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Moving Abroad with Packways India



The further you are moving away from home, the more preparation and planning is required. Chances are, you are already excited and somewhat stressed about living in your chosen country overseas. By planning ahead, and with the help of Packways India, you can make the move a pleasurable experience. At Packways India, we combine our 42 years of experience of international removals with our country specific knowledge to help moving simpler. In this brief moving guide, we have collected practical advice and information, which you will hopefully find useful when preparing for your international move.

Book A Visit From Our Moving Surveyors

As moving overseas requires more preparation, we recommend a visit from one of our moving surveyors. They will be able to assess the quantity of goods you need to move, the packing requirements, and you will be able to discuss shipping, delivery and storage options. Advice can also be offered on other aspects of your international move, schedules, transport of unusual items, or pets for example.

A Stress-Free Moving Day

Good planning will also make your moving day run much smoother. Before the day, we will send you a Move Schedule, which will describe how the moving day will unfold, so that you can prepare for every step. Our removal crew will arrive at the agreed time and will begin packing your goods. After the packing has been completed, the removal van or the container will be loaded.

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International Transport Options And Transit Times

Your goods will normally be transferred in shipping vessels, your shipment will usually take 1-3 months to reach its destination. Details of arrival at the destination country will be outlined in your Packways India paperwork. While most shipments run to schedule, they can be affected by bad weather or delays at ports or customs. Packways India will always endeavour to do everything so that your move runs smoothly and there are no significant delays.

Do You Require Door To Door Delivery?

Whether you require door to door shipment or a small consignment, Packways India will organise all relevant areas of your move and make all necessary arrangements with our overseas partners.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact us on info@packways-india.com or call us on +91-22-26361368.

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Living in India



India as an expat destination

A growing number of people are leaving their home countries to sample expat life in India, at present, there are believed to be between 20,000 and 30,000 expatriates living in India. Living in India can offer expats a taste of life in an exotic and diverse place. It is a bright and vibrant country with an eclectic mix of different cultures and people. India's expatriate community has a wide range of different people. The region is popular with teachers, artists and spiritualists as well as CEOs and executives of international corporations.

Cost of living in India

The majority of cities in India offer expatriates a very good standard of living for a relatively low cost and the majority of expats live quite affluent lifestyles. The cost of most things, including entertainment, education, housing and food is lower than that in western countries, even within the developed cities such as Mumbai and New Delhi.

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Transportation

India's infrastructure and transportation networks might be challenging at first. Roads in urban areas are constantly congested, and driving is chaotic at best. Phone application based taxi services are gaining popularity in India but most of the population prefers traveling in mainly rickshaws (aka tuktuk), trains and buses. Travelling on a regular Indian train can also be an exciting and pleasant experience.

Language

The official language of India is Hindi, which is spoken by approximately 30% of the population. English is also prevalent and is the major language of the trade and service sectors. There are an additional 14 other official languages and 37 different languages in total spoken throughout the country and each state has its own language. Hindi is commonly spoken in the upper half of India. However, Southern India, especially the four southern states, have very few Hindi speakers and many more English speakers.

Food, culture and tradition

Most expats living in India enjoy the colorful unconventionality that their new home has brought to their daily routines. Some defining aspects of Indian society are its cultural, religious, and linguistic pluralism and its traditional caste system.

With a variety of culture present in India the food options are a lot! The food options are plenty ranging from different international cuisines to different local cuisines. For a foodie who likes spices the Indian food you must have tried earlier would be no match for what is available here locally - tandoori chicken, butter and shahi paneer, chana masala, saffron rice, biryani, raita and naan. Tip: avoid street food for a while. Let your tummy get used to the spices and then jump into the street side food. For the sweet tooth: visit the local sweet shop where you'll find sweets with flavors like: cashew, saffron, almond, pistachio, chocolate, carrot, and multiple combinations.

It's important to get the local feel of the city you are in! For the men: visit the barbershop. You have not experienced something like this service anywhere before. Included: scalp massage and a few other surprises. For the ladies: visit the jewellery shops. You will be hypnotized by the astounding metal work and shiny gems.

For the movie buff: go watch a Bollywood film, even if it's in a language you don't understand.

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For the culture lover: experience the many festivals, ceremonies, and rituals that Indians are so good at. No matter which part of India, there are several festivals and holidays happening every month.

Key facts every expat should know about living in India

1. If you plan to stay in India for more than 180 consecutive days you will be required to register at the Foreigners' Regional Registration Office (FRRO) within the first 14 days of your arrival. Failure to do so could mean that you lose your Indian visa.
2. When living in India you will experience very irregular voltages and frequent power cuts. You need to buy voltage stabilizers for electronic appliances and UPS for your computer.
3. The majority of houses and apartments in India do not have ovens although ovens are easily available from large electrical shops.
4. You may see symbols throughout some areas of India that appear to be swastikas, it's a Hindu/Jain/Buddhist symbol meaning peace.

If you need to know about relocating to any of the Indian cities and will assist you to:

- relocate efficiently and effectively with minimum stress.
- settle in to your new life quickly and easily and find the help and assistance you need, when you need it.
- identify areas to live in that suit your lifestyle and budget.
- find the right places to meet like-minded people.
- find schools that are suitable for your children and their learning needs.
- ensure that your family get the most of their experiences abroad.
- prepare for the new culture in advance and avoid any cultural traps.
- deal with any transition challenges.
- cut through red tape and avoid unnecessary bureaucracy.

Close to 1.3 billion people are currently living in India, among them many expatriates. Our guide with tips on housing, schooling, and cultural challenges will ease your transition into expat life in India. For further information please do not hesitate to contact us on info@packways-india.com or call us on +91-22-26361368.

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