

India



Location: Southern Asia, bordering the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, between Burma and Pakistan

Capital city: New Delhi

Population: 1.3 billion - India is expected to overtake China to become the world's most populous country within the next 25 years

Languages: English and Hindi plus 22 regional languages

Religion: Hindu and Muslim

Currency: Rupee

Weather: India has tropical weather and varies from region to region. January to March is the dry season with lower winter temperatures, June to August is heavy monsoon season with high temperatures. September to December is cooler.

Wildlife: India's wildlife is both rich and varied. More than 4% of India's land is under forest cover- there are at least 90 national parks and 482 wildlife sanctuaries. The country is one of the 12 mega diversity areas in the world, in terms of animal.

Interesting fact: The official Sanskrit name for India is Bharat. India is the Largest democracy in the world, the 6th largest country in the world AND one of the most ancient and living civilizations (at least 10, 000 years old).