

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Passport and visa

You need to apply and pay for your Indian visa. Your passport should have at least six months validity from the date of arrival in India. If valid for less than six months you will be refused entry.

There is a convenient 30 DAY online E-Tourist visa:

Apply 30 days before your date of travel.

APPLY HERE: <http://indianvisaonline.gov.in>

Your 30-day E-Tourist Visa costs around AUD \$40 and takes about three days. The E-Tourist Visa gives you double entry into India and is valid for 30 days from the date you arrive.

Do I need travel insurance?

YES, because it just makes sense! We require that your policy covers medical expenses including emergency repatriation and trip cancellation, this may cover cancellation penalties if YOU unexpectedly have to cancel your trip due to illness, injury or unforeseen circumstances.

We require a copy of your travel insurance as soon as possible.

What vaccines do I need?

See your doctor around 6 weeks before you travel for the best advice on what you need. Hepatitis A & B and Typhoid vaccines are recommended. And make sure your Tetanus vaccine is up to date.

Should I take malaria medicine?

Discuss this with your doctor. Use common sense approaches to prevent bites, including long sleeves/pants at dawn/dusk and mosquito repellent.

What about money? Credit cards? Will there be ATMs?

CASH, Indian currency is the Rupee. Once you arrive in India we'll help you get the best exchange rate for your cash (you'll get a low rate at the airport). Be sure to bring the highest value note from your country to get the best rate.

There are ATMs at every destination. You can use credit cards for large purchases such as furniture, carpets, jewellery, etc.

Be sure to alert your bank that you will be traveling so they don't block your card when they see it being used overseas.

What's the accommodation like?

We choose our hotels based on location, cleanliness, safety, price and the good relationships we have with owners and staff. Your hotel room has air-conditioning and ensuite western style bathrooms. India is a magical place with its unique facets and quirks, staying in Indian hotels is another way to experience the country and its culture. Location is crucial - we want you to feel comfortable should you wish to explore on your own, so we find hotels that are close to the action, while still being as quiet and private as possible. A little patience might occasionally be needed for hot water and wifi. All our hotels have a doctor on call.

Laundry Service

All our hotels offer a next day laundry service, however, we suggest you hand wash delicate items.

Hair Dryers & Ironing

All our hotels have hair dryers.

And there's always an iron or pressing service available.

FACT SHEETS

Don't worry if you are not up to date on your Indian history and geography... you'll have your own folder of Fact Sheets with an overview of the points of interest and what there is to see in each place we visit.

Do I have to stay with the group, or can I venture out on my own?

There's a lot to see and do in a short time. We schedule in some free time for relaxing or exploring on your own. Let us know in advance should you choose not to participate in any of the scheduled group activities. The yoga sessions are optional but highly recommended.

YOGA! What if I'm new to yoga, can I still come?

YES! Previous guests found the gentle stretches and inward reflection the perfect balance to the hustle and bustle of India. If you can breathe - you can practice yoga! Anyone can join in, a flexible body is not a requirement.

What about food, I'm not sure if I like Indian food?

We will explain local foods and delicacies, not all Indian food is spicy. We recommend and encourage you to choose a vegetarian diet for the duration of the tour. Most restaurants serve Western food - everything from pizza to fries and pasta. We will help and advise you if you have food allergies and/or intolerances. Gluten is avoidable in India. Vegetarians will have a huge choice.

How many people are going?

A minimum of 10 guests are required in order for the tour to go ahead. We will take up to 15 guests in total.

What shall I pack?

About six weeks before departure you'll receive a suggested packing list and lots of helpful info to ensure you are well informed.

Smoking?

None of our hotels allow smoking in the rooms.
It is not permitted during group meals and activities.