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Delhi is a thoroughly inscrutable onion of a city: every layer you peel off reveals an even deeper layer of history. Rebuilt eight times by its many conquerors, it has been the seat of the Hindu, Muslim and British empires. All of them have left their mark in the architecture, customs, food and people of this relentless city; all are undergoing a transformation in the capital of modern India.

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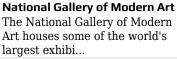


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# THE CITY



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The plain area to the west of the Yamuna River, where Delhi lies today, has been a centre of civilisation for millennia. Indraprastha, the city of the Pandavas, is mentioned in the 3,000-year-old Mahabharata Hindu text, a city sited where the Old Fort now stands. Delhi is a city of metamorphosis in terms of physical buildings, people and culture from the early Hindu rulers to Islam. There was a succession of Islamic dynasties, reaching their zenith with the architectural wonders of the Mughals, and in particular Shah Jahan, builder of the Red Fort and Jama Masjid. His city, Shahjahanabad, is today's Old Delhi with its tangled, intoxicating streets and bazaars.

These contrast with the imperial project of the last rulers of India, the British, who in 1911 built their imperial capital to the south of Old Delhi. The broad boulevards and geometric order of New Delhi give the capital its other distinct half. Designed by Lutyens, the European classical grandeur now has a distinctly Indian flavour, and much of New Delhi is fast gaining the shiny glass-and-steel look of the modern Asian metropolises. You will find all races, faiths and customs of every region of India alongside one another on the streets of Delhi.

### DO & SEE



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New Delhi is a bustling city full of people and beautiful architecture. There are many temples spread over the region, all worth a visit for anyone interested in these architectural wonders. Just walking the streets of New Delhi is a unique experience. You soon notice that this city has many things to fall in love with.

#### The National Museum



Situated in the heart of New Delhi, the National Museum holds exhibits from throughout the whole of Indian history, including relics of the

Indus Valley civilisation, sculptures from the Mauryan civilisation, South Indian Vijayanagar artefacts and a Buddhist gallery, representing a cultural centre and a treasure of immeasurable value.

Photo: Ysbrand Cosijn/Shutterstock.com Address: Janpath, New Delhi Public Transport: Nearest underground station: Central Secretariat and Udyog Bhawan Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10am-6pm Phone: +91 11 2379 2775 Internet: www.nationalmuseumindia.gov.in

### Gurudwara Bangla Sahib



The most outstanding Sihk house of worship in town, Gurdwara Bangla Sahib boasts stunning architectural features and a characteristic golden

dome. Located near the Connaught Place in the centre of New Delhi, it welcomes people of every status and faith.

Photo: YURY TARANIK/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, Hanuman Road Area, Connaught Place, New Delhi Public Transport: Nearest station: New Delhi Train Station Opening hours: Daily 12am-12pm Phone: +91 11 237 1258 081 / 82 Internet: www.dsgmc.in Email: info@dsgmc.in More Info: Photography is not allowed

### **Akshardham Temple**



A major draw for tourists, Swaminarayan Akshardham temple has a peculiar charm and an architectural structure that enchants Indians and

travellers alike. The beautiful gardens exhale more than 10,000 years of Indian culture in a magical show of India's greatness.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock.com Address: National Highway 24, Near Noida More, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 9.30am-6.30pm Phone: +91 11 4344 2344 Internet: www.akshardham.com Email: info@akshardham.com More Info: A strict dress-code operates throughout the complex: knees, chest and shoulders must be covered

#### Lodhi Gardens



An idyllic escapade in the city centre, the park is a green oasis gifted with some stunning constructions dating back to the 15th century,

wonderful tombs mosques and elegant bridges. The great contrast with the bustling city is a welcome change, offering a perfect solution for a relaxing stroll.

Photo: Svetlana Eremina/Shutterstock.com Address: Lodi Gardens, Khan Market, New Delhi Public Transport: Nearest station: JLN Metro Station Opening hours: Daily 6am-7.30pm Phone: +91 11 2464 0079 Internet: www.ndmc.gov.in

### National Gandhi Museum



The National Gandhi Museum has numerous exhibits depicting the life of Ghandi and the history of India. Going back to 1948 when his

assassination took place, the exhibition intends to give a fresh insight into the life of the leader of the Indian independence movement and his non-violent opposition and philosophy.

Photo: paul prescott/Shutterstock.com Address: Rajghat, New Delhi Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 9.30am-5.30pm Phone: +91 11 23310168 Internet: www.gandhimuseum.org Email: gandhimuseumdelhi@gmail.com

#### Sulabh International Museum of Toilets



Handling something as unusual and amusing as toilets, Sulabh International Museum integrates some bizarre exhibits with a matter of

fundamental importance in India such as sanitation. Founded by Dr. Bindeshwar, an inspiring personality who strongly contributed to integrate untouchables, it aims to educate about sanitation and its development throughout the years.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: Sulabh Bhawan, Palam Dabri Marg, Mahavir Enclave, Palam, New Delhi Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-8pm, Sunday 10am-5pm Phone: +91 11 2505 3646 Internet: www.sulabhtoiletmuseum.org Email: sulabhinfo@gmail.com

### National Gallery of Modern Art



The National Gallery of Modern Art houses some of the world's largest exhibitions, boasting thousands of Modern Art works made by Indian

iconic artists. Located on the Rajpath near the India Gate, it offers some beautiful gardens where to relax after an intensive journey through India's modern history.

Photo: Karramba Production/Shutterstock.com Address: Jaipur House, C-Hexagon Road, India Gate, New Delhi Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 11am-6.30pm Phone: +91 11 2338 4640 Internet: www.ngmaindia.gov.in

Email: ngma.delhi@gmail.com

#### Sunder Nursery



The recently inaugurated green oasis (the Indian capital's version of Central Park) features Delhi's first arboretum, with multiple species of

trees (including a Bonsai House), plants, birds and butterflies. Mughal architecture dating back to the 16th century still remains on park grounds, along with the adjacent Humayun's Tomb. The city zoo is not too far from here; future plans include linking the two to one another to create one vast recreational expanse.

Photo: Sr Michelle Mathias/Shutterstock.com Address: Hazrat, Nizamuddin, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 7am-7pm Phone: +91 11 4070 0700 Internet: www.sundernursery.org Email: Info@sundernursery.org

### The Garden of Five Senses



In the city's hustle lies The Garden of Five Senses, a treasure of over 20 acres where tranquillity and serenity reign. The garden was

designed to awaken the five senses with its indescribable beauty and breathtaking attractions. At the Garden of Five Senses you will find a replica of the Mexican Mayan Labná Arc, unique sculptures of children praying, stone crafted elephant troop, well-lit fountains, and more. Cultural festivals, including the Dandiya festivals, the Garden Tourism Festival, food festivals, and more are held here around the year.

Photo: imagedb.com/Shutterstock.com Address: Westend Marg, Saidulajab, Saiyad ul Ajaib, Saket, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm Phone: +91 11 2953 6401 Tickets: Adults Rp 35

### **Bahai Lotus Temple**



Finished in 1986, the Lotus Temple welcomes everyone, regardless of religious beliefs or background. Although no sermons are delivered

nor ritualistic ceremonies practiced, the serenity of the environment offers a great meditation spot and a shady garden to escape to.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock.com Address: Nehru Place, New Delhi Opening hours: Winter: 9am-5:30pm, Summer: 9am-7pm Phone: +91 26470526 Internet: www.bahaihouseofworship.in Email: publicinformation@ibnc.in

# The Red Fort (lal Quila)



A pinnacle of Delhi's Mughal architecture, the Red Fort stands near the Yamuna River in Old Delhi with its sandstone walls glowing red in the

sun. A perfect example of pre-British Islamic Indian architecture, the Fort still exudes the power and majesty of those times, representing a world heritage of immeasurable beauty.

Photo: Olena Tur/Shutterstock.com Address: Netaji Subhash Marg, New Delhi Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 9.30am-4.30pm Internet: asi.nic.in

#### **Qutub Minar**



A tapering tower located south of New Delhi, Qutub Minar rises on a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the finest examples of the Afghan

architecture that sprang up in the Islamic India from 1193. Thought to be a victory tower, it is said to be constructed to celebrate the beginning of the Muslim domination in India and, with the Qutub Complex, it is a show of that long gone majestic era.

Photo: Mikadun/Shutterstock.com Address: Mehrauli, New Delhi Public Transport: Closest station: Qutub Minar station Opening hours: Daily 7am-5pm Phone: +91 93 11 80 7071 Internet: www.qutubminar.org

#### Jama Masjid



The Jama Masjid was built by the Islamic ruler Shah Jahan to complement his new Red Fort. Completed in 1658 as the largest mosque in

India, it boasts a stunning courtyard that provides space for 25,000 worshipers as well as a vast dome and two minarets.

Photo: saiko3p/Shutterstock.com Address: Chawri Bazaar, New Delhi Public Transport: Metro station: Chawri Bazaar Opening hours: Daily 7am-noon / 1:30pm-6:30pm Phone: +91 11 23 36 5358 Tickets: Free entry; Photography ₹ 300 Internet: www.delhitourism.gov.in/delhitourism/tourist\_place /jama\_masjid.jsp More Info: Tourist are not allowed during prayer hours

#### Taj Mahal



Another incredible UNESCO treasure, this majestic construction is an early example of the exquisite Islamic style that reached its

culmination in the most famous tomb on earth, the Taj Mahal. Dating back to the 1632, the ivory-white mausoleum was built to house the tomb of the Mughal emperor's favourite wife and it is located in Agra, a city on the banks of the river Yamuna.

Photo: Neale Cousland/Shutterstock.com Address: Taj Road, Agra, New Delhi Phone: +91 562 2226 431 Internet: www.tajmahal.gov.in

## Chandni Chowk



Running from the Fatehpuri Masjid (mosque) in the West to the Red Fort in the East, Chandni Chowk is the main artery of Old Delhi.

It is the most crowded, colourful and cacophonous bazaar in the whole of Delhi, a wonder to delve into by rickshaw and where anything, from knickknacks to delicious street food, can be found.

Photo: tscreationz/Shutterstock.com Address: Chandni Chowk, New Delhi Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-7pm

### Purana Quila (Old Fort)



Purana Quila (Old Fort), a massive fortress with three gateways, is located on the ancient part of the city and it allegedly stands on the site of the

legendary city of Indraprastha, mentioned in the Mahabharata Hindu text. The fort was completed by the ruler Sher Shah in the mid-16th century.

Photo: Tukaram Karve/Shutterstock.com Address: Indraprastha Purna Qila, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi Public Transport: Nearest Metro Station: Pragati Maidan Opening hours: Daily 7am-5pm

Phone: +91 11 2336 5358

#### **Connaught Place**



This is the epicentre of the vision drawn up by the architect Edwin Lutyens when the British built a new imperial capital at Delhi in 1911.

The colonnaded double circle of Connaught Place has a classical European air, with seven streets radiating from it.

Photo: Christian Haugen/Flickr.com(image cropped) Address: Connaught Place, New Delhi Public Transport: Nearest Metro station: Rajiv Chowk Phone: +91 11 23 34 6513

### DINING



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Indian cuisine is justifiably famous throughout the world. With its use of spices, it conjures up the most subtle and explosive tastes. New Delhi is a feast for food lovers, bringing together not just the best in North Indian cuisine but also offering excellent regional styles, Far Eastern cuisines, and contemporary fusions.

### Masala Art



Located at the Taj Palace Hotel, Masala Art offers a slick and polished contemporary North Indian experience with a choice of à la carte and

taster menus, open kitchen and friendly staff. As it tends to get busy, it is recommended to book a table in advance.

Photo: DenisFilm / Shutterstock.com Address: 2 Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi Opening hours: Lunch: 12.30pm-2.45pm / Dinner: 6.30pm-11.45pm Phone: +91 11 2611 0202 Internet: www.tajhotels.com More Info: Located at Taj Palace Hotel

#### **United Coffee House**



United Coffee House is located right in the heart of Connaught Place. This restaurant exhales the air of the Raj-era, with an attentive service and a

wide menu that is a blend of Indian regional cuisine, Oriental and continental cuisine. The kadai paneer is a must-try at the United Coffee House.

Photo: KRK Imaging Services/Shutterstock.com Address: 15 E-Block, Connaught Place, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 9.30am-11.30pm Phone: +91 11 2341 1697 Internet: www.unitedcoffeehouse.com Email: info@unitedcoffeehouse.com

### Punjabi By Nature



Punjabi By Nature has been one of New Delhi's most acclaimed and popular fine dining restaurants for over a decade. It offers a great

selection of traditional Punjabi dishes from an open kitchen.

Photo: JoannaTkaczuk/Shutterstock.com Address: Malhotra Building, Gate No-6, F-30 B, Block F, Connaught Place, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-12am Phone: +91 80 1025 6256 Internet: www.punjabibynature.in

#### Swagath



Swagath is a great option for seafood lovers, who can sample the finest South Indian cooking with fresh seafood delivered daily. Swagath also offers very different flavours recreating coastal delicacies of the Mangalorean, Mughlai, Chettinad, Chinese, Malabar and Andhra cuisines.

Photo: White78 / Shutterstock.com Address: C-8, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm Phone: +91 11 4183 0613 Internet: www.swagath.in Email: info@swagath.in More Info: Mangalorean, Mughlai, Chettinad, Chinese, Malabar and Andhra cuisines.

#### Karim's



Renowned for its delicious Indian cuisine and considered a true Delhi institution, Karim's was founded back in the 1910s. Lying in the

shadow of the stunning Jama Masjid, it serves excellent Mughal cuisine, mouth-watering desserts, and non-alcoholic drinks.

Photo: Santhosh Varghese/Shutterstock.com Address: 16 Jama Masjid, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 9am-1am Phone: +91 11 2326 4981 Email: karimhoteldelhi@gmail.com More Info: Located at Karim's Hotel

#### **Chor Bizarre**



A clever name, funky interiors and the milder cuisine of the Kashmir region, Chor Bizarre is a Kashmiri restaurant in the bustling heart of Old

Delhi. Well-rated among locals and tourists, it is one of the best eateries in town, boasting a highly acclaimed restaurant in London. Address: Hotel Broadway, 4/15A Asaf Ali Road, New Dehli Opening hours: Daily 12pm-3.30pm / 7pm-11.15pm Phone: +91 11 4336 3600 Internet: www.chorbizarre.com Email: broadway@oldworldhospitality.com More Info: Call or e-mail for reservations

#### Bukhara



Specialising in Northwest Frontier and Mughal cuisine, the menu at Bukhara is dominated by meat. This popular place fills up easily, so it is

worth booking ahead. You can find this place at the ITC Maurya Hotel.

Photo: Joe Gough / Shutterstock.com Address: ITC Maurya, Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12.30pm-2.45pm / 7pm-11.30pm Phone: +91 11 4621 5124 Internet: www.itchotels.in More Info: Located at ITC Maurya Hotel

#### Indian Accent



If you are looking for innovative Indian cuisine, you can come to Indian Accent. This restaurant offers great dishes in a stylish and cosy setting

and can be found at Manor Hotel.

Photo: Semen Kuzmin / Shutterstock.com Address: 77 Friends Colony (West), New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12pm-2.30pm / 7pm-10.30pm Phone: +91 11 2692 5151 Internet: www.indianaccent.com More Info: Located at Manor Hotel

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#### **Orient Express**



This award-winning restaurant can be found at Taj Palace Hotel. Orient Express offers a romantic experience accompanied by

impeccable service and international cuisine.

Photo: Mikhail\_Kayl / Shutterstock.com Address: 2, Taj Palace, Sardar Patel Marg, Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 6.30pm-11.45pm Phone: +91 11 2611 0202 Internet: www.tajhotels.com More Info: Located at Taj Palace Hotel

### The Spice Route



This restaurant itself could be described as a piece of art. At The Spice Route you can enjoy great dishes like Kerala style prawns in an

extraordinary interior filled with Asian influences.

Photo: vm2002 / Shutterstock.com Address: The Imperial, Janpath, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12.30pm-2.45pm / 7pm-11.45pm Phone: +91 11 4111 6605 Internet: www.theimperialindia.com More Info: Located at The Imperial New Delhi Hotel

#### The Great Kabab Factory



If you like kebabs, The Great Kabab Factory offers great kebab dishes in a nice and warm atmosphere. This restaurant chain can also

be found in other Asian destinations like Bangkok.

Photo: espies / Shutterstock.com Address: Radisson Hotel Delhi, National Highway-8, New Delhi Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 7pm-12.15am, Sunday 12.30pm-3pm / 7pm-12.15am Phone: +91 11 2677 9070 Internet: www.thegreatkababfactory.com

#### Chili's



At Chili's you can indulge in many dishes accompanied by bottomless beverages. Here you can choose between juicy steaks,

great hamburgers, and creamy pastas. You can find Chili's in Ambience Mall in the centre of New Delhi.

Photo: B and E Dudzinscy / Shutterstock.com Address: Vasant Kunj II, New Delhi Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 12pm-1am Phone: +91 11 4087 0532 Internet: www.ambiencemalls.com/Dine More Info: 3rd Floor, Ambience Mall

#### Thai High



At Thai High you can enjoy great Thai food while overlooking the beautiful city of New Delhi from the rooftop of Qutab. Choose between

genuine Thai dishes like Tom Yam Koong, Phad Khing Kae and Phad Thai.

Photo: meaofoto / Shutterstock.com Address: 1091/1, Ambarata Complex, Mehrauli, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 11am-11.30pm Phone: +91 99 1088 4229

#### **Pind Balluchi**



Pind Balluchi is a traditional-style restaurant chain that can be found in many places around India. Here you can try various dishes like

soups, meat, kebab and bread.

Photo: Deivukas999 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Regal building, Near Regal Cinema,13, Sansad Marg, Connaught Lane, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12pm-11.30pm Phone: +91 11 4372 0505 Internet: www.pindballuchi.com Email: cp@pindballuchi.com

### Authenticook – Dine with a local family



While the city is known for its food scene, locals will tell you that the best meal is the one cooked at home! Select and schedule a meal at the

home of a home-chef for a great dining experience. Couple it with a cooking demo to learn the tricks of the trade.

Photo: Foodio/Shutterstock.com Phone: +91 98194 97968 Internet: www.authenticook.com Email: contact@authenticook.com

### The Potbelly Rooftop Cafe



Perched on the 4th floor and offering stunning vistas of South Delhi, The Potbelly Rooftop Café offers authentic specialities of the Bihar

region such as 'litti chokha' — dough ball made of whole wheat flour and stuffed with 'sattu' (roasted chickpea flour) and served with 'murgha korma' (a creamy chicken curry) or 'chokha' (a mix of veggies).

Photo: Mukesh Kumar/Shutterstock.com Address: Top Floor, 116 C, Behind UCO Bank, Shahpur Jat, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12.30-10.30pm Phone: +91 11 4161 2048 Email: potbellycafe@gmail.com More Info: Parking lot available

# CAFES



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In 2010, Indians drank 837,000 tonnes of tea and 108,000 tonnes of coffee. India has been a nation of tea drinkers for centuries, but in recent decades, coffee has been on the rise. There are cafés all over the place in New Delhi, and big café chains are appearing more and more around the city. However, you will still find small tea shops in every corner where you can grab your daily cup of tea.

#### **Basil & Thyme**



Basil & Thyme is claimed to be one of the best places to have lunch in New Delhi. This very stylish lunchtime restaurant is popular with

Delhi's elite and serves highly eclectic, international cuisine.

Photo: shutterdandan / Shutterstock.com

Address: 28 Sunder Nagar Market, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm Phone: +91 11 4378 7722 Internet: basilandthyme.in

### Café Turtle



This relaxing café above a bookshop is located in the heart of New Delhi and is popular with expats. Café Turtle serves teas, cakes, and light lunches. Here

you can enjoy your tea on the lovely terrace and watch the beautiful sunset.

Photo: Mutita Narkmuang / Shutterstock.com Address: The Full Circle Bookshop, 5B Khan Market, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 8am-8pm Phone: +91 11 2465 5641 Internet: www.cafeturtle.com Email: FEEDBACK@CAFETURTLE.COM

# The Big Chill Cafe



The Big Chill Cafe is a chain of cafés with Italian cuisine and an ice-cream bar. They serve an array of tasty pastas, salads and puddings. It has four

outlets, one in Kailash Colony market, the original East of Kaliash outlet was closed, two in Khan Market and DLF Place, Saket.

Photo: Tyler Olson / Shutterstock.com Address: 35, Khan Market, Rabindra Nagar, New Delhi, Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12pm-11.30pm Phone: +91 11 4175 7533 / +91 11 4175 7544

### **Cafe Coffee Day**



Cafe Coffee Day is the most pervasive coffee shop chain in India. You will find many outlets across the whole capital serving tasty cups of

coffee and nice cakes.

Photo: Jiri Hera / Shutterstock.com Address: Connaught Circle, Connaught Place, New Delhi, Delhi Opening hours: Daily 10am-1am Phone: +91 11 6458 0767 Internet: www.cafecoffeeday.com

## **Barista Coffee**



This popular, comfortable coffee house chain offers modern Western fare from muffins to lattes. This café chain can be found throughout India

and there are many outlets in New Delhi.

### Photo: Coffee Lover / Shutterstock.com

Address: Shop No 9, Regal Building, Sansad Marg, Hanuman Road Area, Connaught Place, New Delhi, Delhi Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm Phone: +91 11 4352 3770 Internet: www.barista.co.in Email: information@barista.co.in

# Hauz Khas Social



The highly successful Hauz Khas Social is the perfect hangout to enjoy a light meal while unwinding with an outstanding lake

backdrop. The restaurant-bar-club, spread across two levels, is acclaimed for its creative cocktails and regular live music nights.

Photo: Elena Dijour/Shutterstock.com Address: 9A & 12, Hauz Khas Fort Rd, Deer Park, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 11am-12am Phone: +91 78386 52814 Internet: www.socialoffline.in

### Farzi Cafe



In the frenetic business and financial hub of Connaught Place, the cheerful Farzi Cafe adds a modern touch on Indian cuisine through the use of

'molecular gastronomy' technology. The menu also offers non-Indian dishes and an array of 'bunta' (traditional homemade) cocktails and liquor options to choose from. There's traditional live music on Saturdays.

Photo: Mateusz Gzik/Shutterstock.com Address: E-38/39, Rajiv Chowk, Inner Circle, Block E, Connaught Place, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12pm-1am Phone: +91 95998 89700

# Triveni Terrace Cafe



Triveni Terrace Café—with its alfresco patio overlooking the open-air theatre—is a must-hangout for art buffs and foodies alike

visiting the adjacent Triveni Art Gallery. Known for its signature 'pakora' (Indian snack) and cutlets paired with 'chai' and coffee, the small menu lists toasted sandwiches plus other Indian snacks, including 'paratha', curries, and 'thalis' at affordable prices.

Photo: Aniket Bhawkar/Shutterstock.com Address: 205, Tansen Marg, Opp. FICCI Auditorium, Todermal Road Area, Mandi House, New Delhi Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-9pm, Sunday 12pm-9pm

#### Phone: +91 99715 66904

More Info: Table booking recommended /The coffeehouse serves dinner from 6pm to 9pm

#### Café Lota



The hidden artefact of the National Crafts Museum showcases a modern take on regional Indian dishes. Patrons recommend fish and chips

(amaranth-encrusted batter-fried sole with sweet potato fries), or 'palak patta chaat' (crispy spinach, potatoes and chickpeas topped with spiced yogurt, green chutney, and pomegranate seeds).

Photo: Indian Food Images/Shutterstock.com Address: Gate No. 2, National Crafts Museum, Bhairon Marg, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi Opening hours: Monday 12pm-9.30pm, Tuesday-Sunday 8am-9.30pm Phone: +91 78389 60787 Internet: meltingpotfood.in/cafe-lota

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chokha' — dough ball made up of whole wheat flour and stuffed with 'sattu' (roasted chickpeas flour) and served with 'murgha korma' (a creamy chicken curry) or 'chokha' (a mix of veggies).

Photo: Mukesh Kumar/Shutterstock.com Address: Top Floor, 116 C, Behind UCO Bank, Shahpur Jat, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12:30-10:30pm Phone: +91 11 4161 2048 Email: potbellycafe@gmail.com

### Summer House Cafe



With its wooden furniture and comfortable sofas, Summer House Café is more than a simple coffee shop to grab the morning coffee. The

coffeehouse-bar-club venue hybrid brings western influences into their dishes, serving a menu of US and western-style food along with an extensive drink menu. The venue also scores bonus points for providing DJ set nights to keep guests entertained all night long.

Photo: hurricanehank/Shutterstock.com Address: 1st Aurobindo Place Market, Sri Aurobindo Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12pm-1am Phone: +91 11 4106 0898

# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Alcohol is not deeply ingrained in Indian culture, though New Delhi's bar culture is fast becoming a world-renowned. The best bars are found in the more upmarket hotels with ordinary drinking holes, still very much all-male affairs.

This area of almost 22 million people offers world-class nightlife, often increasingly glitzy and expensive. There are plenty of places to rub shoulders with the rich and beautiful in New Delhi's hotel clubs and bars. If you are looking for something more traditional, you can also find some of the best in Indian music and dance here.

### Agni



Agni nightclub is located in Connaught Place and is a great place for a night out, one of Delhi's hottest clubs. It is small but they make up for it with all the

dance beats. However, the drinks are expensive, with tax added on top, but definitely worth a visit.

#### Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: 15 Parliament Street, Connaught Place, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 3pm-12am Phone: +91 11 2374 3000 Internet: www.theparkhotels.com

### The Club Bar



Situated at the lobby level at The Oberoi Hotel, the stylish Club Bar has a large variety of international beverages. This place also features

an eclectic collection of cigars.

Photo: Katja El Sol / Shutterstock.com Address: Dr. Zakir Hussain Marg, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 10am-3pm / 5pm-1am Phone: +91 11 2436 3030 Internet: www.oberoidelhi.com More Info: Located at The Oberoi Hotel

### Aura - The Vodka Bar



The Aura is situated in The Claridge Hotel. In a chic minimalist interior with special effect lighting you can choose from an extensive beverage selection with over 75 brands of the finest and rare vodka brands from all across the globe.

Photo: maggee / Shutterstock.com Address: 12, Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi Phone: +91 11 3955 5082 Internet: www.claridges-hotels.com More Info: Located at the Claridges Hotel

#### **Island Bar**



Located at Lobby Level at Hotel Shangri-La, Island Bar is a wine connoisseur's delight, offering Delhi's most extensive selection of

wines and spirits. They also offer a collection of single malt whiskeys, international cigars, and an array of non-alcoholic beverages and snacks.

Photo: lenetstan / Shutterstock.com Address: 19 Ashoka Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi Opening hours: 3pm-1am Phone: +91 11 4119 1030 Internet: www.shangri-la.com More Info: Located at Hotel Shangri-La

#### **Kitty Su Night Club**



The Kitty Su Night Club is open 6 days a week and offers you a multiple level party place. There are gigs here every week.

Photo: Pamela Au / Shutterstock.com Address: Lobby Level The Lalit Hotel, Barakhamba Rd, Connaught Place, New Delhi Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10pm-1am Phone: +91 11 4444 7666 Internet: www.kittysu.com

#### Summer House Cafe



With its wooden furniture and comfortable sofas, Summer House Café is more than a simple coffee shop to grab the morning coffee. The

coffeehouse-bar-club-venue hybrid imbibes western culture in their dishes, serving a menu of US and western-style dishes along with an extensive drink menu. The venue also scores bonus points for providing DJ sets nights to keep guests on their toes all night long.

Photo: hurricanehank/Shutterstock.com Address: 1st Aurobindo Place Market, Sri Aurobindo Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12pm-1am Phone: +91 11 4106 0898

#### Keya Kainoosh



In the Vasant Kunj area, you'll find the buzzing Keya Kainoosh lounge where the party never ends. With a convivial outdoor terrace and

scrumptious finger food offerings, Keya Kainoosh is an easy pick for a night out in New Delhi.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com Address: DLF Promenade Mall, Ground Floor, 122-124, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 12.30pm-1am Phone: +91 96502 55777

#### The Electric Room



With a slightly upscale vibe and a super solid sound system, The Electric Room at The Lodhi knows how to throw a fabulous party

complete with live music, classic cocktails, and a large dancing floor. Expect "underground" electronic music and even Bollywood hits.

Photo: vchal/Shutterstock.com Address: Lodhi Rd, CGO Complex, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday 11pm-onwards Phone: +91 98 1149 8074 Internet: www.thelodhi.com Email: reservations@thelodhi.com

#### Priveé



Located at the beating heart of the bustling capital, Priveé is the perfect spot for party animals. With LED lights, wall to wall people

dancing to the club music, VIP lounges, and a state-of-the-art sound system, the club is among the best nightclubs in New Delhi to dance the night away.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com Address: Shangri-La's Eros Hotel, Ashoka Rd, Connaught Place, New Delhi Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10pm-4.30am Phone: +91 85952 02020 Internet: www.priveetheclub.com

### **Bunta Live Bar**



Bunta Live Bar, in the busy Janpath Road, is known for its quirky décor made from recycled 'Bunta' (lemon or orange-flavoured soft

drink) bottles, the food ranging from Bengal to Goa to Mumbai cuisine, and live music nights.

Photo: VTT Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 76, Janpath Rd, Atul Grove Road, Janpath, Connaught Place, New Delhi Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday 12pm-12.30am, Friday-Saturday 12pm-1am Phone: +91 98107 47934

### SHOPPING



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Delhi is a shopper's paradise with just about anything you can think of available somewhere at some price. One thing that often intimidates visitors from abroad is the art of haggling, though, with a few days practices, it can become an integral part of the shopping experience and puts the hunt for a bargain in your own hands.

The area around Connaught Place has several state-run emporiums where you can buy Indian handicrafts at fixed prices. The Central Cottage Industries Emporium on Janpath has six floors of merchandise, while the regional State Emporiums on Baba Kharak Singh Marg focus on the arts from their particular region. The thoroughfare of Janpath, running south from Connaught Place, is also a top spot for textile shopping.

#### North of Delhi



In the north, you can find the tangled, chaotic and intoxicating streets of Old Delhi with the manic Chandni Chowk thoroughfare selling

everything under the sun, the colourful spice

market on Khari Baoli and the jewellery quarter of Dariba Kalan. Also recommended is a stroll down Chawri Bazaar, the wholesale paper market.

Photo: paul prescott / Shutterstock.com Address: North Delhi

### South of Delhi



To the south are the wide, planned streets of Lutyen's New Delhi, built by the British to be airy and European. Though distinctly Asian today,

they are home to the new Asia with the shopping centres such as Santushti Shopping Complex, M-Block & N-Block Market, Khan Market and Sunder Nagar Market offering the consumer the latest modern technology and gadgetry, designer clothes, interior décor, books and textiles.

Photo: MJTH / Shutterstock.com Address: South Delhi

#### **Connaught Place**



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prices. The Central Cottage Industries Emporium on Janpath has six floors of merchandise, while the regional State Emporiums on Baba Kharak Singh Marg focus on the arts from their particular region. The thoroughfare of Janpath, running south from Connaught Place, is also a top spot for textile shopping.

Photo: Vladislav Bezrukov / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped) Address: Connaught Place, New Delhi

### **Central Cottage Industries Emporium**



If you are looking for a place to buy Indian handicrafts, you can visit the Central Cottage Industries Emporium. Here you can choose from

Pashmina Shawls, marble arts, jewellery, and much more.

Photo: tommy / Wikimedia Commons(image cropped) Address: Jawahar Vypar Bhawan (STC), Janpath, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm Phone: +91 11 2332 0439 Internet: www.cottageemporium.in

#### **Pacific Mall**



At the Pacific Mall, you can find over 130 brands both international and national. This is truly a landmark when it comes to shopping in New Delhi.

It is ideally located in Tagore Garden.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com Address: Najafgarh Road, Tagore Garden, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm Phone: +91 11 4090 3000 Internet: www.pacificindia.in/pacific-mall-tagore-garden

#### **Carpets & Pashmina By Atsar**



If you want to buy some of the finest Kashmir Art, you can visit Carpets & Pashmina By Atsar. The items here are claimed to have excellent quality, so

if you're looking for carpets, rugs and shawls, this might be the place to go.

Photo: GOLFX / Shutterstock.com Address: A 20 Green Park, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm Phone: +91 9810 603310 Internet: www.atsarexports.com

### Aap Ki Pasand Sancha Tea Shop



The Aap Ki Pasand Sancha Tea Shop is claimed to be the most famous tea shop in India. Here you can choose from different tea, such as

Darjeeling and Assam. You can also enjoy a complimentary tea tasting here.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com Address: 15 Netaji Subhash Marg, Daryanganj, New Delhi Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-7pm Phone: +91 11 2326 0373 Internet: www.aapkipasandtea.com

#### Green the Map



Raising awareness on environmental issues, Green the Map is a great shop to visit if you want to support a shop that is trying to make a

difference. Recycling and fair trade are two keywords to describe this little gem. Everything from clothing, natural cosmetics and food to home décor can be found here.

Photo: wk1003mike / Shutterstock.com Address: 24/3 Hauz Khas Village, New Delhi Opening hours: Daily 10.30am-8pm Phone: +91 97 18 986364 Internet: www.greenthemap.com

#### Khari Baoli Market



Operating since the 17th century, Khari Baoli is not only Asia's largest wholesale spice market with stalls on both sides of the road selling all

kinds of spices, nuts, herbal products and more, but also a true piece of history here in Delhi. Imbibe the seducing fragrance of the spices dancing together while watching retailers selling sacs brimming with spice, dry fruits and other perishable products.

Photo: Mivr/Shutterstock.com Address: Old Delhi near the Red Fort Public Transport: Chandni Chowk

# **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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### Passport/Visa



All foreign nationals entering India are required to possess a valid international travel document with a valid visa. A visa is required for

most nationalities, with the exception of Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives (if not arriving from mainland China).

The visa has to be requested through an online application, and the instruction for filling in the application and for scheduling appointments can be seen at the visa department's website.

Be aware that a visa can only be acquired via this online application, and without any intermediary – do not follow agents who claim speedy/express grant of e-Visa.

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### Money in India: Cash or Credit Card



Though many places such as large hotels, shops, and restaurants will accept international credit cards, such as American Express,

MasterCard and Visa, many small family-run shops still operate on only cash. It might be troublesome for you to find an ATM in your vicinity since they're not evenly distributed. A fee is almost always charged by the Indian bank for withdrawing money. Before departing, check with your bank whether your card is valid in India but bring some cash to avoid unpleasant surprises.

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#### **Best Time to Visit**



A trip to New Delhi would be perfect around October and November or February and March when the pleasant autumn makes it for a

comfortable tour around the city's famous landmarks. This is also the period when festivities like 'Diwali' Festival (in October) and other genres of festivals (ranging from drama to literature to film festivals) are held. Summer is known for being humid, whereas winter is known for being cold. Woollen clothes are highly recommended since temperatures vary from 22°C to 5°C.

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#### Indira Gandhi International Airport



Indira Gandhi International Airport is a major hub for domestic and international air travel. The domestic terminals (1A and 1B) are

located 15 kilometres from the city centre and the international terminal is a further 8 kilometres out. All international visitors must have a valid visa for entry.

A free shuttle bus service operates between the terminals. Metro, taxis, buses and rickshaws are available at the airport to take you into the city.

The metro is the fastest and most comfortable way to reach the city centre. The first train leaves the airport 5.15am and the last at 11.15pm.

#### Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi Phone: +91 12 4337 6000 Internet: www.newdelhiairport.in

#### Metro



The Delhi Metro is a network running from the north to south and east to west, crossing at Connaught Place. It is by far the easiest way to get

around this traffic-choked city. The Tourist Cards

offer unlimited travel for one day or three days. You can also buy a normal card.

Delhi also has five network railway stations to destinations around the country, the main one being New Delhi Station, a chaotic place with an international travel bureau on the first floor.

Photo: Michael Zenaty/Shutterstock.com Address: New Delhi Phone: +91 11 2256 1231 Internet: www.delhimetrorail.com

#### Buses



The bus system in New Delhi is cheap and serves many routes. According to western standards, this might not be the most comfortable way to travel

around town. There are both red and green buses.

The main bus station is called Delhi Inter State Bus Terminal and is located north of the Old Delhi train station.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Address: New Delhi

#### Rickshaws



The rickshaws, also called "auto", are like tuk-tuks. This is an affordable way to travel around the city if you are going short distances. Remember to

negotiate on the fares before getting in.

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#### Post



Stamps can be purchased from post offices, newsagents and some travel stores. Local post offices are generally open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm and

Sat 10am-12pm. The large General Post Offices have longer opening hours, Mon-Fri 9.30am-6pm and Sat 9.30am-1pm.

General Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs Address: New Delhi GPO, Ashok Road, New Delhi Internet: www.indiapost.gov.in

#### Taxi



It is easy to hail a taxi or rickshaw on the street, especially in the city centre, at the airport or train stations. To avoid the hassle of haggling for

a price, try the Delhi Traffic Police Pre-Paid Taxi Booth at the airport or book taxis through your hotel. For short journeys around the city, auto-rickshaws are fast, convenient and inexpensive, while the cycle rickshaws are far more atmospheric and peaceful.

Hello 24: +91 11 42424242 www.hello42cab.com

Meru: +91 11 44224422 www.merucabs.com

Photo: ArrivalGuides

#### Pharmacy



In New Delhi, you will find pharmacies in most shopping centres. Some of the best pharmacies are: - Rx Pharmacy (online service

available) Address: 214, Anarkali Complex, Jhandewalan Extn Telephone: +91 95822 00602 Opening hours: 9 am-9 pm

- Apollo Pharmacy Address: Vasant Kunj, Connaught Place, West Patel Nagar & Other Outlets Telephone: +91 1860 500 0101 Opening hours: 24 hours

Photo: Gemma Garner

#### Telephone



Country code: +91 Area code: 011

Photo: Jardson Almeida

### Electricity



The power plugs and sockets are of type C, D and M. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

**Population** City: Approximately 302,000 Municipal area: Approximately 22 million

**Currency** Indian Rupee (INR) Rs1 = 100 paise

#### **Opening hours**

Shops in New Delhi are open from Mon-Sat 9am-7pm. Shops are open on Sundays at their own discretion. General business hours are from Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm. Note that museums and tourist sites could be closed on Mondays.

Internet delhitourism.gov.in

#### Newspapers

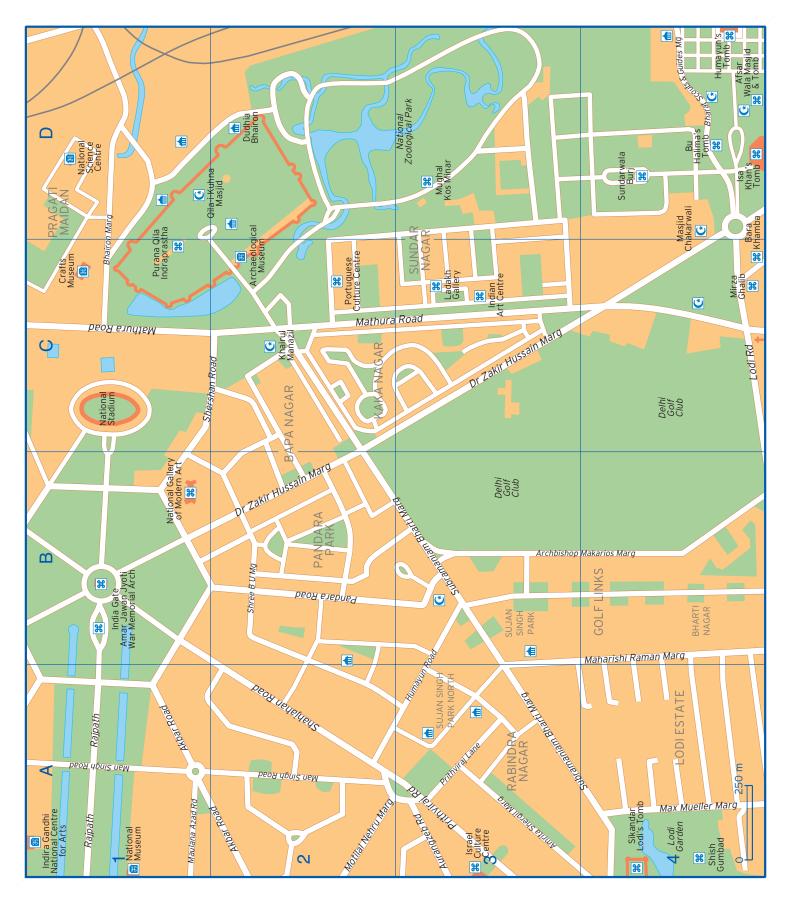
The Times of India Hindustan Times Mail Today Navbharat Times Pioneer

#### **Emergency numbers**

Police: 100 Fire Brigade: 101 Ambulance: 102

#### **Tourist information**

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Akbar Road	A1 A2	Lodi Road	C4	Prithviraj Lane	A3
Amrita Shergil Marg	A3	Maharishi Raman Marg	B4	Prithviraj Road	A3
Archbishop Makarios Marg	B3 B4	Man Singh Road	A1 A2	Rajpath	A1
Aurangzeb Road	A3	Mathura Road	C1 C2 C3	Shahjahan Road	A2
Bhairon Marg	C1 D1	Maulana Azad Road	A1	Shershan Road	C1 C2
Bharat Scouts & Guides Marg	D4	Max Mueller Marg	A4	Shree B U Marg	B2
Dr Zakir Hussain Marg	B2 C3	Motilal Nehru Marg	A2	Subramaniam Bharti Marg	A3 A4 B3
Humayun Road	A3 B3	Pandara Road	B2		