



INDIA: A JOURNEY

December 16, 2011-January 7, 2012

My Journey:

*Read on and find out how
living in a third world country
feels like, how exciting every
moment is, and how much fun
I had.*

Introduction

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone who has viewed my blog and viewed this document and taken time out of their day to support me. I'm Deep and I'll be writing this whole thing. As we say in India, Namaste (Welcome/Greetings).



In this travel journal, I'll be giving you a taste of India. I may skip a few days, but don't worry because you're not missing out on anything. I probably thought that that day wasn't important enough to be in this journal. So... shall we begin?



THE AIRPLANES

December 16, 2011- Dec. 18, 2011

It was the last day of exams, I was excited about going to see family, but I had to focus on my exams, even though the last one was just mathematics. I finished the exam and sat anxiously in my seat waiting

for the class to be dismissed. I'm staring at the clock. Tick Tock Tick Tock. Ding Ding. Class is finally dismissed! I run outside and hop in the car with my parents and ride home. We turn the alarm system on, get our bags,

change clothes and leave. We get on the freeway and are halfway to the airport when I look ahead and feel my stomach drop. Traffic. Our flight leaves in 1.5 hours and traffic. Seriously? Well nothing I can change so I sit

back and relax. We (finally) get to the airport and check in and get through security (no hassles). We get on the airplane and I look out the window saying, "Good-bye Nashville" as we take off. Here's our flight itinerary.

<p>Friday, December 16 United Airlines Flight 6181 Economy Operated by / UNITED EXPRESS/ EXPRESSJET AIRLINES From: Nashville Metropolitan Airport, TN 1:15 pm, Friday, December 16 To: Washington Dulles Int'l Airport, DC 4:00 pm, Friday, December 16 Equipment: Embraer Emb 145 Regional Jet Duration: 1 hour and 45 minutes Friday, December 16 United Airlines Flight 976 Economy From: Washington Dulles Int'l Airport, DC 10:32 pm, Friday, December 16 To: Dubai Airport</p>	<p>8:30 pm, Saturday, December 17 TERMINAL 1 Equipment: Boeing 777 Duration: 12 hours and 58 minutes Meals: Dinner, Lunch Special Meals: Asian Vegetarian Meal Status: Confirmed AIR - Saturday, December 17 Jet Airways Flight 543 Economy From: Dubai Airport 10:00 pm, Saturday, December 17 TERMINAL 1 To: Mumbai Airport 2:20 am, Sunday, December 18 TERMINAL 2 INTERNATIONAL Equipment: Boeing 737 800 Jet Duration: 2 hours and 50 minutes Meals: Dinner</p>	<p>Status: Confirmed Sunday, December 18 Jet Airways Flight 2001 Economy Operated by JET AIRWAYS KONNECT From: Mumbai Airport 5:35 am, Sunday, December 18 TERMINAL 1 DOMESTIC To: Ahmedabad Airport 6:35 am, Sunday, December 18 Unspecified Terminal Equipment: Boeing 737-800 Duration: 1 hour Meals: Food for Purchase Status: Confirmed</p>
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The Dulles to Dubai flight was 12 hours long, but fortunately for us, they booked us in Economy Plus which added more legroom.



The only problem happened with Jet Airways from Mumbai to Ahmedabad. They said that they didn't have my ticket on file. Apparently, the travel agent had booked this flight under my dad's name twice. So he had 2 tickets and I had none. But we got that figured out and finally made for our final destination.





Yes that's a tractor at the airport.

FINALLY THERE

December 18, 2012

Finally! Two days later, we arrive at our destination. I step out of the plane and immediately smell that old familiar smell. How I missed that smell (sarcasm). We enter the terminal and I

look up because I saw movement. What do I see? Birds. And more birds. I also see this sign at the baggage claim which makes me laugh.



If you don't get it look up the word "sheikh"

India is not dominantly Muslim by the way.

My grandparents live in India and I have plenty of family there as well. Everyone was waiting outside the airport waiting to pick us up.

As we're walking out, I can't help but smile. I went the previous year, but it was good to be back. Now I'm a shy guy, so I didn't really talk to anyone on the trip home; instead, I just looked outside and made small talk.

We finally get to our house and I head upstairs to greet everyone who didn't come to the airport, but stayed at our house to meet us.



THE STAY

December 18, 2011 - Jan. 7, 2012

This section won't cover specific days, just food and pictures. Enjoy!

While most of my vacation this year was spent at weddings, meeting family, and eating, We did visit temples and parks which were quite the enjoyment.

Food



This is a restaurant called Dinner Bell. We ate here twice. It has a mix of all kinds of Indian and foreign food.

After a meal in India, customers get a bowl of warm water with a lemon to wipe and wash their hands.



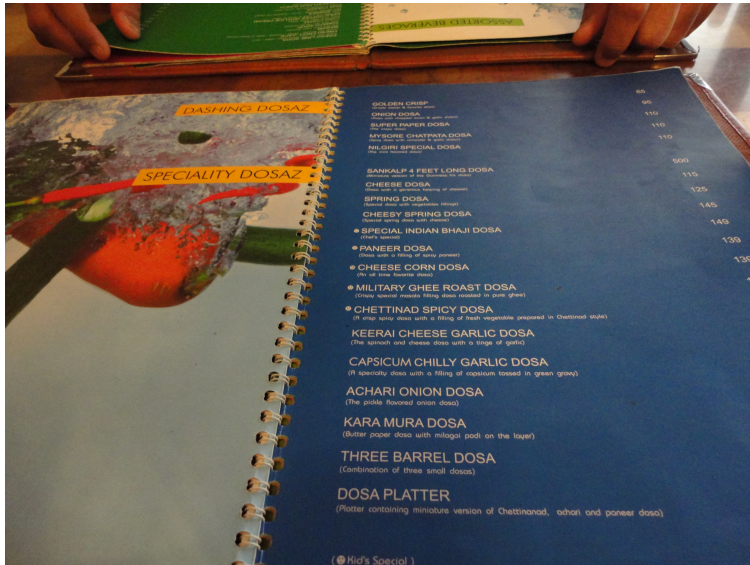
This is what I ate the first time. Hot and sour soup with an appetizer.

This is a dish at Havmor called Chana Puri.



These are all pictures of Havmore. Havmore is famous for their soft-serve ice cream.





These are pictures of Sankalp, a restaurant that serves South-Indian food.



This is mexican food in India. Surprisingly good.

Bye-Bye

While India was great, I'm glad to be back

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