

WEATHER AND DRESS FOR NEPAL

KATHMANDU IS IN A MOUNTAIN VALLEY ABOUT 4000 FEET ELEVATION, WITH MOUNTAIN PEAKS OF OVER 20,000 FEET VISIBLE ON A CLEAR DAY (AND THE DAYS IN NOVEMBER ARE EXCEPTIONALLY CLEAR). THE VALLEY IS ABOUT AS FAR SOUTH AS CORPUS CHRISTI, SO THE CLIMATE IS RELATIVELY MILD. THE NIGHTS WILL BE CHILLY AND SOMETIMES DAMP, THE DAYS SHOULD BE SUNNY AND WARM. RAIN IS RARE, THOUGH NOT UNHEARD OF, THIS TIME OF YEAR.

FOR DRESS, I CAN DESCRIBE WHAT GENTS SHOULD WEAR, BUT I AM NOT WELL VERSED IN DESCRIBING LADIES' WEAR. IF THE LADIES NEED FURTHER INTERPRETATION, YOU WOULD BEST CONSULT NANCY LEE, AS SHE HAS TRAVELED TO NEPAL AND DONE IT ALL, FROM TIGER TOPS TO COCKTAILS WITH H.R.H.

DAYTIME CLOTHING SHOULD BE CASUAL AND COMFORTABLE. EVENING DRESS IS NOT TERRIBLY FORMAL-- A SWEATER OR CASUAL JACKET IS FINE FOR MOST EVENINGS, OR A SPORTCOAT, WITH OR WITHOUT TIE. FOR THE TWO DINNER PARTIES IN OUR HONOR, THE GENTS WILL NEED A DRESSY BLAZER OR A DARK SUIT. I THINK YOU MIGHT DESCRIBE LADIES' DRESS AS SIMILAR TO A COCKTAIL BUFFET IN FORT WORTH. PANTS FOR LADIES, WHETHER OF THE CASUAL SORT DURING THE DAY OR DRESSY SORT FOR PARTIES, WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN NEPAL AS LONG AS THEY WERE APPROPRIATELY STYLED TO BE SUITABLE FOR A SIMILAR OCCASION IN FORT WORTH.

TIGER TOPS WILL BE QUITE WARM, AS IT IS AT LOW ALTITUDE IN THE JUNGLE "TERRAI" REGION, JUST NORTH OF THE INDIAN BORDER BEFORE THE HIMALAYAS JUMP UP. "SAFARI WEAR" OR "DOVE HUNTING CLOTHES" ARE IN ORDER.

IN GENERAL, DRESS FOR TEXAS AND YOU WILL BE FINE FOR NEPAL.