

India

Did you know the official name of India is the Republic of India? India is the world's largest democracy by population size (1.395 billion people). It has enchanting landmarks, incredible landscapes and delightful dishes to taste.

The Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal, a mausoleum complex in Agra, India, is regarded as one of the world's most iconic monuments. It is the finest example of Mughal architecture, and was built by Emperor Shah Jahān (reigned 1628–58) to honour his wife Mumtāz Maḥal. It took about 22 years and 20,000 workers to construct the complex, which includes an immense garden with a reflecting pool.

The Ganges River

One of the world's great rivers, the Ganges flows across the plains of northern India for most of its course. In India the river is called the Ganga. The Ganges is 2,510 kilometres long. It begins in the southern Himalayas, near India's border with the China. The river flows onto the plains of India before it makes it way to Bangladesh, where it empties into the Bay of Bengal.

Indian Cuisine

India is a large and very diverse country, also the agricultural products are very different. This means food and cooking styles are different from region to region. Rice, lentils, breads and spices are eaten every day. A popular food in India is curry. Curries are a tasty dish made with lots of spices.



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Questions

1. What city is the Taj Mahal located in?

2. List two things eaten daily in India.

3. What is the popular food made with lots of spices in India called?

4. What is the name of the famous river that flows through India?

5. The official name of India is the Republic of India.

True / False

6. The Taj Mahal took 12 years to build.

True / False

7. Fill in the blanks. The Ganges river flows onto the plains of India

before it makes it way to _____, where it empties

into the Bay of _____.