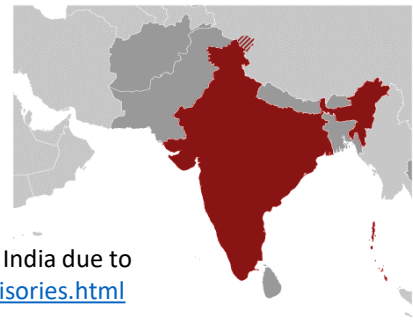


India

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens' exercise increased caution in India due to crime and terrorism. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[91] (11) 2419-8000; US Embassy in New Delhi, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi – 110021, India; acsnd@state.gov;

<https://in.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

91

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 102; Fire: 101; Police: 100, 103 (traffic accident)

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for India: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, cholera, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, COVID-19.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

Climate

Varies from tropical monsoon in south to temperate in north

Currency (Code)

Indian rupees (INR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, D, M



Type C



Type D



Type M

Major Languages

Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil, Gujarati, Urdu, Kannada, Odia, Malayalam, Punjabi, Assamese, Maithili, English

Major Religions

Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh

Time Difference

UTC+5.5 (10.5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

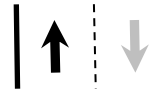
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

Taj Mahal; Delhi; Dhamek Stupa; Amer Fort; Beaches of Goa; Periyar National Park; Agra Fort; Ellora Caves; Mehrangarh Fort; Nalanda Mahavihara Archaeological Site; Mahabodhi Temple

Major Sports

Cricket, field hockey, soccer, badminton, tennis, kabaddi (contact team sport played between two teams of seven players each)

Cultural Practices

Wearing shoes indoors and pointing at people is considered rude.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping 7-10% of the total bill is sufficient at restaurants. Round up taxi fares. Tip bellhops loose change for carrying bags to your room. For housekeeping, tip 5-7% of the hotel charge per night divided by the number of days stayed.

Souvenirs

Handmade shoes and leather goods, traditional saris, Nehru jackets, gold and bangle jewelry, furniture and lacquered decorative items, brass and wood carvings; cardamom, cinnamon, curry, saffron, and other spices; antiques

Traditional Cuisine

Khichdi — a dish of rice and lentils; Biryani — long-grain rice cooked with spices and meat and often topped with fried onion flakes and boiled eggs; Tandoori Chicken — whole chicken marinated in yogurt and spices, and baked in a tandoor (a traditional Indian clay oven)

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