



Australian Institute  
of International Affairs  
*Victoria*

# INDIA STUDY TOUR

26 February – 6 March 2025



# Tour Highlights

## Tuesday 25 February, Delhi

Members will arrive in New Delhi on flights of their choice and will be greeted and transferred to the Taj Ambassador Hotel upon arrival. Most arrivals are expected in the evening or at night. An informal dinner will be available at the hotel at the participants' own expense.

## Wednesday 26 February, Delhi

Breakfast from 7 AM onwards

8:30 AM: Departure from the hotel

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Roundtable with CUTS (Consumer Unity & Trust Society)

About CUTS: An NGO/think tank with origins in consumer advocacy, now involved in economic development, trade issues, and Indo-Pacific affairs, with offices in India, Africa, and other regions.

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Delhi City Tour

Includes: Tour of key city landmarks, with a stop for a simple lunch at members' expense

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM – Briefing and Reception with the Australian High Commissioner and High Commission Officials

Evening: Dinner at the Hotel (*included*)

## Thursday 27 February, Delhi

Breakfast from 7 AM onwards

Leave hotel at 9 AM

10:30 AM - 12:10 PM: Roundtable Discussion at “The Futures India,” a think tank based at the School of International Relations, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

Topic: India & Australia: Strengthening Resilience and Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific







## **Thursday 27 February, Delhi (cont.)**

12:30 PM: Departure for HCL, Gurugram

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM: Meeting at HCL, Gurugram

3:30 PM: Departure from HCL

5:00 PM: Arrival back at the Hotel

Afternoon: Deakin University, Ravneet Pawha

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Traditional Indian Dinner

## **Friday 28 February, Delhi**

Breakfast from 7 AM onwards

Leave hotel at 9 AM

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM: Roundtable with the Institute of South Asian Studies at South Asian University. Exploring potential for increased intra-regional trade and investment across SAARC nations to enhance living standards in South Asia, with Professor Sanjay Chaturvedi, Director of the Institute of South Asian Studies & Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM: Departure from South Asian University

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM: Meeting with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Afternoon: Meetings with relevant Government and Industry Leaders

8:15 PM: Western Dinner

## **Saturday 1 March, Agra**

8:00 AM: Depart from Delhi

10:00 AM: Arrive in Agra, check into the Taj Hotel Agra

12:00 PM: Lunch at the hotel

2:00 PM: Visit Agra Fort

4:00 PM: Souvenir shopping

5:00 PM: Return to hotel

8:00 PM: Buffet Dinner at the hotel



## **Sunday 2 March, Fatehpur Sikri**

9:00 AM: Depart from Agra for Fatehpur Sikri

10:00 AM: Arrive at Fatehpur Sikri

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Explore Fatehpur Sikri

12:00 PM: Depart for Delhi Lunch: Stop for a meal on the way back to Delhi at members' expense

3:00 PM: Arrive in Delhi

Afternoon: Members can use the time for shopping or follow their own sightseeing interests

## **Monday 3 March, Mumbai:**

Leave Hotel at 7 AM

10:30 AM: Flight to Mumbai

Afternoon Activities: Visit to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CST Museum), formerly known as the Prince of Wales Museum. Visit to David Sassoon Library, a historic and architecturally unique library in Mumbai

Hotel: Taj President / Taj Mahal

## **Tuesday 4 March, Mumbai**

Breakfast from 7 AM onwards

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Roundtable with Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations About Gateway House: An independent, non-partisan, not-for-profit foreign policy think tank in Mumbai, Gateway House fosters debate and scholarship on India's foreign policy and global role, engaging the nation's leading corporations and individuals

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Lunch Break / Travel Time

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Meeting with Global Victoria Focus: Discussions around trade, investment, and collaborative opportunities

Afternoon Meetings: Additional meetings with prominent IT/Tech and Consultancy firms, and key business Chambers





### **Wednesday 5 March, Mumbai**

Morning Activity: Early trip to Elephanta Caves and/or Bollywood Studio

Option 1: Elephanta Caves

Departure: Early morning from a central location in Mumbai

Note: Requires an early start for adequate time to explore

Afternoon / Early Evening: Trade and Investment Meetings

Option 1: Meeting with Trade and Investment Queensland. Discussions on potential trade and investment partnerships in Mumbai

Option 2: Meeting with Austrade. Exploring business opportunities and partnerships with Australian trade representatives

*Decision Needed:* Please select either Trade and Investment Queensland or Austrade for the afternoon/evening meeting

### **Thursday 6 March, Depart India**

Morning / Early Afternoon: Potential final meeting with a government agency or business chamber in Mumbai

The India Study Tour concludes. Members also joining the AIIA Victoria Sri Lanka Study Tour will prepare for departure with the TCS (Tata Consultancy Services) team to Sri Lanka. Evening flight to Sri Lanka: Depart from the hotel by 6:00 PM

# Costs & Expenses

Throughout the Study Tour we will be staying in 5 \* Hotels

▶ Price per person \$7,100 per person

## Payment

- ▶ A non-refundable 40% deposit is required by Sunday, 5 January 2025
- ▶ Final Payment must be made by Monday, 20 January 2025

## What is included?

- 9 nights of 5 \* Star Hotel Accommodation
- All breakfasts, and most lunches and dinners
- Transport in a private, air-conditioned coach
- English speaking professional guides
- Private arrival and departure transfers from the airport to the hotel
- All government taxes
- All hotels have Wi-Fi, Laundry Service and en-suite bathrooms

## What is not included?

- Personal consumables such as alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.
- Travel Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Lunches and dinners when specified
- International flights
- Visas
- Early check-in or late check-out
- Local mobile SIM card
- Any services not mentioned above

You are responsible for your own international travel.

# Health Notes

Please contact your local GP regarding advice on inoculations and other health matters on visiting India.

We strongly recommend that you consider having vaccinations before you travel. At least eight weeks before you depart, make an appointment with your doctor or travel clinic for a basic health check-up, and to discuss your travel plans and any implications for your health, particularly if you have an existing medical condition.

## Visas

You must apply for a visa before arrival. Check if you're eligible for an e-visa on the Indian Visa Online website:  
<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

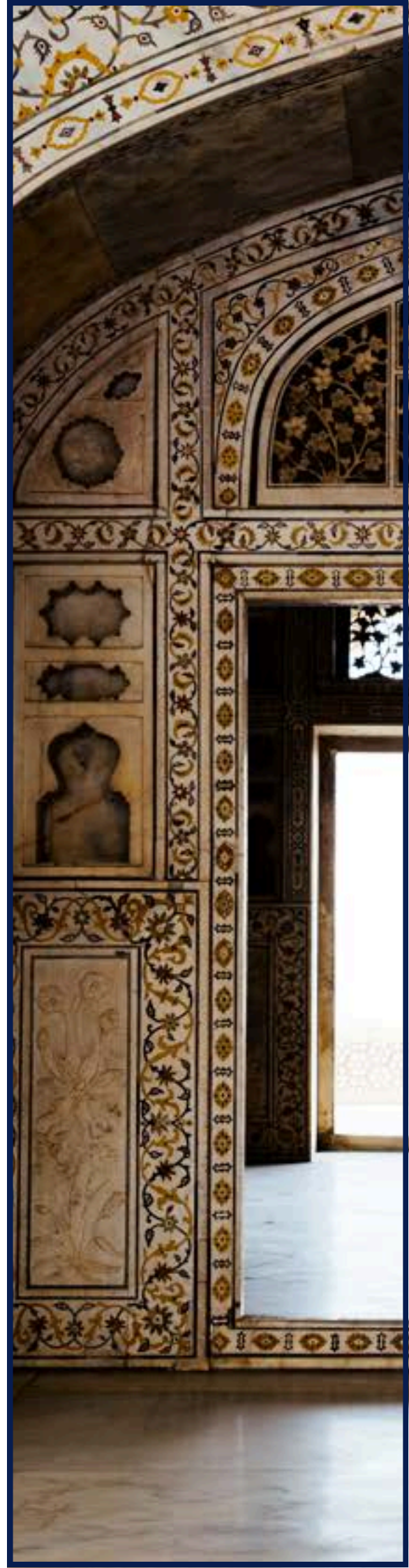
For information regarding other visa categories or entry and exit requirements, see the [Indian High Commission in Australia website](#). Members are responsible for obtaining their visas.

## Insurance

**AllA Victoria requires all Members of the Study Group to obtain comprehensive travel and health insurance to obtain a place on the Tour.** Your policy needs to cover all overseas medical costs, including medical evacuation. The Australian Government won't pay for these costs.

**For more information visit:**

<https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/destinations/asia/india>





Please note that there may be some small changes to our itinerary, such as meeting times, although the travel dates within India will remain unchanged. The meetings will be confirmed closer to the date.

Please also note that there may be small changes in the cost of the Study Tour due to Currency Movements and any changes in local Taxes. But once the full amount of the Tour has been paid, there will be no more adjustments.

It is a condition of booking a Study Tour with us, and it is your responsibility to ensure, that you are adequately insured at your own cost for the full duration of the Study Tour. We strongly recommend it covers cancellation, curtailment, personal liability and loss of luggage and personal effects. Health insurance is also required – please see brochure.

