

14-Day Grand India Itinerary Checklist

A booking checklist for a two-week, multi-region India trip — organized by when to lock things in, since a trip this long has the most to coordinate ahead of time.

WHY A CHECKLIST, NOT JUST AN ITINERARY

A two-week trip spanning multiple regions has dozens of moving pieces — internal flights, hotels in five or more cities, regional climate differences, and connection windows that need buffer time. Sequencing by day hides which of those bookings are time-sensitive; this checklist sorts by urgency instead.

BEFORE YOU BOOK FLIGHTS

- Choose your overall arc — a common 14-day shape is Golden Triangle plus Rajasthan, or north plus a southern add-on like Kerala
- Check climate for every region on your route — north India's winter fog and the south's monsoon don't align, so plan your route around both
- Decide which inter-city legs are flights versus trains versus drives, and build in buffer days for at least one long transfer
- Confirm visa requirements and apply early given the trip's length
- Get any required vaccinations or health prep scheduled with your doctor

2-4 WEEKS OUT

- Book all hotels across every city now — at this length, you're juggling five-plus properties and the good ones go first
- Book domestic flights for any long inter-regional hops; short-haul India flights are often cheaper closer to departure but riskier to leave unbooked
- Arrange ground transport and guides for each city or region separately, since one driver rarely covers the whole route
- Buy advance tickets for any marquee sites with timed entry
- Build a rough day budget per city so you're not over-packing the back half of the trip out of fatigue

THE WEEK BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Organize all confirmations by city in one folder, digital and printed
- Reconfirm every internal flight and major transfer directly
- Pack for at least two different climates if your route spans north and south
- Set up an international data plan or local SIM plan given the trip's length
- Share your full itinerary and emergency contacts with someone at home

On trips this long, build in at least one genuinely unscheduled day — it absorbs delays without derailing everything after it.

