

# New Delhi Korma

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## Embassy Holidays

The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi will be closed the following days:

- May 3 – Id ul Fitr
- May 16 – Budha Purnima
- May 30 – Memorial Day
- June 20 – Juneteenth (observed)



## Pay.Gov is Here!

**We are pleased to announce that as of April 24<sup>th</sup> adults in India are able to pay their passport renewal fees online!**

Pay.gov is a free and secure service that allows you to pay many U.S. Government Agencies.

- Please visit [www.in.usembassy.gov](http://www.in.usembassy.gov) to determine if you are eligible.
- If eligible, you may then submit payment of your DS-82 passport renewal fee via U.S. or international credit or debit card, electronic funds transfer from a U.S.-based bank account, Amazon Pay, or Pay Pal.
- After successful payment you will receive a confirmation email from pay.gov to submit with your application packet.

Pay.gov is fast and easy to use! See our website for more information or email us at [ACSND@state.gov](mailto:ACSND@state.gov) with any questions not covered on our website!



Juneteenth has been celebrated unofficially in several parts of the United States since June 19, 1865, but was made an official federal holiday on June 17, 2021 when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. On January 1, 1963, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing enslaved people in all Southern secessionist states of the Confederacy, except for the parts of those states which were not in rebellion. The Emancipation Proclamation was enforced by Union troops as they advanced through the South. Juneteenth's commemoration is on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865 announcement of "General Order No. 3": by Union Army general Gordon Granger, proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas, which was the last state of the Confederacy with institutional slavery. While the Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves in the Confederate States, it did not end slavery in the Union. People enslaved in the Union states were finally freed with the ratification of the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution on December 6, 1865.



## Ready for Summer Travel?

Check those passports! As school winds down and the sun heats up, many families are looking to head out of India on vacation. Please check the expiration date on your loved ones' passports. Most countries require a passport with at least six months validity remaining to issue a visa or enter the country. In most cases, a valid visa in an expired passport is still valid, you just need to travel with both documents. If your passport is expiring soon, please visit [www.in.usembassy.gov](http://www.in.usembassy.gov) to make an appointment and check what documents you need.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY READY?

In case of an emergency, it is very important for your family to have a bag prepared in case you need to leave your home urgently. This is commonly called a “go bag”. Alternatively, if you are unable to leave your home or office due to an emergency event, it is very important to have a “stay bag” so you and your family are prepared.

### What is in a “Go Bag”?

- Passports
- \$200 cash equivalent in local currency
- \$300 equivalent in the local currency of the next safest location (if another country)
- Credit cards not used on a daily basis
- Cheap quad band GSM cell phone with local SIM card installed
- Small first aid kit and small sewing kit
- Clothes for three days
- International calling card
- Small blanket
- Small towel
- Small pocketknife or multi-tool
- Spare prescription medication
- A list of important phone numbers
- USB with backup of important files
- Each family member should have a separate bag, be mindful of climate and ages of family members when packing

### What is in a “Stay Bag”/Emergency Kit?

- Large plastic bin or box for kit storage
- 3 day supply of water (1 gallon per person per day) and 3 day supply of non-perishable food with can opener
- Mess kits/disposable plates and utensils
- First aid and sewing kit
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- Battery powered or hand cranked radio
- Whistle to signal for help
- Local maps
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket
- Cell phone with charger/extra battery
- Extra car and house keys
- Change of weather appropriate clothes
- Matches in waterproof container
- Personal hygiene items and medications
- USB with backup of important files
- Family and emergency contact information
- Toys, diapers, identification for children







## Ask the IRS

**Common Questions  
for Tax Season. For  
more information,  
please visit  
[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)**

### **CAN I FILE AN AMENDED FORM 1040-X ELECTRONICALLY?**

Yes. You can now submit the Form 1040-X electronically using available tax software products. Only tax year 2019 and 2020 Forms 1040 and 1040-SR returns that were originally e-filed and be amended electronically.

### **IS THERE AN AGE LIMIT ON CLAIMING MY CHILD AS A DEPENDENT?**

Yes. To meet the qualifying age test your child must be younger than you and either 19 years old or be a student younger than 24 years old at the end of the calendar year. There is no age limit if your child is permanently and totally disabled or meets the qualifying relative test.

### **I PAY INCOME TAX IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. DO I STILL HAVE TO FILE A U.S. INCOME TAX RETURN IF I DO NOT LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES?**

Yes. If you are a U.S. citizen or resident alien living outside the United States, your worldwide income is subject to U.S. income tax, regardless of where you live.

### **WHAT IS THE DUE DATE OF A U.S. INCOME TAX RETURN?**

The due date for filing a federal individual income tax return is generally April 15 of each year if your tax year ends December 31. If you are a U.S. citizen or a resident alien who is either living outside of the United States and Puerto Rico and your main place of business or post of duty is outside of the United States, you are allowed an automatic two-month extension until June 15.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR DISTRICT: AMRITSAR!

Northern India is filled with beautiful places, friendly people, incredible wildlife, and delicious food. Our highlight for this edition is the beautiful city of Amritsar. Amritsar is the second largest city in the state of Punjab and was chosen as a heritage city by the Government of India.

### **Fast facts:**

**Population:** 1,425,040

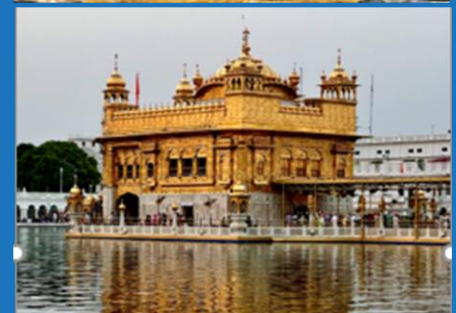
**Elevation:** 715 feet above sea level

**Founder:** Guru Lam Das

**More than 100,000 people visit the Golden Temple each day!**

### **Famous sites:**

#### **Golden Temple**



#### **Jallianwala Bagh**





# Beat the Heat! CDC Tips to Stay Safe this Summer

## AVOID • SPOT • TREAT

### HEAT STROKE & HEAT EXHAUSTION

In hot temperatures your body may be unable to properly cool itself, leading to serious health problems.

## AVOID

When the temperature is very high stay indoors. If you must go outside, **dress properly** and **take breaks** often. Know who is at **high risk** for heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

### Tips to Beat the Heat



Drink plenty of water!



Check on friends and neighbors at high risk for heat-related illness.

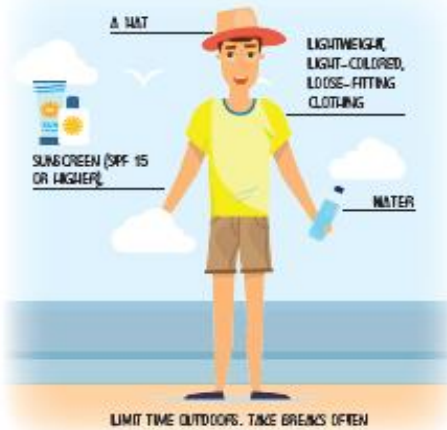


Find air-conditioned places to cool off (shopping malls and libraries).



NEVER leave kids or pets in a closed, parked vehicle.

### If you go outside, remember:



### Know who is at high risk:



Infants



Young children



Elderly adults



People with chronic medical conditions

## AMRITSAR CONTINUED

### Wagah Border Crossing



### Partition Museum



### Gobindghar Fort



### Durgiana Temple



# AMRITSAR





## SPOT

Know the signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

### Heat Stroke

#### Signs & Symptoms

- Very high body temperature (above 103°F)
- Red, hot, and dry skin (no sweating)
- Rapid, strong pulse
- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Upset stomach
- Confusion
- Passing out

### Heat Exhaustion

#### Signs & Symptoms

- Heavy sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Upset stomach or vomiting
- Fainting



If you see any of these signs, get medical help immediately.

## Election Year!

2022 is an election year, with most states having primaries May-September, and the general election taking place **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. Remember, voting is a right! If you are a U.S. citizen it has never been easier to vote from overseas, in some cases even if you have never lived in the United States, you can still vote. Please visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) to register and receive your absentee ballot. You can also get voting alerts straight to your phone to let you know when your primary is and get help determining your state of residence.



## TREAT

While waiting for medical attention, you can help someone with heat stroke or heat exhaustion.

### Heat Stroke



Move the victim to a shady area or indoors. Do not give the person fluids. Cool the body by:

- Placing person in a cool (not cold) bath or shower
- Spraying with a garden hose
- Sponging with cool water
- Fanning

Continue efforts to cool the person until help arrives or his or her body temperature falls below 102°F and stays there.

### Heat Exhaustion

Get medical attention if symptoms get worse or last longer than one hour. Cool the body with:



- Cool, nonalcoholic beverages
- Rest
- A cool (not cold) bath, shower, or sponge bath
- Moving to an air-conditioned room
- Wearing lightweight clothing



immediately if symptoms are severe or if victim has heat problems or high blood pressure

# Americans can vote.

# Wherever they are.