Passports + Visas

- U.S. Citizens are required to use a Passport to travel to India. **Your Passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival at the destination** (i.e. 8/12/2027) and have at least 2 blank pages in it.
- U.S. Citizens are required to obtain a Visa in order to travel to India. We will be traveling on **e-Tourist Visas.**
    - Please use the same passport to apply for the Visa that you will use to travel to India (i.e. if you don't have a passport or need to get a new one: get the passport before applying for the e-Visa).
    - You will **need a passport photo** (taken in the last 6 months) for the visa application. You are able to apply for the Visa prior to booking your plane ticket.

<u>e-Tourist Visas</u>:

- **This is the link for the official Indian government to apply for an e-Tourist Visa**: **https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/**
    - **Only use the official Indian government website listed above to procure an e-Tourist Visa yourself**
    - DO NOT USE any of the many unofficial 3rd party websites on the internet offering e-visa services to India
- You have three e-Tourist Visa options that are primarily differentiated by the length of their validity (and price and timeframe to apply)
    - 5 year multiple entry: $160
    - 1 Year multiple entry: $40
    - 30 Day: multiple entry: $25
- Timeframe to Apply: you may apply as early as 120 days prior to your proposed date of travel (i.e. you can apply now)

NEXT STEPS: e-Tourist Visas

<u>Option 1: DIT</u>

- **Click Here for a Sample Application** so you know what to expect
- A few points of note of what to expect on the application (with some **response suggestions in bold**)
    - Page 1
        - Port of Arrival: **Indira Gandhi – DEL – New Delhi** (if flying to New Delhi on the group flight or otherwise)
        - Expected Date of Arrival: date you land or plan to land in India (February 11, 2027 for group flights)
        - Visa Service: eTourist Visa
    - Page 2
        - Passport Information

        - A few seemingly unexpected questions (your religion, educational qualifications, visible identification marks)
    - Page 3
        - Your address + Information about your parents
    - Page 4
        - Place to be Visited: **Vrindavan**
        - Previous Indian Visa Info (if you had one)
        - Countries visited in last 10 years
        - Reference Name in India: **Jiva Institute: 380 Sheetal Chaya Raman Reti, Vrindavan Uttar Pradesh 281121, India. Phone +91 983 717 3737**
    - Page 5
        - Questions (Y/N)
    - Page 6
        - Passport Picture**: upload picture (taken in last 6 months) in jpeg format (10KB-1MB)**
    - Page 7
        - Passport Photo Page: **upload in PDF format (10KB-300KB)**

Option 2: Help U Travel: Travel Partner offering white-glove service

- We have a 15 year positive relationship with *Help U Travel*
- *Help U Travel* offers a white-glove service where they complete, submit, and process your visa application on your behalf. You will need to supply them with the requisite information
    - **This is not required - it is an optional service**
- *Help U Travel* is offering members of our group a discounted rate of $150 for this service. This $150 white-glove service is in addition to the cost of the visa
- If you are interested in utilizing this service: please contact Raksha Pandya of *Help U Travel* via email or phone and mention *Robert Lindsey Group*
    - Email: pandyasmile@gmail.com
    - Cell Phone: 917-459-0020
    - Address: 347 5th Ave., Suite 1212A New York, NY 10016