



Questions & Answers

1. Who pays for my travel and expenses?

We offer free accommodation and meals to all visitors of RDT's campus in Anantapur. Visitors pay their own travel expenses to Anantapur, India. The nearest airport is in Bangalore, approximately 3.5 hours from our campus. We recommend taking a taxi (around \$60) or bus from the airport.

2. How do I get to Anantapur?

Kempegowda International Airport (Bangalore Airport) is the closest airport and about 3.5 hours by car from Anantapur.

3. How is the weather in Anantapur?

The average temperature in Anantapur is 82° F and it is very dry. In January, the average temperature is 75° F and in April 90° F.

4. What official documents do I need for the trip?

For non-Indian nationals: Travelers must have a valid U.S. passport and a tourist visa. Applying for an e-Visa via the website of the Indian Embassy is an easy process and takes about 5 days. For Indians: Travelers need to have an Indian ID.

5. Do I have to get vaccinated or take medication?

No vaccines or preventive medication are required to enter India. However, we encourage you to contact your doctor and share details of your trip to Anantapur to make an informed decision.

6. What currency is issued in India and where can I exchange my dollars?

The currency in India is the Indian rupee. Dollars can be exchanged at airports, hotels and banks.

7. What language is spoken in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh?

Telugu is the official language in Andhra Pradesh, although English is also widely spoken. You will be accompanied by an English-speaking guide throughout the trip.

8. What kind of electrical outlets can I find in India?

India uses 220 volts, 50 Hz alternating current as its power source. Plugs and sockets have earthed 3-pin connections (type D) or non-earthed 2-pin connections (type C or European plug).

9. What clothes should I wear?

We recommend wearing thin cotton or linen fabrics, preferably with long sleeves, to avoid sunburn and mosquito bites. Most temples require you to wear appropriate clothing (e.g., a scarf that covers the shoulders, long pants or long skirts, etc.).

10. What do I have to bring with me?

It can be helpful to bring a reusable water bottle, sunscreen, a sun hat, mosquito repellent spray, ammonia to disinfect mosquito bites, and a gastric protector (as food can be very spicy).