

India

Population: 1.24 billion (2014 est.)

Geography: 3,287,263 square kilometres

Climate: India has three main climate regions: Himalayan region in the north; Plateau region in the south; and the Gangetic Plain. The climate is mainly tropical in the south, but can be more varied and unpredictable in the north.

World heritage sites: Humayun's Tomb, Elephanta Caves, Taj Mahal, Great Himalayan National Park

Capital City: New Delhi

Language(s): Bengali, Bodo, Maithili, Punjabi, Malayalam, Telugu

Official language: Hindi

Political system: Federal constitutional republic; gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1947

Travel advisory information: For up-to-date travel advice for India from the New Zealand government visit www.safetravel.govt.nz/india

Curriculum resources:

- [Asia New Zealand Foundation](#)

Useful websites:

- [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#)
- [New Zealand High Commission in New Delhi](#)
- [High Commission of India in Wellington](#)
- [Lonely Planet](#)

Media:

- [The Times of India](#)
- [Hindustan Times](#)