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Travelling to India for the 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup?

Check out our travel health advice for your trip

Cricket fans are expected to travel to India for the 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup which is due to take place from Thursday 5 October to Sunday 19 November 2023.

Matches are being held in <u>10 venues</u> across India. Ten teams, including England, will be in action and details of fixtures can be found on the <u>match schedule</u>.

The <u>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)</u> advise travellers to check entry requirements before travel, including passport validity. All fans should have suitable <u>travel insurance</u> that covers them for their trip and any pre-existing conditions.

Country-specific information can be found on our <u>Country Information pages</u> and <u>Outbreak Surveillance section</u>.

Advice for travellers

Before you travel

Check our <u>India Country Information page</u> for current vaccine and health advice and see your GP, practice nurse, pharmacist or travel clinic to check you are in date for all appropriate travel and vaccinations offered routinely in the UK schedule (including measles, mumps and rubella).

The flu vaccine is usually available from mid to late September in the UK. Consider having yours before you travel; particularly if you fall into a <u>risk group</u> eligible for a free flu vaccine.

<u>Malaria</u> is a risk in parts of India and malaria prevention tablets may be recommended; ask your travel health advisor if you may be at risk on your trip.

Make sure you know the latest <u>travel advice</u> for India by signing up for FCDO <u>email alerts</u>.

Take a basic <u>first aid kit</u> containing diarrhoea treatment, pain relief, gauze, antiseptic, tape and plasters. Carry a good supply of any prescription and/or over the counter medicines in your hand luggage. See our <u>travelling with medicines</u> factsheet for more advice.

While you are away

Follow good <u>food and water hygiene advice</u> and wash your hands after visiting the toilet and before preparing or eating food. Alcohol gel is useful when handwashing is not possible.

Reduce your risk of insect spread illness by following <u>insect bite avoidance advice</u> including using effective insect repellents and protective clothing.

Rabies is a risk in India. Avoid contact with animals and consider having a course of rabies vaccines before you travel. If you are possibly exposed to rabies, for example you are bitten or scratched by



an animal, make sure you wash the wound site, follow immediate <u>first aid advice</u> and seek urgent medical advice, even if it does not seem serious.

In September 2023, an outbreak of <u>Nipah virus</u> (NiV), was confirmed in Northern Kerala, India. The risk to tourists is considered to be very low, if <u>precautions</u> are taken.

Poor air quality is a significant health problem in many parts of the world, including India. See our advice about <u>outdoor air quality</u>.

Road traffic accidents are common: be aware as a pedestrian, especially when crossing roads and think carefully about transport. Using motorbikes, tuk-tuks or any motorised two/three-wheel vehicles increase your risk of road traffic accidents.

Moderate your alcohol intake, avoid alcohol sold in unlicensed places and never accept drinks from strangers or leave your drink unattended. Remember, alcohol reduces inhibitions and can increase your chance of having an accident or doing something risky.

Carry your own condoms and practice safer sex.

Advice on personal safety and security in India is available from the FCDO.

When you return

If you have a fever, flu-like illness, persistent or bloody diarrhoea or any other unusual symptoms, get urgent medical help, explaining that you have travelled abroad. Remember that symptoms of malaria could present up to a year after you return from India.

Resources

- · Personal safety
- General travel health advice
- Sun protection
- Outbreak surveillance
- World Health Organization: Road traffic injuries
- UK Health Security Agency: Rabies risk for travellers
- <u>UK Health Security Agency: Mosquito bite avoidance: advice for travellers</u>