

# **Jeff Currier** *global fly fishing*

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Kathmandu, Nepal



**Jeff Currier and  
his wife Granny on  
a rickshaw in  
Kathmandu, Nepal**

Here we are in Nepal beginning our 2½ month adventure through Nepal and India. The adventure will begin with the trek to Mt Everest Base Camp. This will start tomorrow and last about 20 days. Upon return we will work our way south to India. This entire trip, we will fish the best looking rivers and lakes in hopes of getting into one of the worlds greatest and rarest game fish, the Mahseer.

We have survived the 1st 24hr! Wow, is this place a trip! We were beat to hell when I emailed you yesterday at about 5pm. After that we got a few things organized and actually met up with a French friend of Derek's for beer and dinner. We knew she would be here as Derek got us in touch and she will trek with us. The more the better under the circumstances.

We were struggling not to sleep through our meeting with her but managed to make it through until about 8pm before returning to our room. Despite loud Beatles music played live by some horrible band a block away, I slept like a dream (with the help of a sleeping pill) until 5 this morning and today am pretty much jet-lag free. Granny on the other hand doesn't believe in my jet lag fixing trick and felt that because she was so tired already she wouldn't need any help and instead awoke at 2 and stayed awake. She will believe me from now on.

There actually are few tourists around. Word is that the Maoist truly respect the tourist and except for the occasional robbing really don't mess with us too much. We'll see about that. One thing for sure, the people are very nice. They stare at you a lot, but for the most part are very nice. Not too much begging or bothering either although I look like shit with a purpose straggly beard and still no shower since Victor that probably makes them a bit weary. Perhaps they figure me as some Western renegade.

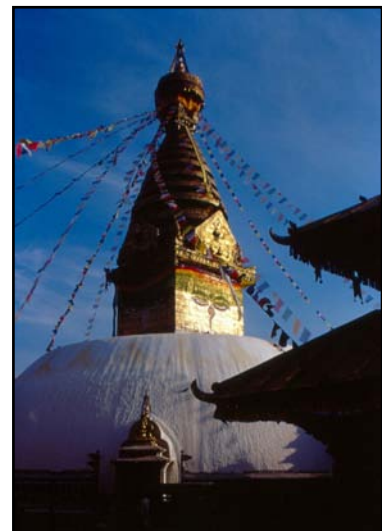
Tomorrow is a big day. We are flying to the Everest Region to hike to Base Camp. Our number one goal to accomplish. We figure a 50-50 chance of making it to Base Camp. The elevation of over 18000 is the concern. We have added to the hike due to a report that a certain pass is open. It allows us to add about 10 miles to the trek and approach Everest from its most visible and spectacular side. The Trek will now take at least 20 days. We spent the day doing some final organizing, got permits and even relaxed in hot sun on our hotel deck for a couple hours drinking Nepal's finest beer "Tiger". There's your weather report Ma. That will change when we get to the start of the trail at 9000ft tomorrow.

Because our trek begins tomorrow, we will be out of touch until the end of the month. Look forward to a full report about the trip!

Well, take care!

Beckles, you're in charge of my Email now, do me a favor and print these briefings out for me just in case my journal doesn't make it home.

Bye Bye, JEFF



**The famous "Monkey Temple" in Nepal**