Rising Star Outreach

ARRIVING IN INDIA

IT'S AROUND THE CORNER!

CONTACT | BAGGAGE INFO | FLIGHT DELAYS | TRAVEL TIPS

This is the final information you will receive to assist you in preparation for your expedition to India. Within this document you will find:

- **Contact information**
- **Baggage information**
- **Information about flight delays**
- **Travel tips**

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. You may email travel@risingstaroutreach.org or call Brenda Angle at (480) 221-6040.

We look forward to working with you to lift, love and serve the leprosy community.

Warmest Regards,

Your Rising Star Outreach Travel Team

Contact Information

Indian Reference

You may need to provide an Indian Reference contact during your stay in India. This information is found below:

Reference Name in India:

> Choice 1 (**PLEASE USE, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**) - Provide them the name and address for your tour travel provider group, if you are planning to do a tour before or after your trip with Rising Star Outreach. You should get this contact information from your tour provider, ahead of time. You can write it in, for convenience, here:
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> Choice 2 - If you are not planning to do any touring before or after your experience with Rising Star Outreach Abroad, please contact Brenda at travel@risingstaroutreach.org and we will provide you with a name and address.

Hotel address:

You may also be asked for the hotel address associated with your stay. This will either be the Westin Hotel in Chennai, per our recommendation, or the address of whatever hotel you choose to stay at, as needed, depending on when you arrive. Listed below is the address and phone number for the Westin In Chennai:

> **Westin Chennai Velachery**
> 154, Velachery Rd, TN Police Housing Colony, Velachery, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, 600042
> Phone Number: +914466333777

Immigration Question Tips

Where are you heading? State that you are heading to tour southern and northern India. **Be sure to say that you are a TOURIST and be sure to list TOURIST on all arrival forms.**

Did you pack your bag? YES

What To Do If Your Flight is Delayed

If your flight is delayed and you will miss your connecting flight, please contact either our Provo office or our Managing Director in India:

US Office
Brenda Angle
Email: travel@risingstaroutreach.org .
Office Phone: (801) 820-0466
Cell: (480) 221-6040

India Office
Prakash Boddu
prakashboddu@risingstaroutreach.org
Phone: +919654196123

Please provide your new flight information, including airline, flight number, and arrival date and time. They will arrange transportation.

Lost Luggage

Luggage is sometimes lost and you could be without your luggage for a few days. We recommend you pack items such as medications, underwear, electronic devices, toothbrushes, brushes, and other items you cannot live without in your carry on.

If your luggage does not make it when you arrive, go to the luggage desk and fill out the form they will provide with this address:

Sakthi Venkatraman
3, 6th Street, New Secretariat Colony
Velachery, Chennai 600042
Tamil Nadu

How to Find Your Driver

For those arriving late night/early morning, **a shuttle from the _____ hotel, where you should have booked a room, will pick you up at the airport**. Once you have picked up your luggage, go out the exit doors, and look for a driver with a sign with your name on it. They will assist you to a vehicle and transport you to your accommodations.

It is standard practice for hotel security personnel to check the car before you enter the hotel property so please don't be alarmed when this happens.

On the morning your expedition begins, Rising Star Outreach staff will be there to pick you up, arriving by 9:30 AM, and leaving by 10 AM. Our International Program Officer will be there to greet you and will be checking to make sure all in your group have arrived and are out on time.

Your Departure from India to the United States

Please make sure you print your entire flight itinerary and take it with you to India. **It is required that you have a printed copy of your flight itinerary from India to the United States in order to enter an Indian Airport**. Security will ask to see it before you can enter.

Travel Tips

- Do not eat lettuce while in India; the local water retained in it *will* make you sick.
- Avoid eating street fruit as you don't know what it was washed with.
- Drink only bottled water.
- Do drink lots of water.
- Bring toilet paper and hand sanitizer with you while traveling.
- Avoid using your left hand as it is offensive in Indian culture.
- Remember that Indian time is relative.
- Do not carry large quantities of cash on you. We will stop at ATM's to get Indian rupees.
- Check with your mobile phone plan for international and roaming rates.
- Confirm with any credit cards you may be using to alert them of your international travel. Visa is the card of choice in India.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Keep original official documents in a safe place in India and carry copies on you.

U.S. Embassy Contact Information

U.S. Embassy, New Delhi
Consular Section
U.S. Embassy
Shantipath, Chanakyapuri
New Delhi - 110021
Tel: +91-(0)11-2419-8000
Tel alternate: (011-91-11-2419-8000)

Chennai
U.S. Consulate General, Chennai
Gemini Circle, Gopalapuram,
Chennai - 600 006
Tel: +91-(0)44-2857-4000

U.S. Consulate Contact Information

Mumbai
U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai
C-49, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex
Bandra East, Mumbai 400051
Tel: +91-(0)22-2672 4000

Hyderabad
U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad
Paigah Palace 1-8-323
Chiran Fort Lane,Begumpet
Secunderabad- 500003
Andhra Pradesh
Tel: +91 22 62011000