

ITEMS OF INTEREST OR HELP FOR THE TRIP TO VELLORE

What you should know before you travel to India

This information is specific to United States citizens traveling to India. Non-citizens will need to check with their country's Indian embassy for country specific travel information.

The websites listed below will help you prepare for your trip. A US passport and visa are needed to travel to India. You **will not** be allowed to enter the country **without a visa!** It will take at least two to three weeks to receive an Indian visa. In addition you may need certain vaccinations.

<http://travel.state.gov/>. United States State Department. This website will be your guide to international travel.

<http://travel.state.gov/travel/india.html>. Consular Information sheet on India.

<http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms.html>. Application for a US passport. For full instructions on obtaining a US passport please go to: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>

www.indianconsulate-sf.org The Indian Consulate in San Francisco. This consulate has jurisdiction over Colorado residents traveling to India. If you live in other states, please check:

<http://www.indianembassy.org/consular/juri.htm> for your consulate.

<http://www.indianconsulate-sf.org/visa/visaform.pdf>. Application for an Indian visa. You need a passport before you can apply for a visa.

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/indianrg.htm>. Health and vaccination information for travelers to India from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Travelers' Health Automated Information Line

PHONE: 877-FYI-TRIP toll free (Information about ordering the Yellow Book and International Certificates of Vaccination and recorded messages on travel-related health topics)

Available at the Center

"CDC Health Information for International Travel 2008" is available at The Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics. Please feel free to make copies of pertinent pages, but do not remove from the Center.

Some Reading Material Dr. Abraham Verghese Assembled

Paul Theroux's *The Great Railway Bazaar*

Rohinton Mistry's *A Fine Balance*

V.S. Naipaul's *India: A Thousand Mutinies Now*

Especially For South India and rural village life in his fictional town of Malgudi, the great master, R.K. Naryan, including *Malgudi, The English Teacher, Swami and Friends, Waiting for the Mahatma, The Guide, The Man-eating Tiger of Malgudi.*

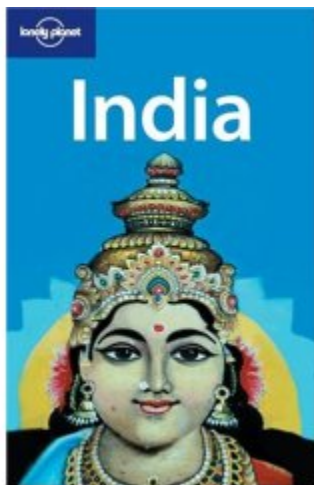
For Movies, the great documentary *Salaam Bombay* (directed by Meera Nair)

Putting it all in Perspective





The Travel Guide the students who went to Vellore in past year raved about:



Lonely Planet India (Lonely Planet India) (Paperback) (\$18.89)
by [Sarina Singh](#)