



**Buddha Air**

721 K  
Total Flights

27 M  
Happy Passengers

60%  
Market Share

18  
Total Aircrafts

International Standard  
Closed-Door Hangar Facility



## ABOUT US

For 28 years, Buddha Air has proudly connected Nepal's mountains, hills, and plains with safe and reliable air travel. Our signature blue-tailed ATR aircraft continue to symbolize trust, comfort, and excellence in aviation.

We operate a strong fleet of 18 ATR aircraft, unified in our mission to deliver safe, comfortable, and memorable journeys across Nepal and beyond.



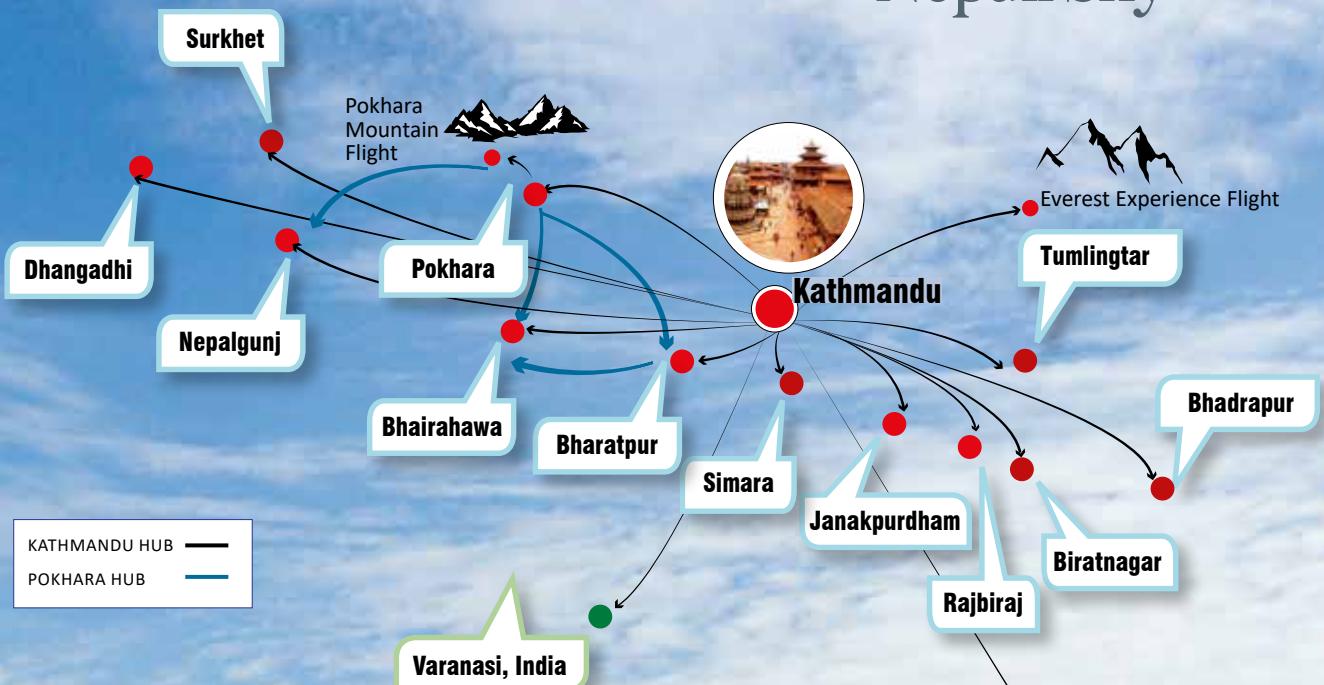
**18**  
AIRCRAFTS

**13**  
DOMESTIC CITIES

**43**  
FLIGHT  
ROUTES

**2**  
INTERNATIONAL  
CITY

# Soaring Ahead in the Nepali Sky



## TIMELINE

### 1996

APRIL - Registered Buddha Air Pvt. Ltd.

### 1997

OCTOBER - First Flight Took Off on a Beechcraft 1900D (9N-AEE).  
SEPTEMBER - Fleet consisted of only Beechcraft 1900D.

### 2008

AUGUST - IFC World Bank provided a 10-year long term loan of US\$ 10 million for hangar construction and to purchase two ATR 42-320s. The loan was cleared 3 years ahead of schedule.

SEPTEMBER - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 42-320.

### 2010

AUGUST - Began first international flight to Paro, Bhutan.  
JULY - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-AJ0).

### 2009

MAY - Bought the third ATR 42-320.

### 2018

Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-AMU).

MARCH - EXPANDED THE FLEET FAMILY TO INCLUDE ATR 72-500 (9N-AMF).

### 2019

OCTOBER - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-ANI).

AUGUST - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-AMY).

### 2021

AUGUST - Started direct flights between Pokhara-Nepalganj-Pokhara & Bharatpur-Bhairahawa-Bharatpur.

JULY - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-AJL).

FEBRUARY - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-ANH).

### 2023

JULY - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-ANQ).

AUGUST - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-ANW).

NOVEMBER - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-AOC).

## 2011

SEPTEMBER - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-AJS).

## 2012

Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-AJX).

## 2014

Buddha Air Hangar Construction Project won IPMA Excellence Award.

## 2016

Successfully completed the AvMaSSI OSA program comprising of a harmonized series of international practices based on ICAO Annexes.

## 2017

SEPTEMBER - Started direct flights between Pokhara and Bhairahawa and Pokhara and Bharatpur.

MARCH - Expanded the fleet family to include ATR 72-500 (9N-AMD)



## FEBRUARY 2023



### BIDDING FAREWELL TO BEECHCRAFT 1900D

In February of 2023, we bid farewell to our two Beechcraft 1900D aircrafts that had been a part of Buddha Air's fleet since our inception. The fleet had a seat capacity of 18 passengers. We sold the aircrafts to a Canadian Aviation Company who were appreciative of the maintenance and preservation of these aircrafts.

## SEPTEMBER 2024



### FAREWELL TO 9N-AIN

SEPTEMBER 10 - Buddha Air held a heartfelt farewell ceremony for its aircraft 9N-AIN, marking the end of an era for the beloved regional carrier. The aircraft, a key part of the Buddha Air fleet, has served the airline since 2008, connecting passengers to various destinations across Nepal with safety and reliability.

## MARKETING

Over nearly three decades, Buddha Air has established itself as Nepal's leader in domestic pressurized aircraft operations, holding 60% of the market share in 2024/25. Our consistent growth in revenue and market presence reflects the loyalty of our passengers and their trust in our commitment to safe, high-quality service.

“Commanding  
the Skies,  
Connecting  
the Nation”



**27,969,250**  
HAPPY PASSENGERS

Oct 1997 to September 2025



FY 2024/25  
**60%**  
MARKET  
SHARE



## ECO FLIGHTS

Our ATR 72 and ATR 42 aircraft are among the most fuel-efficient and eco-friendly in their category. Manufactured by ATR in Toulouse, France, they embody cutting-edge technology and sustainability. In 2024/25, we reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to just 0.1986 kg per passenger per mile.

Through advanced flight data monitoring, we focus on lowering fuel consumption and cutting carbon emissions by 8% to 18%, achieved via enhanced Air Traffic Management and optimised operational procedures.



### Eco-conscious Aircraft

ATR 72-500

Seat Capacity: 72

No. of Aircraft: 16

In the fiscal year 2024/25, it consumed up to 135,465,054 litres of fuel in 140,111 hours of air time, which is 14 litres per hour per passenger.



### Eco-conscious Aircraft

ATR 42-320

Seat Capacity: 47

No. of Aircraft: 02

In the fiscal year 2024/25, it consumed up to 51,855,585 litres of fuel in 65,721 hours of air time, which is 18 litres per hour per passenger.



‘>Loading a  
Dream  
to Fly  
Green’



## HANGAR

Built in 2012 at Tribhuvan International Airport, our \$2.5 million hangar spans 37,000 square feet. Certified as a Part 145 Approved Maintenance Organisation by CAAN, it is Nepal's only international-standard closed-door hangar. Home to extensive spare parts and specialized tools, the hangar ensures top-tier safety and reliability for our fleet and provides maintenance services to regional carriers including NOVO Air (Bangladesh) and Druk Air (Bhutan).

### MAINTENANCE

FEATURES	NO. OF CHECKS
1C	<b>35</b>
2C	<b>16</b>
4C	<b>06</b>
34K	<b>03</b>
36K	<b>10</b>
2YE	<b>67</b>
4YE	<b>39</b>
8YE	<b>22</b>
10YE	<b>04</b>
12YE	<b>11</b>

Inside the hangar, we strictly adhere to all maintenance protocols to uphold the highest safety standards for our fleet. Following the Approved Maintenance Program set by CAAN, we ensure every aircraft performs at its best.





‘Nepal’s Only International-Standard  
Closed-Door Hangar Facility’



## HANGAR FEATURES

Equipped to accommodate Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 aircraft, the hangar features state-of-the-art facilities for both Aircraft Base Maintenance and Component Maintenance.

Accredited for comprehensive maintenance of ATR aircraft, the hangar handles all Base Maintenance tasks including 'C' Checks, 12-year inspections, 36,000 Cycle Threshold Inspections and aircraft modifications.

Home to world-class storage facilities, the hangar safeguards aircraft spare parts and materials valued at approximately US\$22 million.

Buddha Air is the only domestic airline in Nepal that voluntarily implements a Flight Data Monitoring System within its Safety

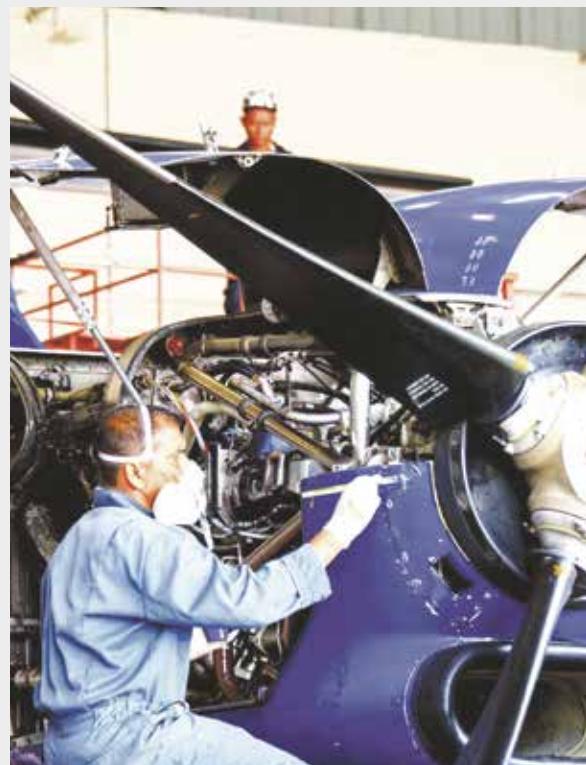


Management, enabling continuous flight analysis and monitoring to enhance overall flight safety.

The hangar also houses Nepal's only ATR Flight Panel Trainer (FPT), a specialised facility dedicated to effectively training pilots and engineers, equipping them to handle challenging and adverse situations confidently.



We maintain the most extensive inventory of spare parts and specialised tools among all private airlines in Nepal, specifically for ATR 42-320 and ATR 72-500 aircraft, with a value of approximately US\$28 million.



• Precision  
Care for  
Flying Safely •

## TECHNICAL ENHANCEMENT

Our technical department has workshop facilities featuring various tools and capabilities, all approved by the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN). These specialised workshops uphold the highest standards of maintenance across multiple aircraft components.



### 1. Wheel and Brake Shop

This shop specialises in central maintenance of aircraft wheels and brakes, offering tire changes, servicing, repairs, and complete overhauls. Every task complies with the Component Maintenance Manual to guarantee optimal safety and reliability.



### 2. Battery Shop

Our Battery Shop provides comprehensive maintenance services, including routine checks, capacity testing, periodic inspections, complete overhauls, and conditioning of new batteries.



### 3. Calibration Shop

The Calibration Shop handles the recertification, calibration, and adjustment of measuring instruments in line with the company's capability list, ensuring accuracy and precision at all times.



### 4. Sheet Metal Shop

This facility carries out repairs on structures and structural components in accordance with approved Structural Repair Manuals or authorised repair drawings and schemes.



### 5. CVR/FDR Read-Out Facility

Our Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) and Flight Data Recorder (FDR) read-out facility specialises in extracting and analysing data per the company's capabilities.



## TECHNICAL TEAM

Buddha Air's Part 145 Maintenance Organisation and Part M Continuing Airworthiness Management, approved by CAAN, undergo regular audits by CAAN and other external agencies to ensure compliance and high standards.

### 6. Composite & De-Icer Boot Shop

This shop carries out repairs on composite structures and components, as well as inspecting, repairing, replacing, and testing De-Icer boots.



### 7. Starter Generator Shop

The Starter Generator Shop performs minor repairs, component replacements, and maintenance tasks such as brush and bearing changes for ATR 42 and ATR 72 aircraft, following approved CMM/OMM/AMM guidelines or special instructions listed in the company's capability list.



### 8. Avionics Shop

The Avionics Shop is responsible for repairing radio equipment, replacing parts, and conducting tests, all in accordance with approved CMM/OMM/AMM/Equipment manuals or special instructions outlined in the company's capability list.



### 9. NDT Shop

Our Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) Shop carries out a range of inspection methods, including ultrasonic, X-ray, Eddy current, fluorescent penetrant, and magnetic particle inspections on aircraft and their components.



### 10. Paint Shop

The Paint Shop delivers painting services for aircraft and components, strictly adhering to manufacturer specifications to guarantee high-quality finishes.





## TECHNICAL ENHANCEMENT

Nepal's diverse geographical terrain and unpredictable weather create unique challenges for aviation. To overcome these, Buddha Air has adopted a state-of-the-art, internationally recognized computing system developed by its own IT team. Powered by AI technology, this system has made flight operations, maintenance, and workforce management and training more precise and efficient.





### FLIGHT OPERATIONS

- \* Preparing and organizing routes, fuel requirements, weather considerations, and operational details to ensure safe and efficient flights.
- \* The process covers hazard, issue or incident reporting, corrective action, safety policies, events management and safety promotion history, as well as safety training and management.

### MRO

The process includes maintenance planning, work order generation (inspection, conditions, and dispositions), acquisition quotation, material planning and indenting, Form 1 generation, delivery note preparation, and invoicing.

### CREW MANAGEMENT

A Web and App based solution for Crew Rostering, License Upgrading, Flight Duty Time Limitations & Crew Trainings / Documents Management.

## OPERATIONS

Buddha Air's Operational Department focuses primarily on safety, ensuring flight safety, preventing accidents, and providing comprehensive training for crew members. This department ensures that all flights operate securely and fully comply with the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN) standards.

To enhance skills, Buddha Air invests approximately US\$600,000 annually in training programs. This includes using dedicated six-axis simulators for crew training and mandatory refresher courses. Committed to safety, we ensure that all cockpit crew members operating ATR aircraft undergo refresher training on these specialised simulators, fully complying with CAAN regulations.

Our crew regularly conducts refresher training to maintain the highest flight safety standards.



### ATR Aircraft Flight Panel Trainer (FPT)

For the first time in Nepal, we introduced the ATR Aircraft Flight Panel Trainer (FPT), providing an advanced training platform for our pilots and engineers. This trainer allows them to gain hands-on experience handling challenging situations and technical malfunctions in a safe, simulated environment.

### Safety Audit

Our Compliance Monitoring and Quality Assurance Department conducts regular audits across all departments to ensure adherence to relevant regulations and standards. These audits are vital for maintaining our high-quality benchmarks. Through annual assessments, we reaffirm our dedication to upholding world-class safety practices.



## Flight Data Monitoring (FDM)

Every flight operated by Buddha Air undergoes continuous real-time monitoring through our Flight Data Monitoring System (FDM), which records and analyses flight data. This system identifies trends and deviations within 24 hours, enabling thorough investigations of incidents to ensure maximum safety and efficiency. Prompt corrective actions are taken, and pilots receive targeted training based on the findings.

The flight data is transmitted to CASSIOPÉE, a leading FDM service provider from Sagem, with data typically received within two hours for further analysis by our FDM team.

This proactive approach exemplifies Buddha Air's commitment to going the extra mile, prioritising passenger safety, ensuring a comfortable flight experience, and fostering continuous expertise development among our crew.



Real-Time  
Data, Safer  
Skies

## A Team of Sixteen Instructor Pilots

To ensure operational excellence, Buddha Air conducts regular training programs that keep flight personnel proficient and prepared. Our pilots begin their journey with initial training in the United States, followed by advanced simulator sessions with the aircraft manufacturer.

Enhancing both safety and efficiency, Buddha Air is supported by a dedicated team of eighteen instructor pilots. This expert team plays a vital role in guiding and assisting pilots, ensuring the highest standards of performance in every flight.



## OUR PEOPLE

At Buddha Air, we've cultivated a learning-driven, growth-oriented environment that empowers our employees to thrive. For over 28 years, it's been their unwavering dedication and passion that have propelled our success in the aviation industry.

From the moment a passenger books a ticket to their safe arrival at their destination, our team works tirelessly behind the scenes and on the frontlines to deliver a seamless, comfortable, and reliable flight experience.

Every journey we operate is a reflection of our people — their commitment to service, safety, and hospitality.

With over 1,500 employees across 14 departments, Buddha Air fosters a culture of learning, growth, and excellence. In 2024-25, we invested nearly US\$1,477,265 in technical training and US\$159,304 in non-technical development.

Our employees are the backbone of our success, ensuring passengers enjoy safe, smooth, and comfortable journeys from booking to landing.



• A team of 1500+ working to make sure you get home safe •



**US\$ 1,477,265.61**  
**TECHNICAL TRAINING**  
**FY 2024/25**

**US\$ 159,804.47**  
**NON-TECHNICAL TRAINING**  
**FY 2024/25**

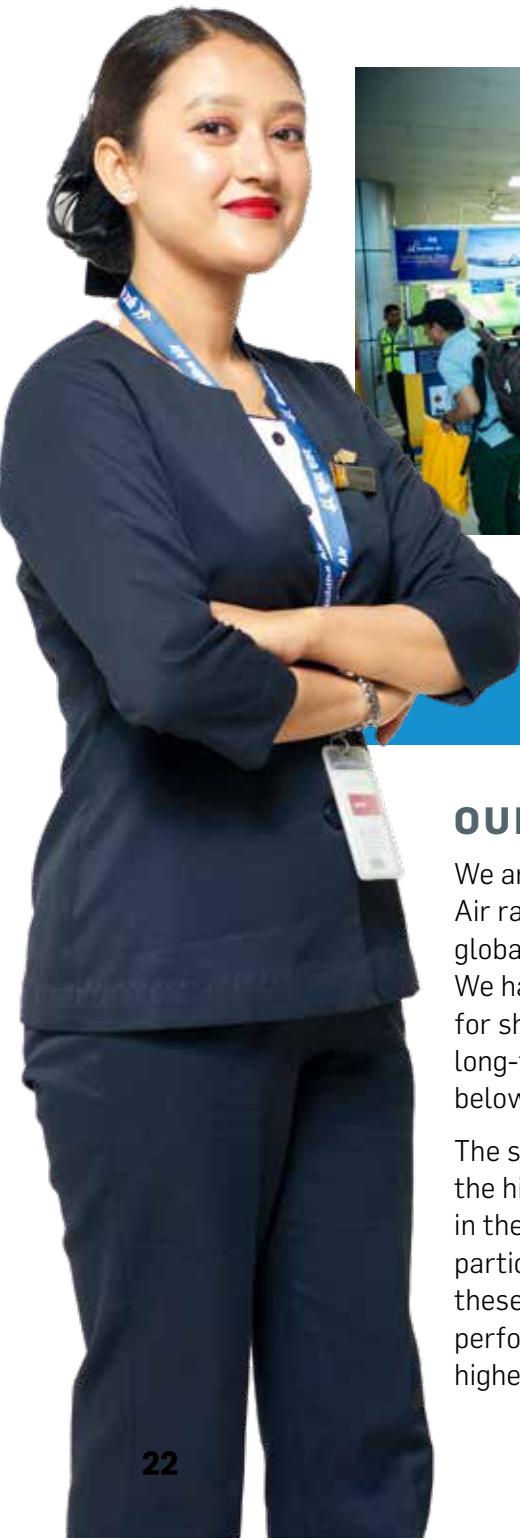


## FINANCE

From an initial investment of Rs. 50 million, Buddha Air has grown into an airline with assets exceeding Rs. 7 billion and projected revenue of Rs. 13.5 billion for FY 2024/25. Accredited with an A1 short-term and LA long-term rating by ICRA Nepal, we remain one of the strongest private airlines financially. We proudly contribute to Nepal's

economy, with over Rs. 41 million paid in direct taxes and Rs. 65 million in indirect taxes.

Thanks to the trust and support of our valued customers, we have achieved steady revenue growth. Starting with an initial investment of Rs 50 million and loans, we have successfully built assets valued at over Rs 7 billion.



ICRA  
NEPAL



Issuers with this rating are considered to have the adequate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such issuers carry low credit risk.

## OUR CREDIT RATING ACHIEVEMENT

We are proud to share that Buddha Air ranks among the top 1% globally in aviation credit ratings. We have been accredited with A1 for short-term loans and LA for long-term loans—just two notches below the highest rating.

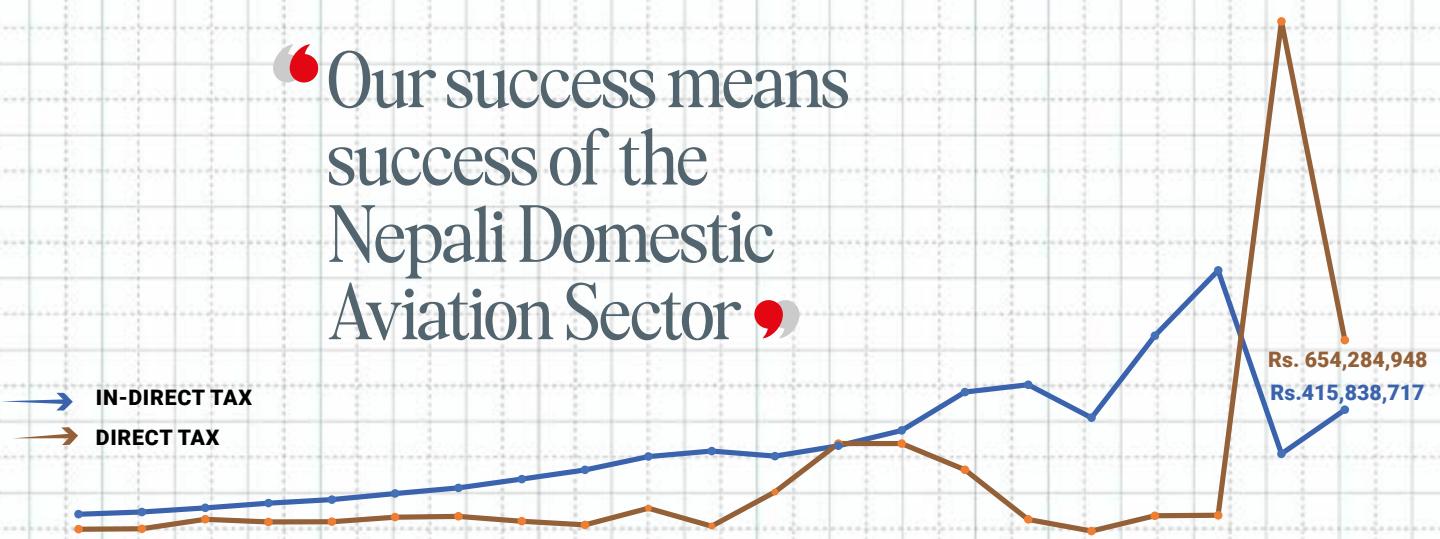
The slight downgrade reflects the high financial risk inherent in the global aviation industry, particularly in Nepal. Without these external industry risks, our performance would merit an even higher rating.

This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our employees and the good governance principles we have upheld since our inception 28 years ago. It also reinforces that our investments in safety meet global standards.

The rating was conducted by ICRA Nepal Limited, the first credit rating agency in Nepal and a subsidiary of ICRA Limited, India, as required by the Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB).



‘Our success means success of the Nepali Domestic Aviation Sector’



\*Company went into loss due to the Covid-19 Pandemic



## HIMALAYA FLIGHT

In 1997, Buddha Air embarked on its historic flight over the stunning Everest range. Now, 28 years later, we proudly offer three extraordinary experiences that give passengers the chance to fully embrace the awe-inspiring beauty of these magnificent mountains. Our aircraft, featuring advanced avionics, cutting-edge instruments, and a modern airframe, guarantees a safe and comfortable flight.



### ■ EVEREST EXPERIENCE

Buddha Air's Everest Experience Mountain Flight has proudly received TripAdvisor's prestigious "Certificate of Excellence" for four consecutive years (2017–2020). This thrilling one-hour journey from Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) offers passengers stunning close-up views of 20 of the world's highest peaks, including Mt. Cho-Oyu, Mt. Shisha Pangma, Mt. Everest, and Mt. Lhotse.



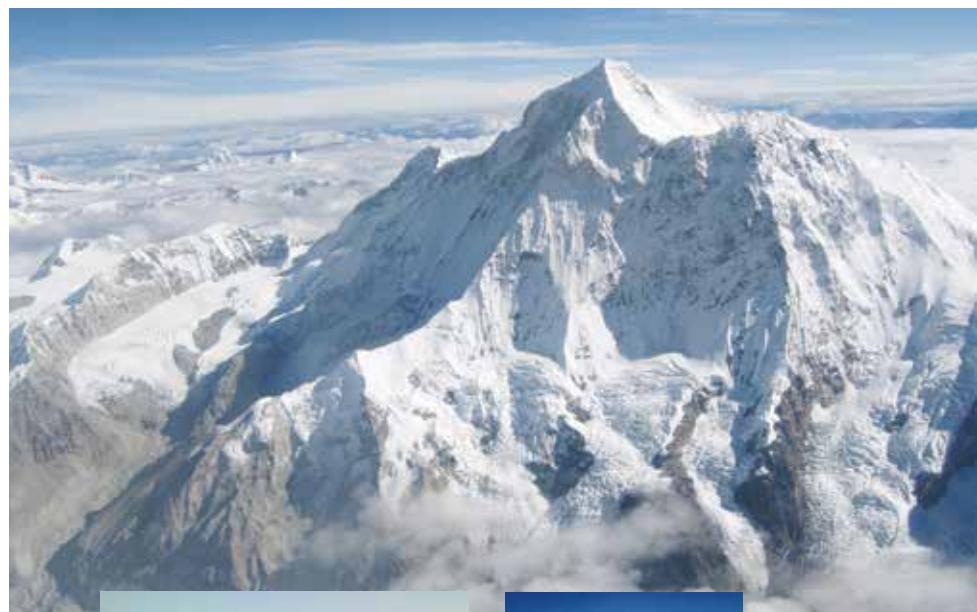
## ■ ANNAPURNA EXPERIENCE

This 30-minute scenic flight departs early morning from Pokhara, soaring over the magnificent Annapurna range. Passengers enjoy views of some of the world's highest peaks, pristine lakes, and stunning glaciers. Key highlights include Mt. Annapurna, Mt. Dhaulagiri, Mt. Machhapuchhre, Mt. Lamjung, and Mt. Manaslu.



## ■ HIMALAYAN KORA EXPERIENCE

Taking off from Pokhara Airport at 6 a.m., this 90-minute flight offers a breathtaking showcase of the Himalayas. Travelling west to east—from Pokhara to the Everest region, it presents panoramic views of Himalayan marvels. Highlights include Mt. Machhapuchhre, Mt. Annapurna, Mt. Manaslu, and Mt. Dhaulagiri, extending toward the Ganesh Himal, Gauri Shankar Range, Mt. Langtang, Mt. Makalu, and culminating with the majestic Mt. Everest.



## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Agriculture plays a central role in the livelihoods of most Nepalese, with rice production alone contributing 1% to the country's annual economic growth. As a staple in the Nepali diet, rice is an essential cash crop, with over 30% of Nepal's land dedicated to agriculture, half of which is suitable for paddy cultivation.

However, with the increasing impact of climate change, it has become crucial to adopt advanced farming techniques that can adapt to shifting environmental conditions. Nepal's dependence on rice is significant, with the average Nepali consuming around 137.5 kg of rice annually. Unfortunately, only 40% of this rice is domestically cultivated, with the remainder imported from India. Erratic weather, poor irrigation, inadequate fertilizers, and pest infestations are anticipated to further reduce crop yields.

As a socially responsible corporate entity, Buddha Air believes in making a positive impact where it matters most. Since 2000, we have been actively supporting hundreds of farmers across the Jhapa, Morang, Sunsari, and Saptari districts, recognizing the importance of agriculture to the livelihood of the majority of Nepal's population. Our efforts are focused on driving progress for both society and the economy.

Our CSR also comprises of consistent effort to serve for the people. We have been contributing to support the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) along with various governmental and non-governmental organizations by providing food and money to areas affected by Flood and Earthquake. Buddha Air has also been supporting individuals living in rural areas to access eye check ups and treatment. We try our best to make regular efforts to further build our CSR and contribute in social services and disaster support services as a core priority.



‘Flying  
for  
a Cause’



## — Our Values —

### ■ People-First

Success, growth and prosperity are always shared. We put our people first and do our best for them, so that they can do their best for each other, for our company and for our customers.

### ■ Integrity & Transparency

Working with honesty and integrity in every aspect of our business is how we move ahead. How we function internally, treat our customers, and how we conduct ourselves externally reflects on our results. Rules and regulations are to be followed, but the spirit of transparency is what is most important.

### ■ Pursuing Excellence

Getting honored with the title of 'Nepal's leading domestic airline', we must keep building on it. From our 'firsts' to our 'bests', we aim to set

and maintain the benchmark for exemplary management, operational excellence and customer satisfaction.

### ■ Connecting Nepal

By conducting thousands of people every single day, we are expanding our mobility and access for all citizens and non-citizens of Nepal. Furthering, deepening and easing these connections helps us while our flyers and our economy flourish.

### ■ Conscious Change

After having operated for 28 years in a fast-paced industry, we are always looking for ways to transform and develop in ways that are consistent with our values and legacy.



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