

India - Lodging, Food, Clothing(III)

Arthur - Weppner Wedding

July 18th, 2009

It is off-season in India, the Monsoons. So expect some lush heavenly rain. Food, hotels, and lodging is relatively inexpensive in India during this season

[1] Hotels, Goa:

(i) 5 Star Hotels on the Arabian Sea.

These are wonderfully beautiful hotels, I stayed at the Taj at Fort Fort Aguada Beach and it was wonderful, service you would not believe. Prices are about \$100-\$175. The reception may be hosted at the Cidade, some wedding guests will probably be staying there. Friends of ours, Mike and Mansie, have already booked rooms at the Taj at Fort Aguada Beach and would love some company! Take a look at the web sites -->

[Cidade de Goa](#) \$100-\$175 (click on name for link)

[Taj at Fort Aguada Beach](#) \$100-\$175 (click on name for link)

[Taj, Holliday Village](#): \$100-\$150 (click on name for link)

If you are interested in these hotels, feel free to ask us to book these for you. Our friends can usually find a cheaper rate than posted on the website.

(ii) Inland, close to the Arthur's A more authentic Indian feel, tell us if you would like to try one of these and we will arrange it, remember it will be raining a lot so who really needs a beach! Roxana and I will be staying inland.

Marina Dourada \$ 30 to \$50 a room

Leoney Hotel and Resort. \$30 to \$ 50 a day

Fidalgo \$40 to \$50

(iii) In the capital city of Panaji The capital city of Goa has its own charm and sightseeing opportunities (old Portugese churches and houses), it is close to "Old Goa".

These are also close to the wedding festivities.

Mandovi - Goa's oldest hotel, good charm \$50

Marriot: \$100 to \$150

Goa was a Portuguese colony so its food is a mixture of Indian and European, they are well known for their sausages but also there are plenty of other wonderful Goan dishes.

[2] Staying in Mumbai

Mumbai is one of the largest cities in the world. It is broken up into sections (like New York City). If you have a few days in Mumbai before the wedding we recommend that you stay at the YMCA Hostel (yes Jeff a Hostel) in downtown Mumbai called Colaba (anytime between July 12- July 15) because the prices are cheap, it is clean and in a prime place. You then have freedom to explore Mumbai and we can also find you easily (Roxana and I will travel to downtown to show you around and sightsee) You also have an invitation to stay with Mansie's family in Bandra (a section of Mumbai) which would be especially convenient if you have to get to the airport and have only a day in Mumbai. Roxana and I will be staying with her sister and brother in law in Andheri but plan on traveling to downtown often.

Food in Mumbai is wonderfully diverse from all types of Indian to Chinese to American, prices are generally inexpensive and you can have a wonderful meal for \$5. Clothing is also inexpensive so you can travel light and buy there if you would like. Plenty of history, beauty, and culture to see in downtown Mumbai.

– Cheers, Steve & Roxana

Coming up: Plans for our trip after the wedding to southern India

