PACKET 4
ARRIVING IN INDIA
IT'S AROUND THE CORNER!

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This is your Rising Star Outreach Packet #4 of the 4 packets you will be receiving to assist you in preparation for your expedition to India. Within this packet you will find:

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to one of us. You may also call our office and talk to Tawna Fowler at (801) 820-0466 or email Tawna at tawnafowler@risingstaroutreach.org.

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

Warmest Regards,

Sally Read, Christine Cronquist and Jeri Colton

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:

Melissa Tours and Travels
J 4/30 B, Malviya Nagar
New Delhi - 110017
+919810195246

You may also be asked for the hotel address of your stay. This will either be the Westin Hotel in Chennai or the Welcomhotel in Chennai, depending on when you arrive. Listed below are addresses and phone numbers for both:

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

Welcomhotel GST Road Chennai
1, GST Road, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu, 603204
Phone Number: +914467414243

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
Tawna Fowler
Email: tawnafowler@risingstaroutreach.org.
Phone: (801) 820-0466
Cell: (801) 358-2099

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 January 13/14, **a shuttle from the Westin hotel will pick you up at the airport**. For those arriving the morning of January 14, a Rising Star Outreach shuttle 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.

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

Chennai
U.S. Consulate General, Chennai
Gemini Circle, No. 220 Anna
Salai
Chennai - 600006
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-(0)40-40338300