



INDIA



PRIMARY GROWING REGION 

PRIMARY ARABICA COFFEE AREAS 

India is known as one of the world's largest tea producing and drinking countries. But southern India, with its high rolling hills, also has a rich coffee tradition that dates back centuries. Coffee was smuggled out of Yemen and into India in the late 1600s by a man named Baba Budan, who planted them in the hills of present-day Karnataka. Eventually, starting in the mid-1800s, India began to grow coffee for export.

Fast forward to the 21st century and today. The country's distinctive *arabica* coffee is mostly grown by smallholder farmers under shade and intercropped with spice and fruit crops like clove and banana. Climate change is a rising challenge for these farmers, as intense tropical storms can damage the ripening cherries. Starbucks partnered with Tata Coffee in India in 2012 and is committed to helping the nation's coffee industry thrive.

ARABICA ALTITUDE
3,280 ft – 4,921 ft
(1,000 m – 1,500 m)

PRIMARY VARIETALS
Catimor, Kent, S795,
Cauvery, Chandragiri

PRIMARY PROCESSING METHODS
Washed, Natural

HARVEST
December - March

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