

Susan's Travel tips for India

On Singapore Airlines we are allowed a 30kg bag. Please be aware that we have an internal flight/flights and there is a 15k restriction. We don't usually dress for dinner after being out all day, so that helps keep clothing requirements simple. When we stay for two nights a good opportunity to do a little washing. Temperature will be around 27 – 28c so very pleasant, take a light jacket for evenings, it may be needed.

Carry on baggage allowance is 7k. I will be taking a 2nd spare camera and will hang that around my neck, with a small lens on & not too heavy. My onboard carry bag will be my camera bag where I can fit in my main camera and lenses, ipad and maybe my laptop which is fairly light. Then depending on the weight of the bag if overweight will put a lens into my large capacity handbag which is allowed. You can also take a laptop in a bag, but I try to avoid too many things to hold onto. My medications will go into my hand luggage too as will my noise cancelling headphones.

Currency – Indian Rupee is not possible to get in Perth even at the airport. In the past have purchased at the Delhi Airport. Atik suggests we wait and he will take us somewhere on the first day to get rupee. I have taken around AU\$200 with me and brought most of it home. If you have any rupee left you need to spend whilst there as you won't be able to get rid of it here on your return. So small amounts at a time is best. Using a credit card is fine.

Covid

International visitors have been landing into India for several months without problems. My GP says ok for me to go, wear a mask if you wish and be very careful washing hands, especially before meals and take plenty of hand sanitiser. I will take wipes mainly much lighter to travel with. Atik will only take us to reputable hotels and restaurants.

Visa

The Indian Consulate have recommended doing an e-visa which is available about 20 days before departure [Indian e-Visa \(indianvisaonline.gov.in\)](http://indianvisaonline.gov.in) it was also recommended not to do at the last moment, go in as soon as our departure date is available. You will need to have a passport image available to upload. A 30 day visa is available, whereas if you go with the other option taking it into the consulate only a year option is available and that is \$169!

Tummy bugs

In all my trips to India I've not had any problems following a few simple rules. A friend who has also travelled there has told me of a tablet that you can get here Travelan, you would need two packs to cover two weeks. One tablet before meals will keep you safe. Around \$30 a pack.

Wash hands frequently especially before eating, take plenty of hand sanitiser/ wipes.

Only drink bottled water even to clean your teeth

We don't eat on the street only go to reputable places to eat. Atik will guide us to best spots.

Don't eat salads. We don't know what they have been washed in!

Don't eat ice cream on the street, may have been defrosted many times and not safe

Only eat fruit that you can peel, ie bananas, oranges

Innoculation for India

Check with your GP well before departure, at least a few months in case you need two shots before departure.

Gear I am taking-

Canon R6

RF Lens 24 – 240m a great walk around lens

RF 50m Nifty 50 for street photography plus nice and light and doesn't make you too obvious! I will also take my RF 35m , these two lenses nice and light!

Canon R7 as my spare camera (Hopefully I will get it soon, have it on back order!)

Plenty of memory cards and spare batteries.

Haven't decided yet on whether to take laptop!

Not making a final choice till closer to the time for other lenses, it will depend on my carry on weight.

Keeping your memory cards safe is paramount. I am looking at other options if I decide not to take my laptop