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*presents you this
pocket guide to India's
great cities :*

Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Madras.

*Its contents cover
climate and culture,
accommodation,
food and drink,
shopping and sightseeing,
entertainment and sports,
travel and transport.*

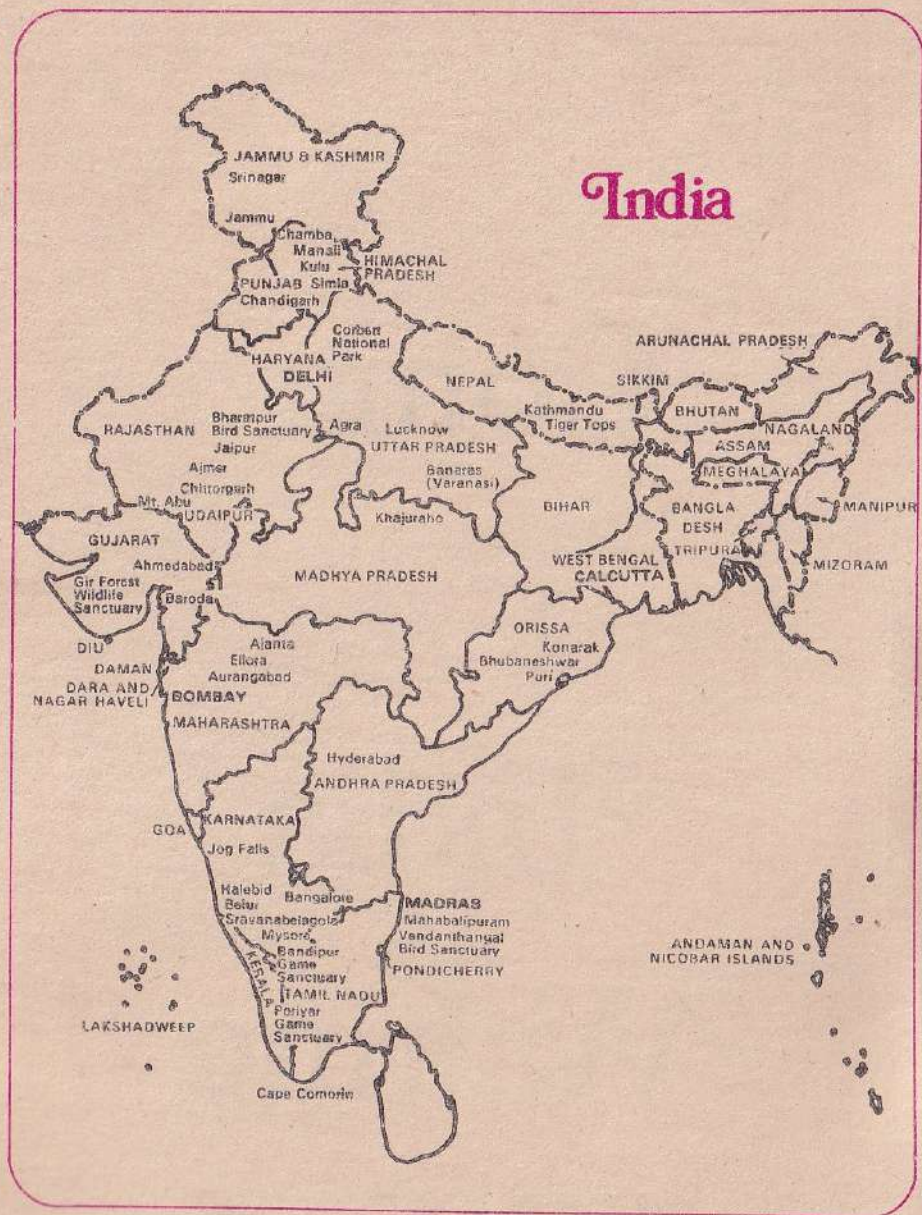
*We hope this guide will help
make your stay in India
more pleasant.*

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We have waited long to say 'Swagatam' — Welcome. Over 5000 years in fact. And after a holiday that was many centuries in the making, and the new experience of living simultaneously in almost all the ages—you'll never be the same again.

Marvel at the time-pockets preserved in India

The Himalayas, the highest mountains on this planet. Perennial snows, whose silence is pierced only by temple bells—ringing on frequencies divined by the ancients. The incredible frescoes and carvings of Ajanta and Ellora caves, hidden from human eyes for 2000 years, the magnificent passion-stones of erotic Khajuraho and Konarak. And a great emperor's love enshrined in marble to become the seventh wonder of the world—the Taj Mahal.

See the colour that is India

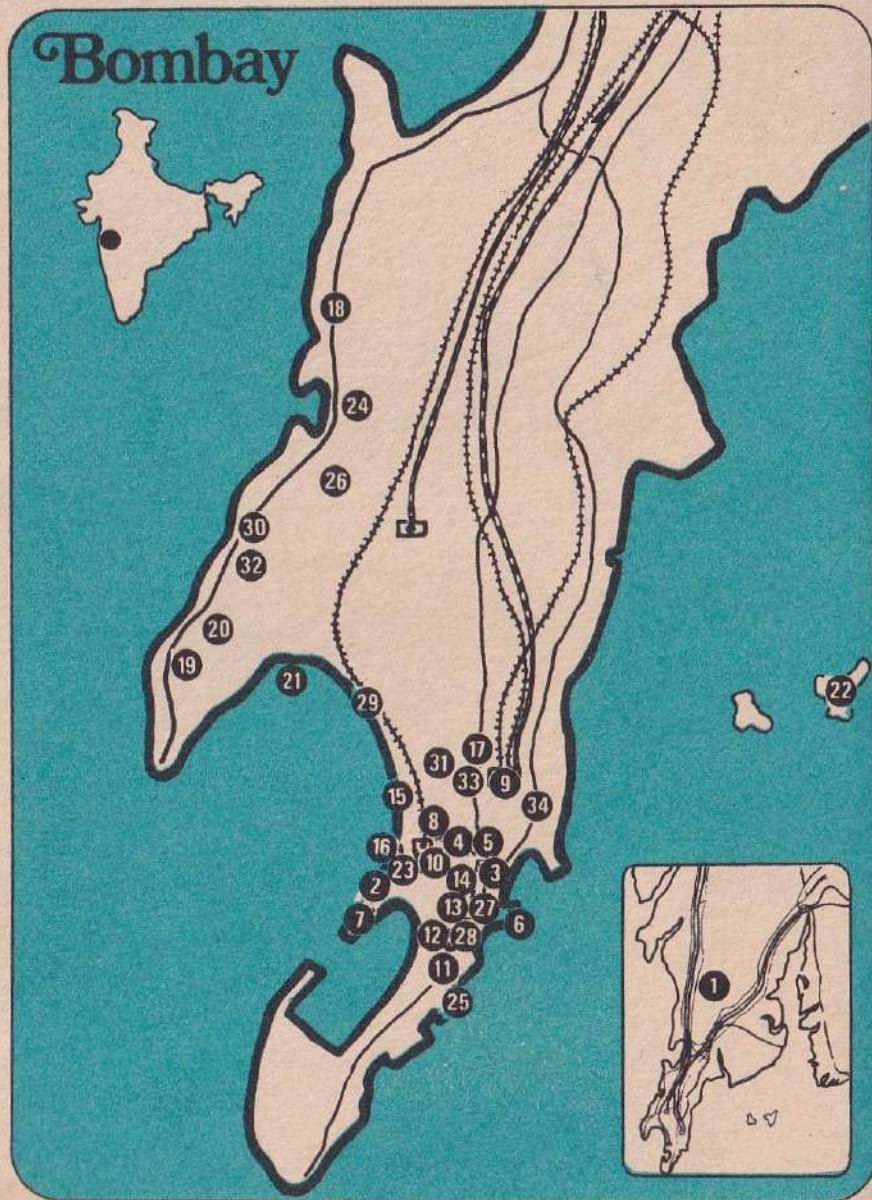
Translucent green seas; turquoise ice-sculpted Himalayas; moon-bathed marble; softy-glowing jewels; vermilion red tikas; saffron swathed seekers; ruby red pomegranates; a thousand lamps flickering at Diwali,... and flowers garlanding doors—at the slightest excuse.

Smell the perfumes of India

Incense; sandalwood; eucalyptus; petal-strewn brides; 'attar'; wet earth; mangoes; jasmine.

Listen to the sounds of India

The flute echoing the cow-dust hour; the sound of the ocean in conch shells; the sad-sweet 'shehnai' at weddings; the blood-quickenning boom of drumbeats at temples; the screech of parakeets, the silver tinkle of anklets. And the thundering fury of the monsoon.



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| 1 Santa Cruz Airport | 18 Dr Annie Besant Road |
| 2 Air-India Headquarters, Nariman Point | 19 Hanging Garden, Malabar Hill |
| 3 Reserve Bank of India | 20 Warden Road |
| 4 Central Telegraph Office | 21 Chowpatty Beach |
| 5 Flora Fountain | 22 Elephanta Caves |
| 6 Gateway of India | 23 Brabourne Stadium |
| 7 Tourist Office, Govt. of Maharashtra | 24 Mahalaxmi Race Course |
| 8* Tourist Office, Govt. of India | 25 Royal Bombay Yacht Club |
| 9 Victoria Terminus | 26 Willingdon Sports Club |
| 10 Churchgate Terminus | 27 Jehangir Art Gallery |
| 11 YMCA | 28 Prince of Wales Museum |
| 12 YWCA | 29 Taraporewala Aquarium |
| 13 Rajabhai Clock Tower | 30 Breach Candy Hospital |
| 14 High Court | 31 Bombay Hospital |
| 15 Marine Drive | 32 Jaslok Hospital |
| 16 Netaji Subhash Road | 33 Bombay Municipal Corporation |
| 17 Dr D N Road | 34 General Post Office |

Visa from Registration Officer. (NOT necessary for holders of Tourist and Transit Visas).

Liquor permits to be surrendered at the port of departure in the city—not at the airport. You can take out of India, without restriction, souvenirs, silks, artware etc. Precious stones and jewellery (not wholly or mainly gold), up to Rs 10,000 bought in India (but not if you're going to Pakistan or Persian Gulf Ports). Get a permit from the Reserve Bank of India if the value of jewellery is very high and also for all-gold or mainly gold jewellery. Antiques (over a hundred years old) and skins of certain birds and animals are banned from export. For export of valuable carpets, and expensive jewellery...permission is required. Ask the Tourist Office for information.

WHAT YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

Remember, for a foreign tourist India is one of the least expensive places in the world; there are duty-free shops at international airports.

Any amount of foreign currency can be brought into India, provided that amount is permitted to be taken out of your country. But you must declare what you've brought, on a Currency Declaration Form. Because when you leave, you cannot take out more than you brought in and declared on the form. For any money taken out in excess of this, the Reserve Bank of India has to give prior permission in writing.

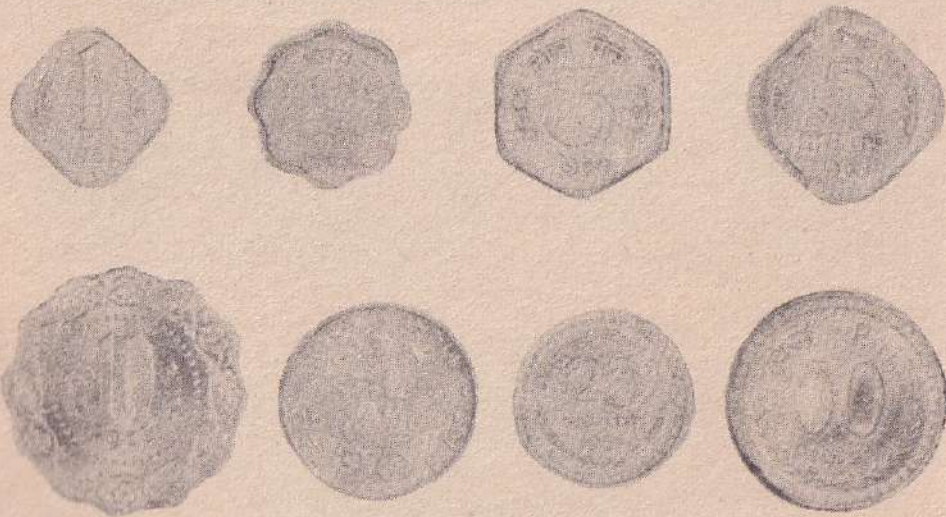
- Have your money converted into rupees by an authorised exchange dealer, at airports, banks or hotels. Ask for an official receipt so that you can freely reconvert any unutilised rupees at the time of departure.
- Exchange transactions with unauthorised persons (they tempt you with black market rates) is illegal and involves the risk of receiving counterfeit rupees.
- Ask for receipts when you encash Travellers' Cheques, or enter the transactions on the Currency Declaration Form.



- All non-Indians must pay hotel bills in foreign currency unless they have an Exemption Certificate or Police Registration Papers.
- Foreign travellers cheques are better converted into State Bank of India rupee travellers' cheques, which are accepted throughout India.
- No Indian currency can be brought in or taken out of India. But rupee travellers' cheques from banks abroad are allowed.

This is what Indian currency looks like: Re. 1 = 100 paise. Coins come in denominations of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 paise. Rupee notes come in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 100, 1000.

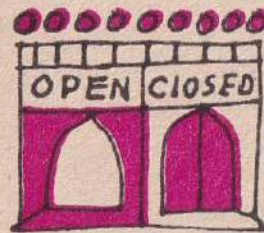




For your guidance : U.K. £ 1 = Rs. 19.00, U.S. \$ 1 = Rs. 7.60.

TIPPING

Tip porters, (about Re.1 per parcel), extra-helpful room bearers, waiters at restaurants and clubs (10% of bill.) You need not tip taxi drivers, cinema or theatre ushers, but it is appreciated. Don't tip hotel clerks, airline staff.



BUSINESS HOURS

Offices: Between 9.30 and 6 p.m.
Government Offices: Between 10.30 and 5 p.m.

Consulates: Between 8.30 and 5 p.m. (Visa hours are shorter).

Shops: Between 10 and 8 p.m.

Banks: Between 10 and 2 p.m.

Monday through Friday. From 10 to 12 noon on Saturdays.

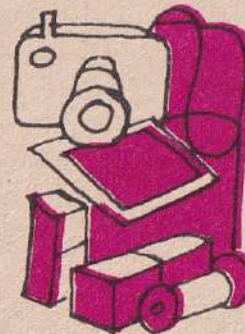
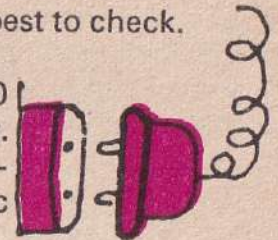
Some offices work on Saturdays up to 1 p.m.

Sunday is a holiday for everybody.

Each State has its special holidays so it's best to check.

ELECTRICITY

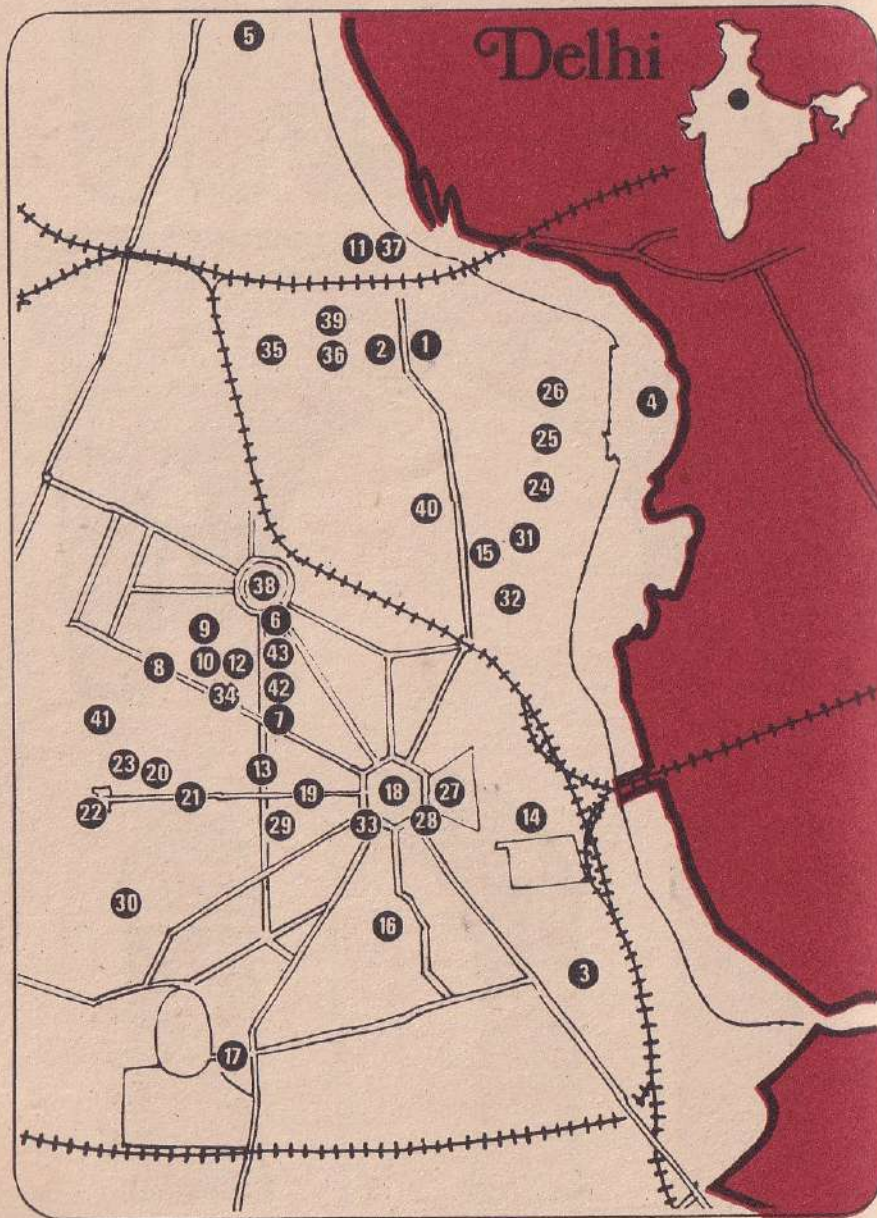
Voltage in most places is 220V AC; 50 cycles. A few areas have DC supply only. Best to bring your own 110-220 volt transformer and check before using your electric shaver, hair dryer, etc. etc.



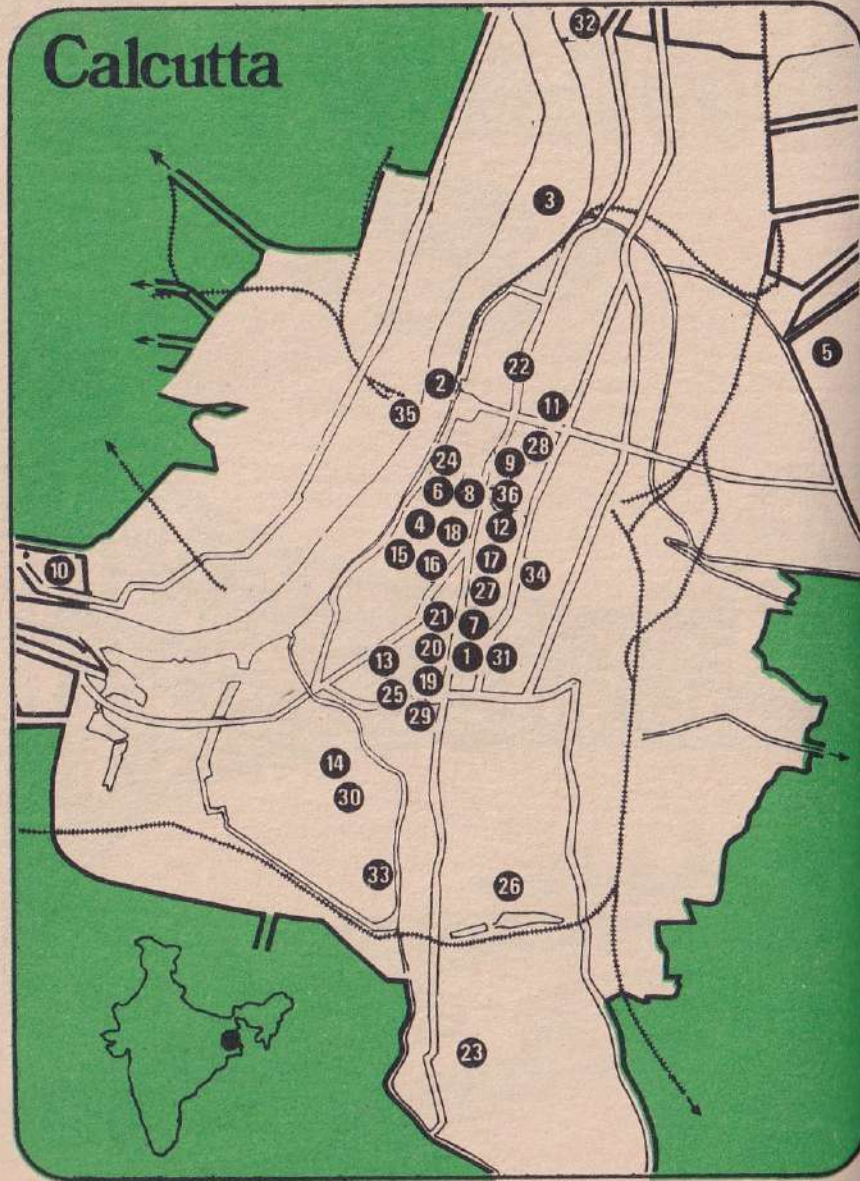
PHOTOGRAPHY

There's nothing quite so photogenic as India. Black and White films and processing facilities available everywhere. Kodak, Agfa and Orwo colour films can also be processed in main cities. This takes about two weeks. (You can ask them to mail the processed film to your home address, if necessary).

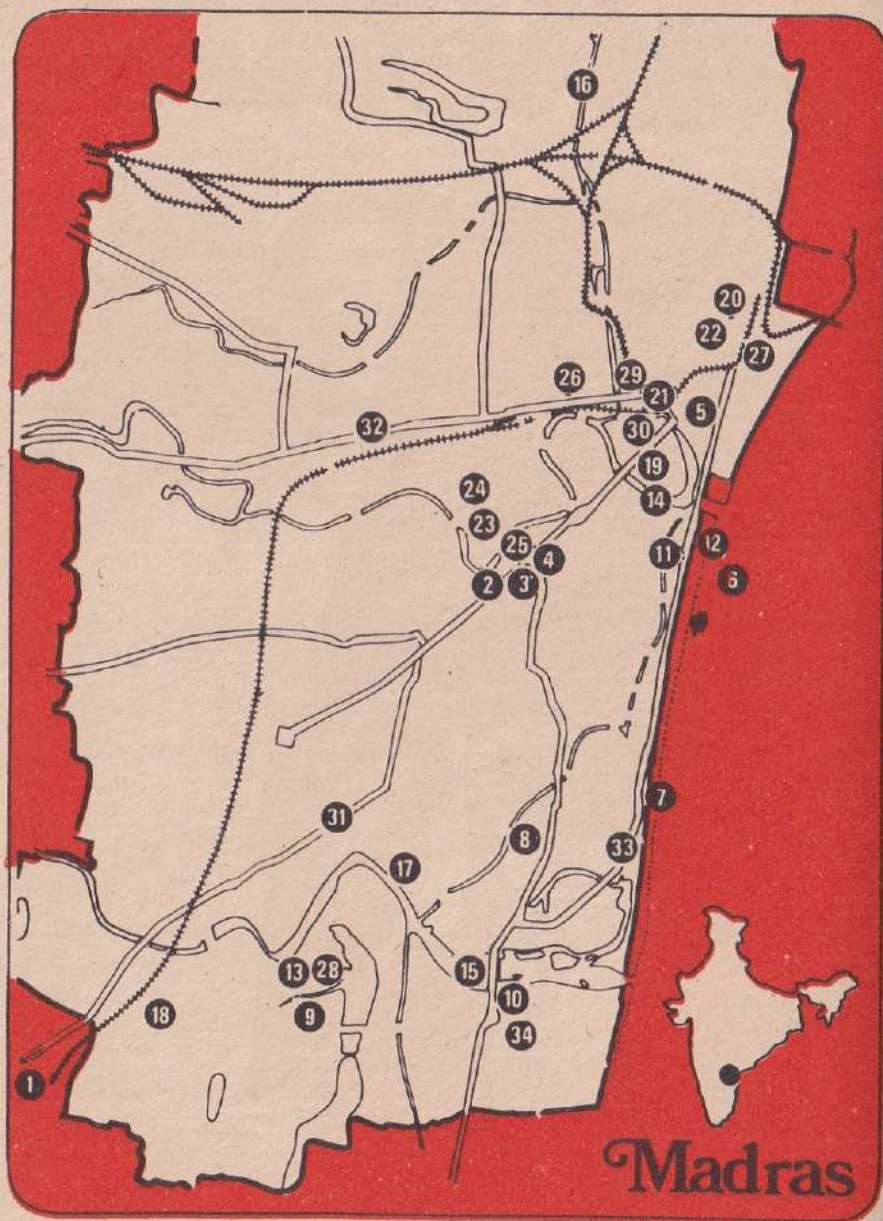
But films are expensive. So bring your quota with you. 8mm and 16mm cine films and Polaroid film are not easily available.



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| 1 Red Fort | 23 Parliament House |
| 2 Jama Masjid | 24 Raj Ghat |
| 3 Humayun's Tomb | 25 Shanti Van |
| 4 Yamuna River | 26 Vijay Ghat |
| 5 Delhi University | 27 National Stadium |
| 6 Tourist Office, Govt. of India | 28 National Gallery of Modern Art |
| 7 Central Telegraph Office | 29 National Museum |
| 8 General Post Office | 30 Nehru Museum |
| 9 Y.M.C.A. | 31 Gandhi Memorial Museum |
| 10 Y.W.C.A. | 32 Dolls Museum |
| 11 Kashmere Gate | 33 Hanuman Temple |
| 12 India Tourism Transport Undertaking | 34 India Tourism Development Corporation |
| 13 Janpath | 35 Fatehpuri Mosque |
| 14 Purana Quila | 36 Gurudwara Sis Gang |
| 15 Firozeshah Kotla | 37 St. James Church |
| 16 Lodi Tomb | 38 Connaught Place |
| 17 Safdarjung Tombs | 39 Chandni Chowk |
| 18 India Gate | 40 Irwin Hospital |
| 19 Rajpath | 41 Willingdon Hospital |
| 20 Central Secretariat | 42 Air-India Office |
| 21 Vijay Chowk | 43 Indian Airlines Office |



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| 1 Chowringhee | 19 St. Paul's Cathedral |
| 2 Howrah Bridge | 20 Birla Planetorium |
| 3 Hooghly River | 21 The Maidan |
| 4 Central Telegraph Office | 22 Chitpur Road |
| 5 Salt Water Lake | 23 The Royal Calcutta Golf Club |
| 6 Tourist Bureau, Govt. of West Bengal | 24 General Post Office |
| 7 Y.W.C.A. & Y.M.C.A. | 25 Rabindra Sadan |
| 8 Tourist Office, Govt. of India | 26 Birla Academy of Art and Culture |
| 9 Chinatown | 27 Indian Museum |
| 10 Botanical Gardens | 28 Ashutosh Museum of Indian Art |
| 11 Marble Palace | 29 Nehru Children's Museum |
| 12 Chittaranjan Avenue | 30 The National Library |
| 13 Victoria Memorial Hall | 31 The Asiatic Society |
| 14 Zoological Gardens | 32 Dakshineswar Temple |
| 15 Eden Gardens | 33 Kali Temple |
| 16 Shahid Minar | 34 St. Thomas Church |
| 17 The New Market | 35 Howrah Station |
| 18 Air-India | 36 Indian Airlines |



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| 2 Air-India Office | 19 Gymkhana Club |
| 3 Tourist Office, Govt. of India | 20 General Post Office |
| 4 Tourist Office, Govt. of Tamil Nadu | 21 General Hospital |
| 5 Fort St. George | 22 YMCA |
| 6 Marina Beach | 23 Govt. Museum & Art Gallery |
| 7 San Thome | 24 National Art Gallery |
| 8 Mylapore | 25 Sarla Art Centre |
| 9 Gandhi Mandap | 26 Moore Market |
| 10 Theosophical Lodge, Adyar | 27 Burma Bazar |
| 11 Chepauk Palace | 28 Guindy Deer Sanctuary |
| 12 Anna Samadhi | 29 Central Railway Station |
| 13 Snake Park | 30 Rajendra Singhjee Stadium |
| 14 Cooum River | 31 Mount Road |
| 15 Adyar River | 32 Poonamalle High Road |
| 16 Buckingham Canal | 33 South Beach Road |
| 17 Royal Madras Yacht Club | 34 Elliot Beach Road |

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