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India

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens Exercise increased caution in India due to crime and terrorism. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

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

Telephone Code 91

Local Emergency Phone

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

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

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 type(s): C, D, M



Major Languages Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil, Gujarati, Urdu, Kannada, Odia, Malayalam,

Punjabi, Assamese, Maithili, English

Hindu 79.8%, Muslim 14.2%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.7%

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

Potable Water Opt for bottled water.

Religions

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 Archaelogical 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.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int

<u>US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens.</u> https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html

To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:

American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and

American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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