



Foreign Exchange, Local Currency & ATM Access in India

Important: It is advisable to not carry any Indian Rupees (INR) from abroad. All currency exchange to be conducted upon arrival in India, where the process is simpler, more secure, and well-regulated.

Options for Currency Exchange

You may choose from the following methods to obtain Indian currency:

1. **Currency Exchange Counters at Indian Airports:** These are convenient and operate 24/7. However, please note that exchange rates at airports tend to be less competitive than those offered by banks or authorized money changers in the city. These counters do provide an official exchange certificate, which is helpful if you wish to reconvert unused currency on departure.
 2. **Banks Authorized by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI):** Found in all major cities, these offer safe transactions and relatively fair rates. A passport is usually required for foreign exchange.
 3. **Authorized Forex Dealers & Money Changers:** Widely available in urban centers, these are also regulated by the RBI. Always request a receipt and compare rates if possible.
 4. **ATMs Using International Debit or Credit Cards:** You can withdraw INR directly using Visa or Mastercard from most Indian ATMs. ATMs are readily available at all major international airports, including New Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, offering a convenient option for immediate cash.
- **Note:** ATMs are **not available in national parks or remote wilderness areas**, so it's best to withdraw enough cash before heading to such locations.

Currency Services We Offer

- **To make your arrival smoother:** If you inform us in advance of the amount of foreign currency **(cash only)** you'd like to exchange, we can arrange for a reliable currency



exchange service at your hotel in **New Delhi*** on the day of your arrival. This avoids airport queues and ensures better exchange rates.

This service is currently **available only in New Delhi and is applicable only for guests arriving in the capital. **Please note that exchange is accepted in cash only; credit and debit cards are not accepted.***

Best Practices for Handling Money in India

1. **Avoid exchanging currency at hotels** and airport kiosks, if possible, as their rates are typically unfavorable compared to city-based banks or money exchangers.
2. **Obtain small-denomination INR notes** (₹50, ₹100, ₹200) for tipping and incidental purchases.
3. **Keep a reserve of small USD, GBP, or EUR notes** in case of emergencies, especially in remote areas with limited banking infrastructure.
4. **Tipping in foreign currency is accepted**, but Indian Rupees are strongly preferred to avoid exchange complications for local staff.
5. **Always count and inspect your notes**—do not accept torn, damaged, or defaced bills, which are often refused by vendors.
6. **Check international usage rules with your bank** before travel, including ATM withdrawal limits and transaction fees.