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13.7 million

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Indian Rupee (INR),
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Opening hours

General business hours are Monday–Saturday, 09.30 – 17.30.

Museums and tourist sites generally close on Mondays.

Internet

www.incredibleindia.org,
www.thedelhicity.com,
www.delhitourism.com

Newspapers

The Times of India, Hindustan Times

Emergency numbers

Police: 100, Fire: 101, Ambulance: 102

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NEW DELHI

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Delhi is a thoroughly inscrutable onion of a city – every layer you peel off reveals a still deeper layer of history. Rebuilt eight times by its many conquerors, it has been the seat of the Hindu, Muslim and British Empires. They all have left their mark in the architecture, customs, food and people of this relentless city, now undergoing a new transformation as the capital of modern India.

THE CITY



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The area of plain to the west of the Yamuna River, where Delhi lies today, has been a centre of civilization 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 and people and culture – from the early Hindu rulers to the arrival of 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. All this contrasts with the imperial project of the last rulers of India, the British, who, in 1911, decided to build their own imperial capital to the south of Old Delhi. The broad boulevards and geometric order of New Delhi gives 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 acquiring the shiny glass-and-steel look of the modern Asian metropolises. Its people, increasingly cosmopolitan, still have a deep reverence for their past. You will find all the races, faiths and customs of every region of India alongside each other on the streets of Delhi.



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DO & SEE



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Bahai Lotus Temple

The Lotus Temple, finished in 1986, is open to everyone regardless of religion. As under the Bahá'í laws it should be a place for worship of all religions without denominational restrictions. No sermons are delivered here and there are no ritualistic ceremonies practiced, only quiet prayers in any form or language. It is a place for meditation and peace and you can stroll in the shady garden while marvel the beautiful architecture.

Address: Nehru Place, New Delhi, Delhi, Indien
More Info: East of Kailash

The Red Fort (Ial Quila)

This pinnacle of Delhi's Mughal architecture stands near the Yamuna River in Old Delhi, its sandstone walls glowing red in the sun. This centre of pre-British Islamic India still exudes the power and majesty of those times.

Address: eastern end of Chandni Chowk, Old Delhi

Opening hours: sunrise to sunset daily, (closed Monday)
Tickets: Indians Rs 11, foreigners Rs 110

Qutb Minar

The huge tapering tower of Qutb Minar to the south of New Delhi is a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the finest examples of the Afghan architecture that sprang up in Islamic India from 1193, and rising to 73 metres high.

Address: Mehrauli, southern Delhi
Opening hours: 07.30 - 17.30 daily (closed Monday)
Tickets: Indians Rs 10, foreigners Rs 250

Jama Masjid

Built by the Islamic ruler Shah Jahan, to complement his new Red Fort nearby, and completed in 1658, the Jama Masjid is the largest mosque in India, with an awesome open courtyard with room for 25,000, as well as a vast dome and two minarets.

Address: Chawri Bazaar, Old Delhi
Opening hours: Non-Muslims: 08.30 - 12.30 & 13.45 - 30min before sunset daily (closed Friday 12.00-14.00)
Tickets: free
More Info: Eastern end of Chawri Bazaar

The National Museum

Situated in the heart of New Delhi, this museum holds exhibits from throughout Indian history, including relics of the Indus Valley civilisation, sculptures from the Mauryan civilisation, South Indian Vijayanagar artifacts and a Buddhist gallery.

Address: Janpath, New Delhi
Opening hours: 10.00 - 17.00 daily (closed Monday)
Phone: +91 11 2301 9272
Tickets: Indians Rs 10, foreigners Rs 300
Internet: www.nationalmuseumindia.gov.in

Humayun's Tomb

This incredible UNESCO-listed tomb, built by Haji Begum, wife of the second Mughal emperor Humayun, is an early example of the exquisite Islamic style that reached its culmination in the most famous tomb on earth, the Taj Mahal.

Address: Mathura Road, New Delhi
Opening hours: Sunrise to sunset daily.
Tickets: Indians Rs 10, foreigners Rs 250

Chandni Chowk

This is the main artery of Old Delhi, running from the Fatehpuri Masjid (mosque) in the west, to the Red Fort in the east. This is the most crowded, colourful and cacophonous bazaar in the whole of Delhi – a wonder to delve into by rickshaw.

Address: Old Delhi
Opening hours: Shops open either 10.00-19.00 or 12.00-21.00 daily (closed Sunday)

Old Fort (purana Qila)

This massive fortress with three gateways stands on the site of the ancient city of Indraprastha, mentioned in the Mahabharata Hindu text, and is the oldest part of Delhi. The fort was completed by the ruler Sher Shah in the mid - 16 th century.

Address: Mathura Road, New Delhi
Opening hours: Sunrise to sunset daily
Tickets: Indians Rs 5, foreigners Rs 100

Connaught Place

This is the epicentre of the vision drawn up by Lutyens when the British decided to build a new imperial capital at Delhi in 1911. The colonnaded double circle of Connaught Place has a classical European air, with seven streets radiating off it.

Address: Connaught Place, New Delhi

EATING



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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. 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

A slick and polished contemporary Asian experience with a choice of à la carte and taster menus, open kitchen and friendly staff.

Address: Taj Palace Hotel, 2 Sardar Patel Marg
Phone: +91 11 2611 0202
Internet: www.tajhotels.com

Bukhara

Specialising in Northwest Frontier and Mughal cuisine, the menu is meat dominated. This popular place fills up so it is worth booking ahead.

Address: ITC Maurya, Sardar Patel Marg
Phone: +91 11 2611 2233
Internet: www.starwoodhotels.com

Taipan

This is one of the best restaurants in Delhi. Taipan offers cuisine from all the Provinces of China and a panoramic view of the city. The restaurant also offers a special dim sum menu.

Address: The Oberoi, Dr. Zakir Hussain Road
Phone: +91 11 2436 3030
Internet: www.oberoidelhi.com

United Coffee House

In the heart of Connaught Place, this restaurant has the air of the Raj-era about it, with attentive service and a great menu. Try the kadai paneer.

Address: 15 E-Block, Connaught Place
Phone: +91 11 2341 1697

Punjabi By Nature

This restaurant is popular with Sikh families and offers a great selection of traditional Punjabi dishes from an open kitchen.

Address: 11 Basant Lok, Vasant Vihar
Phone: +91 11 4151 6666
Internet: www.punjabibynature.in

Swagath

This is the option for seafood lovers, who can sample the finest South Indian cooking with fresh seafood flown in daily.

Address: 14 Defence Colony Market
Phone: +91 11 2433 7538
Internet: www.swagath.in

Karim's

A Delhi institution founded in 1913, this simple restaurant in the shadows of the Jama Masjid serves excellent Mughal cuisine.

Address: 16 Jama Masjid
Phone: +91 11 2326 4981
Internet: www.karimhoteldelhi.com

Chor Bizarre

This is a Kashmiri restaurant in the bustling heart of Old Delhi, with a clever name, funky interior and the milder cuisine of the Kashmir.

Address: Hotel Broadway, 4 / 15A Asaf Ali Road
Phone: +91 11 4336 3600
Internet: www.chorbizzarerestaurant.com

CAFES



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Barista

This popular, comfortable coffee house chain offers modern Western fare from muffins to lattes.

Address: 16 N-Block, Connaught Place
Phone: +91 11 2335 6076
Internet: www.barista.co.in

Basil & Thyme

Very stylish lunchtime restaurant and café popular with Delhi's elite, serving highly eclectic international cuisine. No alcohol.

Address: Santushti Shopping Complex
Phone: +91 11 2467 3322

Café Turtle

Relaxing café above a bookshop popular with expats. Serves teas, cakes and light lunches.

Address: The Full Circle Bookshop, 5B Khan Market
Phone: +91 11 2465 5641

Big Chill

Trendy lunchtime eatery serving an array of tasty pastas, salads and puddings, but, alas, no alcohol.

Phone: +91 11 2648 1020
More Info: F-38 East of Kailash

Cafe Coffee Day

The most all-pervasive coffee shop chain in India, you

will find outlets across the capital.

Address: N-11, Connaught Place
Internet: www.cafecoffeeday.com
More Info: Also found through out India, see website.

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Alcohol is not deeply engrained in Indian culture, though New Delhi's bar culture is fast becoming world-renowned. The best bars are found in the more upmarket hotels, with ordinary drinking holes still very much all-male affairs. This city of more than 13 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, and if you are after something more traditional, you can also find some of the best in Indian music and dance.

Shalom

A trendy New Delhi wine bar that styles itself as a 'Med lounge bar' – big comfy sofas, Mediterranean cuisines and funky visuals.

Address: N-18, N-Block Market, Greater Kailash Part 1
Phone: +91 11 4163 2280
Internet: www.shalomdelhi.com

Dv8

A relaxed but stylish lounge bar with a long, three-hour 'happy hour,' some live music and food upstairs.

Address: 13 Regal Building, Connaught Place
Phone: +91 11 2336 3358

Lounge and Bar

A trendy hotel bar that tends to be a relaxed place to have a cocktail, though there is a dance floor.

Address: Inter Continental Nehru Place Hotel, Nehru Place
Phone: +91 11 4622 3344
Internet: www.ichotelsgroup.com

Dances Of India

Nightly performances of traditional Indian dancing from across the nation.

Address: Hotel Star Paradise, 4582 Main Bazar, Pahar Ganj
Phone: +91 11 2358 5357
Internet: www.indianfolkdances.com

Urban Pind

A modern, glassy bar where you will hear the latest big-name DJs surrounded by erotic sculptures.

Address: 4 North Block Market, Greater Kailash Part 1
Phone: +91 11 3951 5656
Internet: www.urbanpind.com

Elevate

This techno dance club in the trendy suburb of Noida is a current favourite with the young and beautiful.

Address: Centerstage Mall, Sector 18, Noida

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 practice,

it can become an integral part of the shopping experience and puts the hunt for a bargain in your own hands. Delhi is split into two very different cities. In the north is 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. To the south are the wide, planned streets of Lutyens' New Delhi, built by the British to be airy and European in character. 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. The area around Connaught Place has a number of 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.

SLEEPING



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Oberoï

Situated on the fringes of the Delhi Golf Club, the Oberoi Hotel Chain is world famous for its stylish elegance and up-to-the-minute luxury.

Address: Dr. Zakir Hussain Marg
Phone: +91 11 2436 3030

Internet: www.oberoidelhi.com

Imperial

A taste of classic, Raj-era New Delhi can be found at this Blomfield-designed 1930s hotel with stunning interiors and star-studded guest list.

Address: Janpath
Phone: +91 11 2334 1234
Internet: www.theimperialindia.com

Yatri House

This clean, quiet guesthouse is set back down a little lane 15 minutes' walk from Connaught Place, with a relaxing courtyard and garden.

Address: 3 / 4 PUNCHKUI ROAD
Phone: +91 11 2362 5563
Internet: www.yatrihouse.com

Master Guesthouse

This very pleasant family-run guesthouse has individually designed rooms and a quiet rooftop terrace in a quiet area of New Delhi.

Address: R-500, New Rajinder Nagar
Phone: +91 11 2874 1089
Internet: www.master-guesthouse.com

Hotel Ajanta

This is a very good, clean budget option just opposite the New Delhi Railway Station, and a few minutes from Connaught Place.

Address: 36 Arakashan Road, Ram Nagar
Phone: +91 11 2956 2097
Internet: www.hotelajanta.com

Anoop Guest House

In the heart of the Main Bazaar in Paharganj, this guesthouse has reasonable rooms close to Connaught Place.

Address: 1566 Main Bazaar, Paharganj
Phone: +91 (11)4154 1390
Internet: www.anupamhoteliersltd.com

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Airport

Indira Gandhi International Airport is a major hub for domestic and international air travel. The domestic terminals (1A and 1B) are 15 km from the city centre and the international terminal is a further 8 km out. A free shuttle bus service operates between the terminals. All international visitors must have a valid visa for entry.

Taxis, buses and rickshaws are available at the airport

to take you into the city. Buses have a fixed-price (Rs 50), though may be uncomfortable. The best option is to book a taxi through your hotel prior to arrival, or, alternatively, there is a Pre-Paid Taxi Booth in the Arrivals Hall, which will arrange a fixed-price taxi ride.

Internet: www.delhiairport.com

Public transport

The local transport system in Delhi has been transformed in the last year by the opening of the Delhi Metro. This brand new rail network has lines running 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, with Tourist Cards offering unlimited travel for one day (Rs70) or three days (Rs200).

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. Delhi Inter State Bus Terminal is the main bus station, to the north of Old Delhi train station.

Metro: www.delhimetrorail.com,

Buses: www.dtc.nic.in,

Trains: www.indianrail.gov.in.

Taxi

It is easy to hail a taxi or rickshaw on the street, especially in the city centre or at the airport and 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.

Mail

Stamps can be purchased from post offices, newsagents and some travel stores. Local post offices

are generally open Monday to Friday, 10.00 - 17.00 and Saturday, 10.00 - 12.00 with the large General Post Offices opening longer, Monday to Friday, 09.30 - 18.00 and Saturday, 09.30 - 13.00.

Pharmacy

You will find pharmacies in most shopping centres. In the central Connaught Place area, try Apollo Pharmacy, G-8 Connaught Place tel: +91 11 4151 6149 or visit www.apollopharmacy.com.

Further south in New Delhi try Max Medcentre, N-110, Panchsheel Park tel: +91 11 2649 9870 or visit www.maxindia.com.

For urgent medical information call All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Tourist Helpline tel: +91 11 2336 5358.

In an emergency, dial the emergency number 102.

Dentist

For dental treatment near Paharganj in the central west of the city try Vohra Dental Clinic, 9A/24, WEA, Karol Bagh tel: +91 11 4250 2228.

In the south of the city try Dr Kathuria's Dental Clinic, E-143, East of Kailash tel: +91 11 2628 0284.

In an emergency, dial the emergency number 102.

Telephone

Country code: +91, Area code: 011

Electricity

230-240 volts, 50 Hz AC



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| Aurangzeb Road | A3 | Mathura Road | C1 C2 C3 | Shahjahan Road | A2 |
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| Humayun Road | A3 B3 | Pandara Road | B2 | | |