Arriving in India – Travel Information

If you have any questions, please contact: claire@risingstaroutreach.org

We look forward to working with you to lift, love, and immerse yourself in this beautiful culture.

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Bihar

Suku Thankappan

Email: sthankappan@risingstaroutreach.org

Indian Reference Information and Hotel Address

You may be asked to provide an Indian reference contact during your stay. This reference will be your first night hotel.

Tamil Nadu (Chennai)

Four Points by Sheraton Chennai, Velachery

No 333, Velachery

Tambaram Main Road

Velachery Chennai, 600042, India

Phone: +91 4469 692366

Marriott Courtyard Chennai

564 Anna Salai Teynampet

Chennai 600018, India

Phone: +91 4466 764000

Westin Chennai Velachery

154 Velachery Main Road, Velachery

Chennai 600042, India

Phone: +91 89398 92030

Bihar (New Delhi)

Holiday Inn New Delhi International Airport Hotel

Holiday Inn

Asset Area 12

Hospitality District

Aerocity, New Delhi N.C.R India

Phone: +91 11 4222 2000

If you are touring before or after Rising Star Outreach, you may instead provide your tour provider contact information.

Immigration Question Tips

- **List your purpose as TOURIST on all forms.**
- If asked where you're heading, state that you are touring southern and northern India.
- If asked if you packed your own bag: **YES**.

Flight Delays

If your flight is delayed and you will miss your connection, contact your area manager.

Tamil Nadu — Daniel Selvaraj (danielselvaraj@risingstaroutreach.org)

Bihar — Suku Thankappan (sthankappan@risingstaroutreach.org)

Provide the airline, flight number, arrival date, and time. Transportation will be re-arranged.

Lost Luggage

Luggage can be delayed for several days. Pack essential items in your carry-on:

- Medications
- Underwear
- Toothbrush and hygiene items
- Electronics
- Any critical personal items

Arrival and Transportation

Please print your full flight itinerary and carry it with you. Indian airport security requires a printed OUTBOUND itinerary to enter the airport.

Your transportation will be arranged to the hotel in advance. Once you have picked up your luggage, go through the exit doors and look for a driver with a sign bearing your name or the hotel name.

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.

Program Start

You will be picked up around 10:00 AM on the morning your expedition begins (exact time shared before departure). Our Trip Coordinator will greet you and check to ensure all in your group have arrived and are on time.

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. Drink LOTS of water.
- Bring toilet paper and hand sanitizer with you while traveling.
- Avoid using your left hand, 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 & Consulates

U.S. Embassy, New Delhi

Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021

Phone: +91 11 2419 8000

U.S. Consulate General, Chennai

Gemini Circle, Gopalapuram, Chennai 600006

Phone: +91 44 2857 4000

U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai

C-49, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai 400051

Phone: +91 22 2672 4000

U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad

Paigah Palace, Begumpet, Secunderabad 500003

Phone: +91-22-62011000