

## Frequently Asked Questions – What You Need to Know Prior to Your Gold Key in *Country India*

- 1) How far in advance do I need to book my Gold Key Service (GKS)?  
**You need to book a GKS 30 to 40 business days in advance of your travel dates.**
- 2) As a U.S. citizen, do I need to obtain a visa beforehand for business travel to *India*, or can I get a visa at the airport upon arrival?  
**You need to obtain a visa beforehand for travel to India.**
- 3) What hotels does the local CS office recommend? Is a preferred (e.g. Embassy) rate available for Gold Key?  
**We have seven offices in India and each office has a recommended list of hotels. Once a GKS is booked, we can share the hotels list.**
- 4) What are transportation options from airport to hotel and their approximate costs?  
**The cost will vary from \$10 to \$100 depending on the distance and type of pick-up. You can ask the hotel for airport pick-up or use pre-paid taxi.**
- 5) Where do the GKS meetings typically take place? At company offices, CS offices, elsewhere?  
**GKS meetings happen at company offices, CS offices or hotel depending on mutual convenience.**
- 6) Will someone from CS accompany me to the meetings?  
**Yes, U.S. Commercial Service staff member will escort for meetings.**
- 7) Do I need a translator? If so, how much does this typically cost?  
**No. Usually, all contacts speak fluent English.**
- 8) Do I need to rent a car and driver for my meetings? If yes, how much does this typically cost?  
**Yes, you need to rent a car and driver for outside meetings. Typically, it costs \$50 approximately.**
- 9) When will I receive the list of companies that I will be meeting with?  
**You will receive the list of companies one week in advance of your GKS date.**
- 10) What is the dress code for business meetings?  
**Business Attire - Blazer and tie**
- 11) Are there any cultural or other useful tips you can provide so that I can make the most of my Gold Key Service?  
**Business Customs: Many Indians are aware of Americans' adherence to time, business meetings can also start late, so it's important to keep your schedule flexible.**

**Travel Advisory: The U.S. Department of State consular information sheet for India can be found:**

**[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1139.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1139.html)**

**We strongly urge U.S. travelers to review this information before their trip, which includes updated safety and security information.**

**Medical insurance: We strongly urges Americans to consult with their medical insurance company prior to traveling abroad to confirm whether their policy applies overseas and whether it will cover emergency expenses such as a medical evacuation. Please see information on medical insurance overseas at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1470.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1470.html).**