

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Indus Travels?

Indus Travels is a full service group tour operator based in Richmond, British Columbia that specializes in tours of India and other exotic locations. The company has been partnering with chambers of commerce throughout the United States and Canada to coordinate tours of India. To learn more, please visit www.industravels.ca.

Do I need to be a Chamber member to go on the trip?

No, everyone is welcome to join us on this trip.

Is it safe to travel to India? What if there is a warning not to travel?

Yes it is safe to travel to India. If the State Department has any adverse warning against travelling to India we will gladly refund the tour amount. Please make sure to check the U.S. State Department website as it always lists some areas in India which are unsafe - (remote border areas, Kashmir and North East India). If the warning is against travelling to India as whole then we will make sure 100% money is refunded.

Do we need special shots or vaccinations?

There is no shot or vaccination which is mandatory so we suggest everybody consult their Physician for travel to India and what they might need. Most people do take malaria pills and Hepatitis vaccination.

Can someone upgrade to Business Class on the flight?

The upgrade to Business Class would be an additional \$4600/person.

Do we need a visa to travel to India?

You do need a visa from the Indian Consulate. A tourist visa is acceptable for this trip. There are 5 Indian consulates in the USA – New York, Houston, San Francisco, Chicago and Washington. They all issue visas for their jurisdiction only. For example, people in the Greater New Bedford Area have to apply to the New York Consulate.

The visa is applied for online and you have to then send some supporting documents and your passport to TRAVISIA who handles all visa processing on behalf of the Indian Consulates. Click on the websites below for more details.

San Francisco - <http://www.cgisf.org/>

New York - <http://www.indiacgny.org/>

Houston - <http://www.cgihouston.org/>

Washington - <http://www.indianembassy.org/newsite/default.asp>

Chicago - <http://chicago.indianconsulate.com/>

You will need two identical photos to attach to the document. These can be obtained from a local Drugstore. (CVS, Rite Aid, etc.)

What about travel insurance?

Indus Travel offers optional cancellation insurance for \$150 per person. Comprehensive travel insurance can be arranged on your own through your local travel agent or you can use one of our chamber member insurance agencies or travel agencies.

May I pay the Chamber by credit card?

Yes, we accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.

What about credit cards in India?

All hotels and most restaurants/shops will accept Visa/Master/American Express in India.

I am interested in investigating business opportunities in India. Is it possible to do this on this trip?

Yes, there will be a reception one evening to meet and discuss business with local business representatives in India. Fill out the "Business Questionnaire" and the reception will be arranged by Indus Travel at no cost.

How many others will be on this trip?

We have partnered with the Metro South Chamber of Commerce in Brockton to sponsor this trip. We are planning on a block of 100 travelers for both Chambers. The individual groups from both Chambers will be sized at 25-30.

What about airport security?

The best information can be found at www.tsa.gov. Follow the prohibited / allowed link and you will find all the information as to what you may take on board the aircraft.

When do we need to pay for travel?

A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person, plus the cancellation insurance premium if you opt for it, is due at the time of registration. We would need the final payments by January 29, 2010 (60 days prior to final departure). About 2 weeks before departure Indus Travels will send out detail packages which will have all the travel documentation.