Kerala Travel Guidelines

1. Entry Requirements & Permits

- No entry permit is required for Indian nationals.
- Carry a valid government-issued photo ID such as Aadhaar card, driving license, or passport.
- ID is mandatory for hotel check-in and transport bookings.
- COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, but it's advisable to stay updated via the <u>Kerala</u> Tourism website.

2. Best Time to Visit

- October to March: Ideal for exploring beaches, backwaters, and hill stations like Munnar.
- **June to September**: Monsoon season, perfect for Ayurveda treatments and lush scenery.

3. Transportation

- Major airports: Kochi, Trivandrum, Calicut.
- Trains are available from all major cities in India.
- Within Kerala, use KSRTC buses, ferries (in Alleppey, Kochi), and auto-rickshaws.

4. Safety & Health

- During monsoon, road travel can be risky—check for landslide alerts.
- Mosquitoes are prevalent—carry repellent.
- Medical facilities are adequate in cities, but basic in rural areas.

5. Travel Tips

- Carry light cotton clothes, sandals, and rainwear.
- Keep your medicines, ID, sunscreen, and water bottle handy.
- Respect local customs and dress modestly, especially at temples.

Himachal Pradesh Travel Guidelines

1. Entry Requirements & Permits

- No permit required for Indian citizens.
- Government ID must be presented at check-posts, hotels, and while renting bikes.

• For trekking in restricted zones (e.g., near Indo-Tibet border), you may need local permission from the SDM office.

2. Best Time to Visit

- March to June: Pleasant weather; best for sightseeing.
- **July to August**: Monsoon; avoid hill travel due to landslide risks.
- **December to February**: Ideal for snow lovers and skiing.

3. Transportation

- Road connectivity is good.
- Nearest airports: Chandigarh, Kullu, Shimla.
- Kalka-Shimla heritage train is popular.
- Taxis and state buses are commonly used for inter-town travel.

4. Safety & Health

- Drive cautiously on steep and narrow hill roads.
- Be prepared for **Altitude Sickness** above 2500m (e.g., Spiti, Rohtang).
- Network coverage is poor in remote regions.

5. Travel Tips

- Carry winter clothing, especially for higher altitudes.
- Keep medicines for nausea, AMS, and fever.
- Inform family before venturing to remote areas.

North East India Travel Guidelines

1. Entry Requirements & Permits

- **ILP** (**Inner Line Permit**) mandatory for Indian travelers to:
 - o Arunachal Pradesh
 - o Nagaland
 - o Mizoram
 - Manipur (optional but recommended)
 - Obtain ILP online via state portals. No permit needed for Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura.
- Carry multiple ID copies and passport-sized photos.

2. Best Time to Visit

• October to April is ideal due to clear skies and festivals.

• Avoid heavy rains from May to September (prone to floods and landslides).

3. Transportation

- Limited flights; most travel is by road.
- Shared sumos and cabs common for inter-town travel.
- Some remote areas have restricted tourist access.

4. Safety & Health

- Travel with a local guide in tribal areas.
- Mobile connectivity is patchy in hilly terrain.
- Drink bottled water to avoid stomach issues.

5. Travel Tips

- Carry extra cash and offline maps.
- Respect tribal customs and avoid photographing locals without consent.
- Warm and rainproof clothing is recommended.

▲ Uttarakhand Travel Guidelines

1. Entry Requirements & Permits

- No special entry permit is required.
- For Char Dham Yatra, online registration on Uttarakhand Tourism site is compulsory.
- ID proof required at hotels and Yatra checkpoints.

2. Best Time to Visit

- March to June: Best for trekking, rafting, and pilgrimages.
- September to November: Post-monsoon freshness and low tourist rush.
- Avoid monsoon (July–August) due to flash floods and landslides.

3. Transportation

- Airports: Dehradun (Jolly Grant), Pantnagar.
- Rail: Dehradun, Haridwar, Kathgodam.
- Use shared jeeps or private cabs for higher altitudes.

4. Safety & Health

• Check the weather daily—sudden rain or snow may cause roadblocks.

- **Altitude sickness** above 3000m—take time to acclimatize.
- Wear trekking shoes if hiking.

5. Travel Tips

- Carry warm clothes, waterproof jackets, medicines, and ID cards.
- Respect religious customs at temples and ashrams.
- Download travel apps like Yatra e-pass and TouristCare UK.

* Kashmir & Jammu Travel Guidelines

1. Entry Requirements & Permits

- No permit required for Indian nationals.
- Due to high-security zones, carry multiple **government-issued IDs**.
- Trekkers may need to **register with local police** for routes like Tarsar-Marsar or Great Lakes trek.

2. Best Time to Visit

- Kashmir: March–October for gardens, valleys, and houseboats.
- **Jammu**: October–March for Vaishno Devi pilgrimage and winter sun.

3. Transportation

- Airports: Srinagar and Jammu.
- Local transport includes taxis, shared cabs, sumos.
- Srinagar to Gulmarg/Pahalgam is 2–3 hours by road.

4. Safety & Health

- Stay updated with local news and travel advisories.
- Areas near the LoC are restricted—avoid venturing into those.
- Winters are harsh—check snow forecast if visiting from Dec–Feb.

5. Travel Tips

- Pack woolens, snow boots, and waterproof gloves in winter.
- Limited ATM and mobile services in remote areas—carry cash.
- Show respect at religious sites like Hazratbal and Vaishno Devi.