

Business Travel to India Packing List

What to pack for business travel in India — formal-but-practical clothing, meeting etiquette essentials, and the connectivity backups that keep you reachable.

WHY BUSINESS TRAVEL PACKING IS DIFFERENT

Business trips in India usually mean compressed schedules — flights, meetings, and city transit in the same humid, often congested conditions that affect leisure travelers, but with far less flexibility to adapt. Formal wear has to survive heat and traffic delays without wilting, and small etiquette details — a business-card exchange, a modest dress code at certain client sites — matter more than on a holiday. Connectivity and being reachable also carry more weight than usual.

CLOTHING

- Wrinkle-resistant formal shirts or blouses — heat and travel time both work against crisp fabric
- Lightweight suit or blazer that breathes — formal doesn't have to mean heavy
- Backup formal outfit in carry-on in case checked luggage is delayed
- One smart-casual outfit for informal dinners or downtime
- Undershirt layers to manage sweat without affecting the outer formal layer

FOOTWEAR & ACCESSORIES

- Comfortable formal shoes broken in well before the trip — city walking and traffic delays add up
- A second pair of shoes in case of monsoon or unexpected rain, depending on season
- Compact umbrella kept in your work bag year-round in most regions
- Professional bag or briefcase that also fits a laptop and documents securely
- Business cards — still commonly exchanged in many meeting settings

HEALTH, DOCUMENTS & TECH

- Laptop, charger, and a universal plug adapter (India: Type C/D/M)
- Local SIM or eSIM plan, or a confirmed international roaming plan, for reliable connectivity
- Portable charger for long meeting days with limited outlet access
- Hand sanitizer and basic stomach medication for travel between meetings and meals
- Printed and digital copies of itinerary, meeting confirmations, and visa/business travel documents
- Personal medication and a small first-aid kit
- Modest backup outfit if any client site has a specific dress code beyond standard business wear

