

## Myths and Facts about India

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Several myths about India, which do not have to translate into reality

Perhaps our observations result from the fact that we first visited the Andaman Islands - and it is a bit different India. Besides the time spent on the continent rather better hotels and neighborhoods.

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myth: it is dirty - the fact: Our rooms were very clean restaurant, hotel alleys. Even considering European standards, if we consider the smaller hotels.

2.

Myth: it is a lot of insects - a fact: in the room have not identified any individuals, plus one spider in a hotel in Port Blair, but generally the hotel is likely to be under the care of the government and not private, and has shown some shortcomings. Starting the evening is always a smarowaliśmy preparation against mosquitoes - a bit preventively. An effective measure is a Muga. Mosquitoes may occur in the forest and in the evening - I noticed a bite when it applied the measure, because we left the hotel as it was clear and walked to the dive base Barefoots, who happened to be in a place where mosquitoes fly.

3.

MYTH: Dogs are dangerous. Fact: Dogs do not have any problem. Most of the time you see them somewhere sipping on. Sometimes accompanied by the move, but do not impose themselves.

4.

Myth: you have to bargain hard. Fact: The majority of prices in Havelock was the official price,

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or fair prices for products and immediately was given the final price. In several cases, when questioned about the price at the place where many tourists were fed 2x more, but usually this applied to less expensive products, such as coconut water, so even przepłacając lost less than 1 zł. You can always say that it is expensive and watch the reaction of the seller. It should also refer to the asking prices earlier in the hotel reception (and confirm in every case in other source). The Wild Orchid hotel, all prices were "fixed", tips in a restaurant because nobody expected to pay for everything at the exit.

5.

Sample prices: transport rickshaw, around 15-30 rupees, here you have to negotiate, but 30 rupees is about 2.50PLN; bunch of bananas, about 1 kg - 20 rupees, a dinner for two in a private booth at the market (a tasty, healthy, contrary to first impression) - 135 rupees (including 2x Australian orange juice for 20 rupees a glass), a good meal at the hotel, from 200 rupees per dish (better to eat "in town");

6.

Myth: food can be dangerous; fact: only 3 days we decided to eat in a traditional hut and it was a late decision. Most shelters do not do a good impression, but are run by owners, and because of the high competition, they take great care here is that the guy was happy. It should go where other people are, there will surely be well and healthy, and this can be replaced with the owner of a number of interesting observations. In many places a menu card in English with prices fixed.

7.

Myth: Hindus are persistently; fact: no one we never once caught a few times someone suggested a meal in the restaurant (eg, directly at the fish market owner of a small booth, said in his prepared directly from the fish market). Several times, we were asked quietly, or we would not want to rent a scooter, bicycle, scooter or in the evening to go fishing, but it has nothing to do with solicitation, for example, we know from Arab countries.

8.

Myth: all expect tips; fact: in general we try to give tips, but there would be problems if we say "thank you". Zdamy But if you, know that 10 rupees is about 67 cents, and for them is a measurable amount, it is nice leave a tip.

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Myth: Hindus cheat a fact: we are not cheating do not happen. Once the fixed price of 20 rupees for the transport of 50 rickshaw driver wanted to pass 20, but just pay attention and the missing 10 were issued. Perhaps it stemmed from the fact that the first quoted rate was 30 rupees - but just in case 20 was the price as appropriate for the carriage of tourists, so the rest of the upomnieliśmy.

10.

Myth: for every picture you have to pay a fact: we do not we paid for none. We are not allowed to be too &quot;aggressive&quot; and try to feel, or you can take a picture. It is also worthwhile to ask. We refused met only once, when we asked for an opportunity to take photos of girls returning from school in a pretty white and green uniforms. Replied politely with smile, and that it could be inferred that they have asked for is already a lot of people.

11.

FACTS: After 3 days, we know that you might consider a few facts. The price of passage must be negotiated before we move - there is no problem with that. If you have tickets for the ferry, it does not mean that we take the ferry. Here is useful for a taxi driver or guide. It turned out that our tickets are completely different name. The name of the boat, which sailed was different from that which we took and the captain stated that it takes only those people who have tickets in pink. Our guide kept us tickets in blue.

A crowd of Indian tourists almost fought with the service, and after a while the policeman who was holding a stick. The guide told us to wait and put the bags on the ground. After a while the ship waited at which he began to drain. Then the second of our caregivers called us to the second ferry, where the captain took all people with blue tickets. Simply announced that passengers without tickets can not occupy seats that most ignored seeking suitable sites in the cabins and the main room with armchairs. We took our seats somewhere in the transition, probably on the verge of starting from the ship. After a while, someone told us that they are still seated on the lower deck, but in total we had no need to change location.