





The Dwarika's Kathmandu is a heritage hotel that takes its inspiration from the architectural grandeur of Newari royal palaces. The hotel houses an extensive collection of artifacts from the 13th century onwards and preserves the aesthetic sensibility of a unique civilization. The elegant courtyards, buildings and rooms contain some of Nepal's best craftsmanship, capturing the beauty and spirit of an ancient city. For its pioneering work in preserving Kathmandu's heritage, the hotel has won the PATA Heritage Award and the INTACH-SATTE Award.

The amalgamation of Nepal's heritage together with its longstanding tradition of hospitality makes The Dwarika's Kathmandu an intimate experience of a refined Nepali lifestyle.





our story

Our commitment to heritage conservation dates back to 1952, when the founder of the hotel, the late Dwarika Das Shrestha, witnessed carpenters sawing off the intricately carved portions of an old wooden pillar for use as firewood. Struck by a sense of anguish at the destruction of his own heritage, he salvaged the old pillar and gave the men new lumber.

What began as an impulsive action grew into a passion, and soon Dwarika Das Shrestha's commitment to saving, documenting and restoring artifacts took on a life of its own. Faced with the problem of storing these works, he decided to construct a building in the ancient Newari style of Kathmandu using the rescued carvings. He envisioned that this new building, which would operate as a guest house, would allow more people to appreciate Nepal's ancient cultural history, giving the restored treasures a new lease of life. The vision behind The Dwarika's Hotel as a living museum was thus born.



heritage

The Newari civilization of the Kathmandu Valley has a rich aesthetic and cultural legacy. Intricate wood carvings, distinctive temples, sculptures, bronze crafts, terracotta works, and the unique lifestyle of its people still thrive at Dwarika's Kathmandu. The hotel is built with handmade bricks, and incorporates original wood works that are centuries old. The Dwarika's Kathmandu is a pioneer in sustainable heritage conservation. It is a living example of how cultural restoration and tourism can complement each other, leading to the preservation of historical artifacts and the growth of a rich cultural industry.







a nepali lifestyle

With 83 meticulously designed rooms and suites, The Dwarika's Kathmandu offers a regal experience. Each room is spacious and has been individually designed to blend intricate Nepali design motifs with a contemporary lifestyle. Interspersed with original artworks that are centuries old, the rooms are a tribute to Nepal's artistic history.

Remaining true to the earthiness of traditional life in the valley, the rooms and suites capture such an essence without compromising on quality and luxury. The flooring is either handmade traditional Nepali terracotta tiles or individually laid wooden panels. The furniture is custom designed and handmade by carpenters whose ancestors created the works that make up the essence of the hotel. The upholstery is hand woven and locally produced, and the linen is organic. The attention to detail and personal service will make you want to stay on and on.



a tradition of warmth

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(Atithi Deva Bhawa)

Staying at The Dwarika's Kathmandu is to experience true Nepali hospitality and culture. The hotel upholds the Nepali values of respect and sincerity towards guests, combined with the natural warmth of the Nepali people. Utilizing a variety of indigenous Himalayan herbs and treatments, The Dwarika's Pancha Kosha Himalayan Spa draws on ancient and traditional knowledge of care giving. Nepali customs dictate that a guest is akin to a god and should be treated with such reverence and courtesy. Dwarika's continues this tradition through refined and personalized service, resulting in an atmosphere of genuine care.





a culinary journey

The Dwarika's Kathmandu has a selection of three restaurants and a bar – each of which serves an unique set of flavors and delicacies. Meals, from Nepali cuisines to a range of continental dishes and Japanese flavors, are prepared with fresh produce from the Dwarika's own farms, which use toxin-free and environmentally friendly production methods. The Toran offers a variety of continental cuisines, to be enjoyed either in the restaurant or in the hotel's spacious courtyards – an ideal location for all day lounging and informal dining. The Fusion bar overlooks a swimming pool which replicates 12th century royal baths. The Friday night barbecue sees an array of stalls serving Nepali cuisine in a festive atmosphere. For those looking for a more elegant dining experience, Dwarika's has two specialty restaurants – our signature restaurant, Krishnarpan, for a traditional Nepali dining experience you will never forget, and Mako's, for the finest Japanese food in Nepal.



