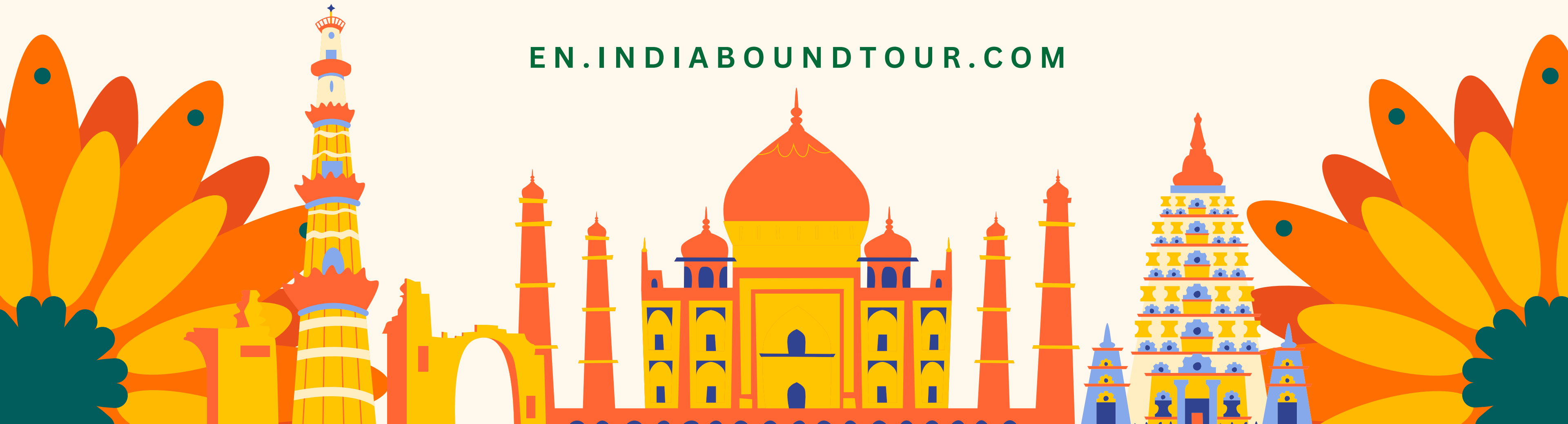




COUNTRY INTRODUCTION

India

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Welcome to India!

India is a large and diverse country in South Asia. Its capital is New Delhi, known for its historical landmarks and vibrant culture. India is the most populous country in the world with over **1.7 billion** people. The official languages are Hindi and English, but the country recognises 22 other regional languages.



Geography of India

India stretches from the high **Himalayas** in the north to the tropical coast in the south. **The Ganges River** flows through the northern plains, providing water and fertile land for agriculture. India's coastline stretches more than **7,500 kilometres** along the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, offering beautiful beaches and harbours.



The Climate of India

India's climate is incredibly diverse and varies greatly from region to region. The northern mountains have cold, snowy winters and mild summers, while the central and southern parts of India have a tropical climate with hot summers and mild winters. The monsoon season, which lasts from June to September, brings heavy rainfall to most parts of the country, making the landscape lush and green.



Famous Landmarks

The Taj Mahal in Agra is one of the world's most famous monuments, renowned for its stunning white marble architecture. The Red Fort in Delhi is a historic fortress that served as the main residence of the Mughal emperors. The city of Varanasi, on the banks of the Ganges, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world and an important centre for Hindu pilgrimage. The intricately carved temples of Khajuraho showcase India's ancient art and architecture.



Indian Culture

It is a country of many religions, including Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism and Jainism, each with its own traditions and festivals. Music and dance are central to Indian culture, with classical forms such as Bharatanatyam and Kathak, as well as popular music and dance. Indian cuisine is famous for its rich flavors and spices; dishes such as biryani, curry and samosas are enjoyed around the world. Festivals such as Diwali, the festival of light, and Holi, the festival of color, are celebrated with great enthusiasm throughout the country.





Wildlife in India

The Bengal tiger, India's national animal, roams the country's forests and grasslands. The Indian elephant, known for its intelligence and strength, is found in many parts of the country. India is also home to the one-horned rhinoceros in the north-eastern states and the Asiatic lion in the Gir forest of Gujarat.

Sports in India

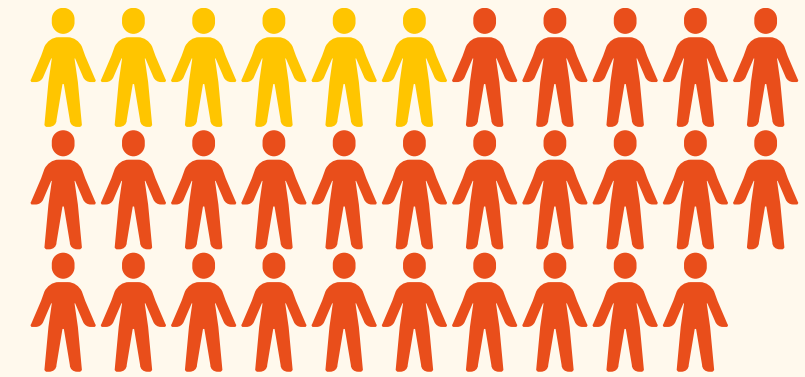
India has a strong cricket tradition and its national team has won many international championships. Field hockey is another sport in which India has been particularly successful at the Olympic Games. Kabaddi, a traditional Indian sport, is widely played and has gained international recognition. Interest in sports such as football, badminton and tennis is also growing in India, with athletes achieving success on the world stage.



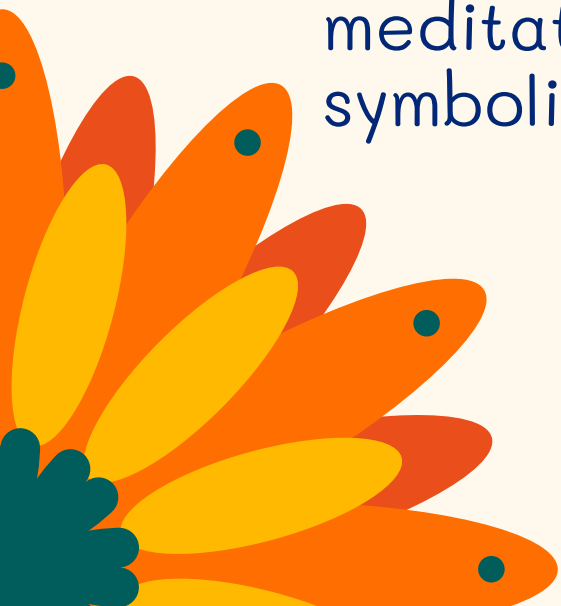
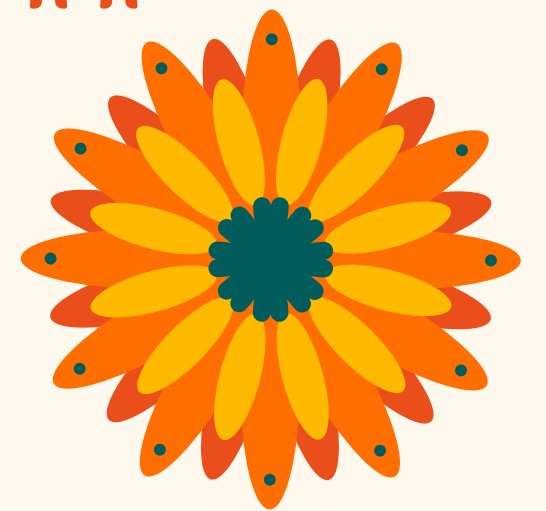
Fun Facts about India

India's official name is the Republic of India. The country is known for its rich diversity, with more than 2,000 different ethnic groups and more than 1,600 languages spoken. India is the largest democracy in the world and has one of the fastest growing economies. The Indian film industry produces more films each year than any other country. Yoga, which originated in India, is practised by millions of people around the world as a form of exercise and meditation. India's national symbol is the lotus flower, which symbolises purity and beauty.

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