

# India

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State 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 U.S. 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, Chanakypuri, New Delhi – 110021, India; [acsnd@state.gov](mailto:acsnd@state.gov); <https://in.usembassy.gov/>

### Disabled Travelers

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

### LGBTQ+ Travelers

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

### Women Travelers

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

### Telephone Code

91

### Local Emergency Phone

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

### Vaccinations

<http://www.who.int/>

### 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

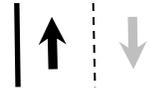
Opt for bottled water

### 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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