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From the perspective of Itreknepal, the fact that the political opposition walked out of government in September demanding Nepal's monarchy be abolished before elections slated for November is more a cause for celebration than for fear. After a decade long civil war ended last year, the fact that the opposition is able to negotiate rather than take up arms is a sign that all parties are committed to peace. For travelers who have yearned to visit this majestic country during the past ten years, but who have been afraid to do so peace and stability mean a lot.

For members of the Itreknepal management who were in Nepal when hostilities broke out a decade ago, the cessation of hostilities has meant that their dream of a company which can provide the best custom trips for clients, while respecting and giving back to the Nepalese has become a reality. Itreknepal, co-founded by longtime friends Leigh Wilson and Ambir Gurung, has brought about a company that brings together Nepal and Western management in its efforts to provide the best possible experience for trekkers while improving the lives of Nepalese guides and porters.

After a decade of war in which tourism was severely depressed and jobs in the tourism industry were far and few between many Nepalese are thrilled to see more visitors returning to the country. According to Wilson, "While most companies only pay guides and porters union rates per trek when available, we pay yearly salaries, health insurance and union rates whilst actually on treks to ensure the highest quality of service and a shared interest in the customer experience." Such policies lead to enthusiasm and loyalty by Itreknepal employees.

Wilson also states, "We're different from other Nepal trekking agencies in several ways. For one thing we never require a down payment prior to trekkers arriving in Nepal." Andy Leonard, Itreknepal's Operations Director and Trekking Consultant says, "This means that trekkers can rest assured they won't get hit with a hefty nonrefundable deposit if something goes wrong at the last minute and the trekker isn't able to make it."

Asked what sets Itreknepal apart from other companies that are once again operating in Nepal Wilson says, "It always surprises me that people whom pay thousands to go on a trek are prepared to put up with little more than a backpacker holiday. Most international companies use local trek companies and are merely outside representatives. The result is large returns for little service, cheap hotels, poor equipment and guides whom have little care or knowledge above providing for backpacker style vacations. Our staff are trained to provide something close to what people expect when they pay US \$1,000; a really nice vacation, good quality hotels, new equipment, the best guides and porters, but we provide it for a fraction of the cost."

About: Itreknepal treks have been carefully researched to ensure safe and enjoyable trips. Only the best accommodations, guides and porters are used, and all treks can be customized to the clients preferences. To learn more about this [Nepal trekking company](http://www.itreknepal.com) visit their website at <http://www.itreknepal.com>