

Obama's visit to India to be biggest ever

With an entourage of over 900 people and 40 aircraft, U.S. President Barack Obama's three-day visit to India will cost over \$100 million. In addition, a U.S. carrier strike group will patrol the coast off Mumbai

Upper level: Flight deck, communications centre and crew lounge

Air Force One:

Boeing 747-200B.

Crew: 26, passengers: 70

Speed: 1,014km/hour

Lower level: Cargo and avionics

Nuclear codes: Air Force officer guards **football**, briefcase that holds codes for nuclear deployment

President's suite: Includes dressing room, gym, shower and office

Mid level

Media section

Rear galley, toilets

Secretarial staff

VIP section

Security

Senior staff meeting room

Defence: Hardened to withstand electromagnetic pulse of nuclear blast, counter measures to jam enemy radar. Laser system and flares to detect and throw heat-seeking missiles off course

Conference and dining room

Main galley

Aides' office: Doubles as pharmacy and emergency operating theatre

Aircraft: Twin military 747s, SAM 28000 and 29000 – call sign **Air Force One** only used when president is aboard – 18 C-17 Globemasters; 12 C-5 Galaxies, three C-141 Starlifters to transport motorcade and 200 Secret Service/FBI/CIA agents, plus three C-130 Hercules

C-17 Globemaster III

C-141 Starlifter

Charter aircraft: Two jumbo jets to transport 400 White House aides, 100 journalists and 200-strong business delegation

Marine One: Sikorsky VH-3D Sea King helicopters transported to Mumbai by C-17s. For security reasons Marine One flies in groups of three identical aircraft – so-called **presidential shell game** – to serve as decoys

Motorcade: 50 vehicles – 45 carried from U.S. Half used as decoy motorcade. Four **Barack Mobile** limousines, 12 Chevy Suburban armoured cars, ambulances, police cars and support vehicles

War Wagon: Chevy Suburban armed with 6-barrelled 7.62mm mini-gun

Top of car opens to reveal gun turret