

## 16. Tourism/Shopping and VAT refund

### India

- India is one of the greatest tourist destinations with a rich and varied history, fabulous historical monuments including the world famous Taj Mahal, fairs and festivals, art and culture and handicrafts.
- Attractive packages offered by various travel agencies exist depending upon your interest and availability of time. Please see list of travel agents under Hotel and Accommodation.
- **Some popular circuits are:**
- Delhi-Jaipur-Udaipur/Jodhpur-Agra; Mumbai-Aurangabad; Chennai-Mahabalipuram-Ooty-Pondicherry; Bangalore-Mysore; Goa; Thiruvananthapuram-Kovalam-Cochin-Marari; Bhubaneswar-Konark-Puri; Kolkata-Bagdogra-Darjeeling-Gangtok

### Shopping

- India is a shopper's paradise for those wanting to take home souvenirs representing India's kaleidoscope of arts and crafts at cheap affordable prices. Most states have their own emporia representing the best of its crafts at government-controlled prices.
- **Some popular shopping places:**
- Delhi: Central Cottage Industries Emporium, Janpath; Crafts Museum, Mathura Road, Dilli Haat near INA market; Hauz Khas Village, Chandni Chowk and Santhusti.
- Mumbai: World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade; Akbarallys; Shoppers Stop; Tanishq; Fashion street
- Chennai: Poompuhaar; Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation; Central cottage Industries emporium
- Kolkata: New Market; Central cottage Industries Emporium, Chowringhee.
- Please contact Government of India Tourist office, Frankfurt, if you require more details. Tel:0049-69-2429490 Fax:24294977. Email:info@India-tourism.com

### Czech Republic

- In recent years, the Czech Republic has become a top tourist destination with Prague being the main center of attraction with its outstanding quality of its architectural sights and various historical styles. The country has over 100 castles.
- Besides Prague, other popular destinations are Karlstejn, Kutna Hora, Cesky Krumlov and Karlovy Vary.
- Please check website [www.prague-info.cz](http://www.prague-info.cz) or email: [tourinfo@pis.cz](mailto:tourinfo@pis.cz) if you need more details.

### Shopping:

- Prague is known for its crystal and garnet. Though getting increasingly expensive, they are good value for money.
- **Some well Known Crystal Shops:** Moser, Na Prikope 12, Praha 1; Bohemia Crystal, Na Prikope 17, Praha-1.
- **Shopping Malls:** Centrum Cerny Most, Chlumecka 765/6, Obchodni Centrum Novy Smichov, Plzenska 8, Praha 5, Metropole Zlicin, Revnicka 1, Praha 5-Zlicin, Palac Flora, Vinohradska 149, Praha 3, (open on all days)
- **VAT refund: VAT refund can be claimed by visitors at the airport before departure for purchases of goods. The purchased goods should be taken out of the country and should not have**

commercial value. Please ask the shopkeeper for VAT refund form. More details can be accessed from website [www.cs.mfcr.cz](http://www.cs.mfcr.cz)