



# First International Conference on RASopathies in Asia: Advances in RASopathies and Neurofibromatoses Identification of New Therapeutic Targets

27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Crowne Plaza, Kochi, Kerala, South India



**Information for Foreign Delegates  
Attending the Conference**

## 1. Visa Application

Most foreign delegates can apply for an e-Visa. The application can be completed on the following website. The process typically takes 72 hours.

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

May we politely request that you read this information carefully and thoroughly in order to ensure that your application is successful.

Please note that you will need to apply for a tourist visa.

## 2. Communication

Once you arrive at Kochi International Airport, it is advisable to purchase an Indian SIM card. This is the easiest and cheapest way to make telephone calls to those in the area and to gain mobile Internet access. A SIM card can be purchased from the desks located on your left, as you exit customs. We would suggest that you ask the vendor for details of how to top up.

## 3. Travel

The easiest way to reach the Crowne Plaza Hotel is to take a pre-paid taxi. You can arrange this at the desk located just outside the airport. It will cost approximately INR 900 and take 60-75 minutes, depending on the traffic.

The most convenient way to travel around Kochi is by UBER. You do not need to have an account and you will simply need to phone the company. Alternative modes of transport include taxis, autorickshaws (worth trying a short trip for the experience!), buses, the metro and boats. May we politely suggest that, if you intend to travel outside the city, you check whether higher rates apply. You may consider renting your own vehicle. India has a right-hand drive. A pre-arranged vehicle rental can be picked up at the airport.

## 4. Things to Do and Places to Visit

Kindly take a look at the below resources which provide detailed information of places to visit and things to do in and around Kochi.

- The Lonely Planet Guide to Kochi (Cochin):  
<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/india/kerala/kochi-cochin>
- Trip Advisor:  
[https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Tourism-g297633-Kochi\\_Cochin\\_Kerala-Vacations.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Tourism-g297633-Kochi_Cochin_Kerala-Vacations.html)
- Tourism Websites:  
<http://www.keralatourism.org/kochi/> and <http://www.cochin.org/tourism.htm>

### AREAS OF INTEREST AND POPULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Allepey-Kumarakom House Boats and Canal Cruise
- Periyar (Thekkady) Wildlife Sanctuary
- Munnar Hill Resorts
- Kodanad Elephant Training Centre
- Poornathrayesha Temple, Thripoonithura, Ernakulam District

We sincerely hope that this information is useful and that you enjoy your time in Kochin (Cochin), Kerala, South India.





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