

## New Delhi, India



Dawn breaks over the sandstone-tinted India Gate. As the long rays of the northern sun disperse, the gray fog reveals legions of fitness enthusiasts taking their morning walks. Further down the road, the ochre-colored Parliament is in session. The seat of British power in India, New Delhi differs from Old Delhi, which was the seat of the Mughals in India a few centuries earlier. Captivating ancient monuments are a testament to Mughal majesty while magnificent museums offer unrivaled collections of art history. New Delhi's vivid performing-arts scene thrives as does the subcontinent's culinary offerings. Together, India's capital is sprinkled with glittering gems that span the gamut from the past to the future.

## Memorable Experiences

## Arts and Crafts

Peruse distinctive handicrafts from artisans at the Dilli Haat.

## Savory Treats

Relish kebabs made from 500 year-old recipes at Moti Mahal Deluxe.

## Ceremonial Shopping

Wander through the vivid bridal market of Kinari Bazaar, off Chandni Chowk.

## Awe-Inspiring Views

Gaze up at the Qutb Minar, the world's tallest brick tower.

## Distinctive Details

A 'Footloose In Old Delhi' walking tour visits the distinguished mansions of members of the royal court, along with elegant mosques and gardens. Even today, Old Delhi serves as the symbolic heart of the city.

Starwood Preferred  
Guest Recommends

## Red Fort

Watch three hundred years of history come alive within the sandstone walls of Delhi's Red Fort. Witness the 'Son - Et - Lumiere', a dramatic interplay of sound and light effects that recreates the story of Red Fort, a symbol of Mughal Power.

## Destination Information

**Country** India  
**Province** New Delhi  
**Elevation** 216 meters  
**Population** 14 million (area)  
**Language** Hindi, English



**Area Code:** 11  
**Country Code:** 91



**Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI)**

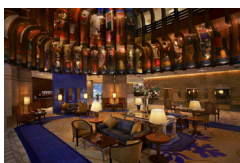


**Transportation:** Car, Taxi, Metro, Train, Auto Rickshaw, Cycle Rickshaw



**Rupee**

## Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts

**The Maurya, New Delhi**

Diplomatic Enclave Sadar Patel Marg  
New Delhi, New Delhi 110 021  
Phone: (91)(11) 26112233



## Culture

Delhi's past co-exists peacefully with its present at museums and parks.

### Highly Recommended



#### National Gallery of Art

An extraordinary collection of Indian art from the past 150 years is housed in the majestic domed hallways of the National Gallery of Modern Art. Initially designed in 1936 as a home for the Maharaja of Jaipur, the museum was founded in 1954 as a collection to promote contemporary art. Considering to be the premier modern art museum in all of India, its collection highlights include miniature tempura and watercolor paintings of the Mughal, Rajasthani, Pahari and Deccani courts, as well as intricate gold-leaf bejeweled paintings known as Mysore.

**Address: Jaipur House, India Gate**  
**Phone: (91) (11) 23386111**



#### Raj Gaht

A blanket of marigolds is carefully laid out upon a simple black marble platform. Swirls of orange and red petals form a vivid offering, celebrating the life of one of India's greatest heroes. A memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, this quiet shrine marks the place where the ashes of the great advocate of freedom and non-violence, were laid on January 31, 1948. Designed by Vanu G. Bhuta to reflect the simplicity of Gandhi's life, this renowned site features an eternal flame that burns brightly from within a glass case.

**Address: Stadhouderslaan 41**  
**Phone: (31)(70) 3381111**

### Local Charms



#### Lodi Gardens

Carefully manicured lush greenery and medieval monuments lend a timeless romantic charm to these gardens, established between the 15th and 16th century by the Sayyids and Lodis. Tapering minarets, built with ashlar stone, rectangular prayer halls with arched openings, colored tiles and Quaranic inscriptions adorn the crumbling tombs. The National Bonsai Park within the Lodi Gardens boasts a delightful collection of miniature plants, with an extraordinary view at sunset.

**Address: Adjacent to Lodi Road, nearby Bara Gumbad**



#### Delhi Crafts Museum

Graceful trees cast shade over this oasis of traditional Indian crafts. Amidst earthy brown huts with painted walls and mustard thatched roofs and terracotta horses that recreate village shrines, discover craftsmen at work. Within the museum itself are examples of traditional Indian wooden carvings and metal ware, especially objects from Bastar, West Bengal and Bihar. Peruse the well-presented galleries that house over twenty thousand pieces from around India including displays of clay and terracotta pots, folk and tribal paintings and antique jewelry.

**Address: Bhairon Road, Pragati Maidan**



## Shopping

From handicrafts to haute couture, Delhi's shopping will delight.

### Local Specialty



#### Khan Market

Located near the heart of Delhi, the sparkling Khan market is one of the greenest pockets of the city, located nearby the famed Lodhi Gardens. From diplomats to robed Tibetan lamas, a diverse clientele shops at Khan Market for everything from clothing to books. Famed for its fine tailors, who specialize in making a suit, dress or shirt, usually within a period of one week, Khan is also renowned for its authentic street food, including kebabs from Salim's and Khan Chacha.

**Address: Off Prithvaraj Road nearby Humayan Road**

**Phone: (91) (11) 24618587**



#### Central Cottage Industries Emporium

Six floors of exquisite handicrafts from around India populate the Central Cottage Industries Emporium, popularly known as the cottage. Since 1948, a host of dignitaries including Queen Elizabeth II have championed one of the largest ensembles of home décor accessories available anywhere in India. Showcasing over twenty thousand refined artifacts, two thousand alluring carpet designs and an unmatched variety of exquisite home linens, the expansive selection encompasses paintings, brassware, textiles and even large statues of the elephant-headed god Ganesha.

**Address: Jawahar Vyapar Bhavan, Janpath**

### Shops & Boutiques



#### Fabindia

Grey stone archways lead to muted wooden interiors at this tasteful Delhi shop. Once an export house that marketed the textile craft traditions of India to Americans in the 1960s, today FabIndia showcases a variety of extraordinary indigenous products. Sourcing from over fifteen thousand crafts makers across the nation, Fabindia works closely with them to support artisan design. From hand-spun silk tunics to delicate block print pillows, a distinctive selection of fine textiles and one-of-a-kind pieces can be found.

**Address: Locations at Connaught Place & Khan Market**

**Phone: (91) (11) 43683100/114/120**



#### Wills Lifestyle

A single sleeve unfurls in a sheath of hand dyed silk while a plaid cashmere scarf adds an elegant touch to an impeccably crafted grey wool suit. With "designer", "formal," "relaxed," and "evening" collections, Wills Lifestyle is a complete fashion emporium. One of India's most admired brands, the collection includes dazzling yet sophisticated selections by national designers such as Satya Paul, Rina Dhaka, and JJ Valaya. A range of exclusive fragrances completes the experience.

**Address: ITC Maurya**



## Cuisine

Spicy, innovative tastes are influenced in a mix of frontier and North Indian cuisine.

### Acclaimed



#### Bukhara

Multicolored green, orange and red striped plush cushions set off exposed stone walls, in the internationally acclaimed Bukhara, named one of the top fifty restaurants in the world. A team of sixteen chefs prepare each meal through an open display kitchen developed by the late Master Chef Mandanial Jaiswal. Visiting heads of state, celebrities and royalty have donned aprons and savored the restaurant's legendary kebabs and the Sikandari Raan, a marinated whole leg of spring lamb.

**Address: ITC Maurya**

**Phone: (91) (11) 3010101**

### Indigenous Flavors



#### Punjabi by Nature

Punjabi By Nature brings traditional Punjabi food into modern time in a contemporary and elegant setting. Decorated in warm tones with opulent wooden ceilings, this inviting restaurant in South Delhi's Vasant Vihar features luminous stained glass windows and floating candles on each table. Renowned for its unique trademark creation of alcoholic gol gappa, served in fried crispy shells and filled with spices and flavored vodka or tequila, a meal at the restaurant is an essential New Delhi experience.

**Address: Rajouri Garden**

**Phone: (91) (11) 41516666**



#### Swagath

Meaning "welcome" in Hindi, Swagath offers an authentic journey in Indian culinary delights. A variety of spicy, tantalizing flavors form the basis for such South Indian dishes as Malabari lobster and Chettinad prawns, paired with sweet or salty lassis. Enjoy deep-fried fish marinated in Kandground Spices or the chef's specialty of Pesawari Barrah Kabab, lamb cooked in a clay oven at this diverse and beloved Delhi restaurant.

**Address: 14 Defence Colony Market**

**Phone: (91) (11) 24330930**

### Local Specialty



#### Ai

On a spacious, starlit open-air terrace, surrounded by bamboo trees, a babbling brook flows past every table. Meaning "love" in Japanese, the sliding bamboo doors of Ai invite diners into a sophisticated Asian experience in the heart of New Delhi. Signature dishes include the fiery Tobiko flying fish roe maki, or the sublime pork belly with mustard miso, all served on stoneware pottery, and expertly garnished with a single bamboo leaf.

**Address: Second Floor, MGF Metropolitan Mall, District Center, Saket**

**Phone: (91) (11) 40654567**



## Noteworthy

Infinite choices for the discerning from astounding jewelry to timeless architecture.

## Highly Recommended



### Jama Majid

Constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble, the Masjid-i Jahan-Namaa, is the largest mosque in Asia with a capacity of twenty-five thousand. Completed in 1656 by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, builder of the Taj Mahal, the mosque houses several relics in a closet in the north gate, including a copy of the Qur'an written on deerskin. Ascend to the top of the Southern minaret to reveal direct views of Connaught Place and New Delhi's Parliament House, Sansad Bhavan.

**Address: Old Delhi, Chandni Chowk**



### Red Fort

Built as a royal residence in 1648, the Red Fort was truly befitting of Emperor Shah Jahan who paraded out of the red sandstone fort atop an elephant onto the streets of Old Delhi. A synthesis of Persian, European and Indian Art and a symbol of Mughlai power and pomp, the fort's palatial buildings, majestic pavilions, elegant gardens are surrounded by a secure 10-meter deep moat. Each year on August 15th, India's Independence Day, it serves as the backdrop for the prime minister's address to the nation.

**Address: Mahatma Gandhi Marg**



### Lotus Temple

Designed by Fariborz Sahba, this stunning nine-sided lotus structure stands as the home of the Bahá'í House of Worship in the village of Bahapur. Completed in 1986, the Lotus Temple welcomes people of all religions to visit. Mentioned in the oldest Veda, the lotus flower entered into Indian art of all ages and all religions as a prominent decorative element. In place of statues and carvings found in other temples, the temple simply utilizes light and water as its two fundamental elements, creating a modern and timeless architectural expression.

**Address: Bahapur, Kalkaji**

**Phone: (91) (11) 6470526**