

India Travel Checklist

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- India Trip
 - When applying for a visa for India, get a multiple entry visa.
 - Make photo copies of main pages of your passport and take a copy with you.
 - Pack a few photos in your wallet if you plan on exploring many Indian destinations.
 - Do not plan to arrive in India without a prior hotel booking.
 - If you do not have a local contact meeting you at the airport then ask your hotel to send a car for you.
 - Stick to a taxi provided by the hotel you will be staying at.
 - Cover yourself with travel insurance for thefts, loss and medi-claim.
 - Carry proper maps of the places proposed to visit in India, as sign-boards are often absent.
 - Do not leave your cash and valuables in your hotel rooms.
- Sightseeing
 - Use licensed guides for sightseeing.
 - Check your sightseeing package before paying for it.
 - Make sure it is conducted in a language you understand.
 - Study the details and ask questions as to how much time each location will be allotted before deciding on which sightseeing tour to take.
- Health
 - Avoid tap water and if bottled water is not available stick to soft drinks.
 - Avoid adding adding ice to your drinks.
 - Check the seal on the water bottle and buy water from reputable stores.
 - Don't eat in a restaurant where there is no one else.
 - Avoid tourist buffets, where the food is likely to have been sitting out.
 - Don't drink from the glass if it looks slightly even dirty.
 - Avoid street food.