

2.3.7 Nepal Minor Border Crossing - Darchula

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Overview

The Darchula customs office is a sub-customs office of Mahakali customs under Department of Customs of Nepal for Sudurpashchim province. It lies on the western border between India and Nepal. There is a parallel road on the Nepal and India side, but the roads are not connected across the Mahakali river and hence is inaccessible for vehicles. A suspension bridge for pedestrians only is the only means to cross this border between Nepal and India.

Mahakali-Darchula is a minor border crossing, not rated among the main 23 border crossing points in terms of import share. Therefore this crossing point is not recommended for cargo import and export.



Boarding crossing –Mahakali, Darchula (Sudurpashchim)

Border Crossing Location and Contact	
Name of Border Crossing	Darchula - sub-customs office of Mahakali-Ghatbazar Country #1: Nepal Country #2: India
Province or District	Sudurpaschim Province in Nepal Uttarakhand, India
Nearest Town or City with Distance from Border Crossing	Mahakali Municipality in Nepal - 0 km Pithauragad in India - 91 km
Latitude	29° 845641 N
Longitude	80° 539815 E
Managing Authority / Agency	Government of Nepal-Ministry of finance Department of Custom-Mahakali-Jhulaghat Custom Office

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Travel Times	
Nearest International Airport	Name: Tribhuvan International Airport Distance is 970 km Truck Travel Time: 25-30 hrs Car Travel time: 20-25 hrs
Nearest Port	Name: Purano bazar Darchula Distance is 0 km Truck Travel Time: 0 Minutes Car Travel time: 0 Minutes
Nearest location with functioning wholesale markets, or with significant manufacturing or production capacity	Name: Purano bazar Darchula Distance is 0 km Truck Travel Time: 0 Minutes Car Travel time: 0 Minutes
Other Information	Kolkata is the nearest sea port in India side to import and export third country goods 1640 km away from Darchula takes 35-40 Hours travel time. The only one Integrated Check Post with the port facility is available only in Birgunj-Bara in Nepal, which is 990 km away from Darchula takes around 22-24 hour travel time.

Hours of Operation	
Mondays	13:00 HOURS 06:15 AM to 07:15 PM
Tuesdays	13:00 HOURS 06:15 AM to 07:15 PM
Wednesdays	13:00 HOURS 06:15 AM to 07:15 PM
Thursdays	13:00 HOURS 06:15 AM to 07:15 PM
Fridays	13:00 HOURS 06:15 AM to 07:15 PM
Saturdays	13:00 HOURS 06:15 AM to 07:15 PM
Sundays	13:00 HOURS 06:15 AM to 07:15 PM
National Holidays	N/A
Seasonal Constraints	Flood in Mahakali river during July and August

Daily Capacity

The Mahakali road is usually not congested with traffic and is also in good condition (operates 12 months in a year). However, the road is single-lane. Approximately 500m near the Nepal-India border the road is not black-topped given that the suspension bridge is only for pedestrian purposes, porters are required to transport goods. The nearest Indian city is Pithauragad (91km) and takes approximately 3 hours by vehicle.

Customs Clearance

Compulsory documents for custom clearance:

- D & T Exemption Certificate
- Invoice
- AWB/BL/Other Transport Documents
- Donation/Non-Commercial Certificates
- Packing list
- Letter of credit
- Certificate of origin
- Certificate of insurance
- Bill of Lading / Airway Bill
- Industry Registration Certificates
- Permanent Account Number (with VAT Registration and Income Tax Registration if not exempt)

For more information on customs in Darchula, Sudurpashchim, Nepal, please see the following link: [1.3 Nepal Customs Information](#)

Other Relevant Information

The delays at Border Posts can be extensive, from 2 days to a week-long. This is not an appropriate crossing border point to import and export goods in huge volume.

For more information on government contact details, please see the following link: [4.1 Nepal Government Contact List](#)