



Our Personal Guest

PACKING TIPS & SUGGESTIONS FOR INDIA

The weather is complicated in India and therefore your packing will be too!!! Between October and March it is winter in India, and that means it could be cold in North India i.e. Delhi and Rajasthan, and hot in Bombay and further south.

- It is important to take several layers, to takeoff or add to as you need during the day. As the sun comes up it gets warmer, and it gets suddenly cold with the setting sun.
- The mornings are misty and in Delhi there is a likelihood of smog.
- There is no long twilight and it gets dark around 5.30 – 6.00pm.
- The temperature is unpredictable just like in Europe and the USA. If it snows in Kashmir we feel it in blasts of cold air in Rajasthan and Delhi. It could plummet to 32°F. Generally it would be mid 70's F in the day & 40's at night.
- Rajasthan and particularly Jaisalmer is the desert with the usual sharp temperature contrasts. Bright sunshine in the day and crisp cold desert nights.
- Indians tend to bundle up in shawls and since the usual dress is long skirts or the Indian version of pants it is perfectly all right to wear trousers.
- If you are staying at some of the superb hotels in India or if you like to eat out, you may want to pack something for

the evening. It is not easy to be elegant and bundled up at the same time but do make sure that whatever you pack for the evening is warm. Pack comfortable, flexible clothing. Thermal or silk underwear are useful if going on a trek or staying in tents other than the Vilas properties luxury tents.

- You may wish to carry a flashlight for extra light.
- Take easy to pack and unpack luggage and as little as possible.
- Remember we are walking on cobblestones, through ruins, historical sites, deserts, and notoriously uneven Indian roads. Good walking support shoes are essential.
- Shoes should be comfortable, cushioned, nonskid with good tread. Get them ahead of time and break them in well in advance to avoid getting sore feet and blisters.
- Remember the sun is strong, and if you need it bring Sunblock, sunscreen, a brimmed hat and good sunglasses.
- Bring extra film, and camera batteries as they die in the cold. Do not carry batteries in your hand-baggage as this is banned by airport security.
- You may also want to bring along a lightweight insulated water bottle carrier.