10.6	51.0	19.5	11.0	4.1
6. Domestic supply chain								
7. Capital investment	19.1	-9.1	-13.8	3.8	3.9	6.8	6.6	2.0
8. Government collective spending	13.8	3.1	-16.2	8.8	30.3	13.7	8.2	4.4
9. Imported goods from indirect spending	8.5	0.5	-37.6	12.9	23.4	20.7	14.9	3.3
10. Induced	7.6	5.0	-45.1	12.6	50.9	17.1	9.5	4.1
<b>11. Total contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to GDP</b> (= 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10)	7.6	5.0	-41.9	9.4	46.7	17.1	9.5	4.1
<b>Employment impacts ('000)</b>								
12. Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment	-0.1	4.8	-20.0	11.5	9.7	7.0	5.0	1.5
<b>13. Total contribution of Travel &amp; Tourism to employment</b>	1.8	3.4	-13.2	8.7	6.7	2.9	2.5	1.4
<b>14. Other indicators</b>								
Expenditure on outbound travel	1.6	-29.8	-67.5	51.9	159.7	6.5	4.7	3.5
Leisure spending	6.1	1.1	-51.4	16.1	61.3	20.8	11.9	3.9
Business spending	5.3	36.6	-25.9	-2.3	11.1	18.3	11.2	5.0

E - Estimate, F - Forecast

<sup>1</sup>2018-2024 real annual growth adjusted for inflation (%); <sup>2</sup>2024-2034 annualised real growth adjusted for inflation (%)

# GLOSSARY

## KEY DEFINITIONS

### TRAVEL & TOURISM

Relates to the activity of travellers on trips outside their usual environment with a duration of less than one year. Economic activity related to all aspects of such trips is measured within the research.

### ECONOMIES

This term is used because the scope of the research covers not only countries but also specific territories/states.

### DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO GDP

GDP generated by industries that deal directly with tourists, including hotels, travel agents, airlines and other passenger transport services, as well as the activities of restaurant and leisure industries that deal directly with tourists. It is equivalent to total internal Travel & Tourism spending (see below) within a country less the purchases made by those industries (including imports). In terms of the UN's Tourism Satellite Account methodology it is consistent with total GDP calculated in table 6 of the TSA: RMF 2008.

### DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYMENT

The number of direct jobs within Travel & Tourism. This is consistent with total employment calculated in table 7 of the TSA: RMF 2008.

### TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO GDP

GDP generated directly by the Travel & Tourism sector plus its indirect and induced impacts (see below).

### TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYMENT

The number of jobs generated directly in the Travel & Tourism sector plus the indirect and induced contributions (see below).

## DIRECT SPENDING IMPACTS

### VISITOR EXPORTS

Spending within the country by international tourists for both business and leisure trips, including spending on transport, but excluding international spending on education. This is consistent with total inbound tourism expenditure in table 1 of the TSA: RMF 2008.

### DOMESTIC TRAVEL & TOURISM SPENDING

Spending within a country by that country's residents for both business and leisure trips. Multi-use consumer durables are not included since they are not purchased solely for tourism purposes. This is consistent with total domestic tourism expenditure in table 2 of the TSA: RMF 2008. Outbound spending by residents abroad is not included here, but is separately identified according to the TSA: RMF 2008 (see below).

### GOVERNMENT INDIVIDUAL SPENDING

Spending by government on Travel & Tourism services directly linked to visitors, such as cultural services (eg museums) or recreational services (eg national parks).

### INTERNAL TOURISM CONSUMPTION

Total revenue generated within a country by industries that deal directly with tourists including visitor exports, domestic spending and government individual spending. This does not include spending abroad by residents. This is consistent with total internal tourism expenditure in table 4 of the TSA: RMF 2008.

### BUSINESS TRAVEL & TOURISM SPENDING

Spending on business travel within a country by residents and international visitors.

### LEISURE TRAVEL & TOURISM SPENDING

Spending on leisure travel within a country by residents and international visitors.

## INDIRECT AND INDUCED IMPACTS

### INDIRECT CONTRIBUTION

The contribution to GDP and jobs of the following three factors:

- **CAPITAL INVESTMENT:** Includes capital investment spending by all industries directly involved in Travel & Tourism. This also constitutes investment spending by other industries on specific tourism assets such as new visitor accommodation and passenger transport equipment, as well as restaurants and leisure facilities for specific tourism use. This is consistent with total tourism gross fixed capital formation in table 8 of the TSA: RMF 2008.
- **GOVERNMENT COLLECTIVE SPENDING:** Government spending in support of general tourism activity. This can include national as well as regional and local government spending. For example, it includes tourism promotion, visitor information services, administrative services and other public services. This is consistent with total collective tourism consumption in table 9 of TSA: RMF 2008.
- **SUPPLY-CHAIN EFFECTS:** Purchases of domestic goods and services directly by different industries within Travel & Tourism as inputs to their final tourism output.

### INDUCED CONTRIBUTION

The broader contribution to GDP and employment of spending by those who are directly or indirectly employed by Travel & Tourism.

## OTHER INDICATORS

### OUTBOUND EXPENDITURE

Spending outside the country by residents on all trips abroad. This is fully aligned with total outbound tourism expenditure in table 3 of the TSA: RMF 2008.

### INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS

The number of arrivals of international overnight visitors (tourists) to the country.

# METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

WTTC has an ongoing commitment to align its economic impact research with the UN Statistics Division-approved 2008 Tourism Satellite Account: Recommended Methodological Framework (TSA:RMF 2008). This involves the benchmarking of country reports to official, published TSAs, including for countries which are reporting data for the first time, as well as existing countries reporting an additional year's data. New TSAs incorporated this year include Aruba, Kenya, Namibia, North Macedonia, Papua New Guinea and Uganda, bringing our total of countries and economies in our benchmarking dataset to 72. Our TSA benchmarked countries cover around 90% of global direct T&T GDP.

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## ECONOMIC AND GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS

### APEC (ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION)

Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong SAR China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Singapore, Taiwan China, Thailand, USA, Vietnam.

### COMMONWEALTH<sup>1</sup>

Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, Canada, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Dominica, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Tanzania, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, UK, UK Virgin Islands, Vanuatu, Zambia

### G7

Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA.

### G20

African Union<sup>2</sup>, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, European Union, France<sup>3</sup>, Germany<sup>3</sup>, India, Indonesia, Italy<sup>3</sup>, Japan, Mexico, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa<sup>4</sup>, South Korea, Türkiye, UK, USA.

### GCC (GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL)

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE.

### OAS (ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES)

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### OECD (ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT)

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### (OIC) ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION<sup>6</sup>

Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, Türkiye, UAE, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Yemen.

### OTHER OCEANIA

American Samoa, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Samoa, Tuvalu.

### PACIFIC ALLIANCE

Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru.

### SADC (SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY)

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1 This includes data for Overseas British Territories, but there is no data for Nauru, Samoa and Tuvalu

2 This union of 55 member states received full G20 membership status in September 2023. It is included in 2023 data

3 Included in European Union

4 Included in African Union

5 Nicaragua left the OAS in November 2023. It is included in 2023 data

6 no data for Afghanistan, Djibouti, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Palestine, Somalia or Turkmenistan



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