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Small but Important Considerations for Pleasant Travel Experience in India by [Ajay Kumar](#)

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I love my India, almost every Indian feels proud enunciating so. And of course, this large Asian country has a unique charm that never fails to impress hearts of its visitors. Breathtaking natural beauty, graceful history & cultures and thriving modern ambiances – India is really a traveler's oasis. However, many of travelers (usually outsiders) complain of experiencing some hassles while wandering around India. But the rewards of an open mind and relaxed attitude are simply great. Here are a few things, which guidebooks don't usually mention, you should remember while getting around India's tourist destinations.

Judging India by your first impression is always a mistake. The country changes its shape, size and lifestyle so quickly that can leave anyone puzzled about what its true essence is, even a single city holds varied cultures, lifestyle and perspectives of its people. And the big cities in India – particularly the metro cities – look cruddy at first glance. Crowded markets, chaotic traffic and polluted air – one can definitely get chafed in very first hours of his visit. So just remember, most of India is outside these big cities.

When it comes to choose an India city to land in, I would certainly recommend Calcutta. This is perhaps the most pleasant and cultured among India's big cities. Beautiful gardens, splendid structures, lovely climate and a perfect mix of North and South Indian cultures will leave you enchanted in Calcutta. Also, the city has a number of superb museums, libraries and art galleries to visit on. Calcutta hotels are internationally famous for their quality stay with hottest amenities and alluring hospitality.

India is a foodie's paradise. A variety of cuisines, both continental and international, can be enjoyed in almost all cities of India. Chinese and south India foods are superior being available in many varieties. They can easily be found and are usually reasonably priced. Don't miss local dishes, as people in almost all Indian cities are food conscious and offer their guests with the best of their traditional dishes.

When traveling in India by buses, don't forget carrying your earplugs. In most of local buses, you will get to hear Bollywood songs, and may be the regional songs, at full volume. So you would be better carrying your earplugs to enjoy journey and sleep in local Indian buses.

While being in India, you never know when you'll encounter cheap toilet facilities. So, it's recommended to carry toilet paper and anti-bacterial hand-wash in your bag. Also, you can find a pot of water instead of paper in the toilet. However, it's a healthy and eco-friendly method. So don't worry using this method.

Please follow local traditions, especially when you visit small cities and villages. Respect their religion and people. While visiting temples, shrines or mosques, please be in proper/sophisticated dresses.

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