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New 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 on 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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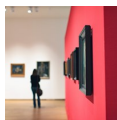
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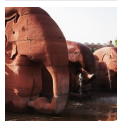
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## THE CITY



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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 on the site 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.

This contrasted 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.

### Gurudwara Bangla Sahib



The most outstanding Sikh house of worship in town, Gurudwara 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](http://www.dsgmc.in)

Email: [info@dsgmc.in](mailto:info@dsgmc.in)

More Info: Photography is not allowed

### National Gandhi Museum



The National Gandhi Museum has numerous exhibits depicting the life of Indian political activist Mahatma Gandhi. 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: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed  
Phone: +91 11 23310168  
Internet: [www.gandhimuseum.org](http://www.gandhimuseum.org)  
Email: [gandhimuseumdelhi@gmail.com](mailto:gandhimuseumdelhi@gmail.com)

### Connaught Place

Connaught Place, a prominent commercial and financial hub in central New Delhi, is renowned for its unique colonial-style architecture and hosts several attractions and cultural landmarks. Notable sites include Palika Bazaar, an underground market; Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century astronomical observatory; Hanuman Temple, a historic temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman; and Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, a prominent Sikh temple known for its beautiful architecture and serene atmosphere.

As a major shopping destination, Connaught Place offers a blend of high-end boutiques, international brands, street markets, and traditional Indian shops. Visitors can explore Janpath Market for a wide range of goods and the State Emporiums for handicrafts, textiles, and artefacts from different Indian states. The area also features art galleries, theatres, and a diverse range of dining options, from high-end restaurants to street food vendors, providing

various cuisines and dining experiences.

Address: Connaught Place, New Delhi

### 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](http://www.akshardham.com)  
Email: [info@akshardham.com](mailto:info@akshardham.com)  
More Info: A strict dress-code operates throughout the complex: knees, chest and shoulders must be covered

### 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 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  
Internet: [www.tajmahal.gov.in](http://www.tajmahal.gov.in)

### 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](http://www.ndmc.gov.in)

### 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

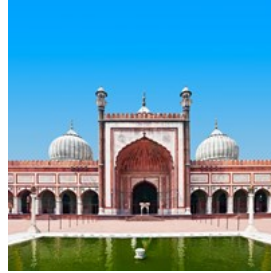
Opening hours: Daily 7am-7pm

Phone: +91 11 4070 0700

Internet: [www.sundernursery.org](http://www.sundernursery.org)

Email: [Info@sundernursery.org](mailto:Info@sundernursery.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](http://www.delhitourism.gov.in/delhitourism/tourist_place/jama_masjid.jsp)

More Info: Tourist are not allowed during prayer hours

### 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](http://www.bahaihouseofworship.in)

Email: [publicinformation@ibnc.in](mailto:publicinformation@ibnc.in)

### The Red Fort (Ial 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

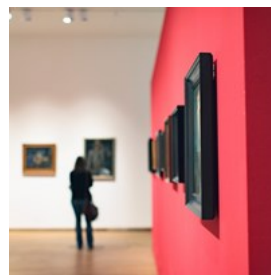
Public Transport: Closest station: Qutub Minar station

Opening hours: Daily 7am-5pm

Phone: +91 93 11 80 7071

Internet: www.qutubminar.org

### 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](http://www.nationalmuseumindia.gov.in)

### 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.

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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](http://www.ngmaindia.gov.in)  
Email: [ngma.delhi@gmail.com](mailto:ngma.delhi@gmail.com)

### The Garden of Five Senses

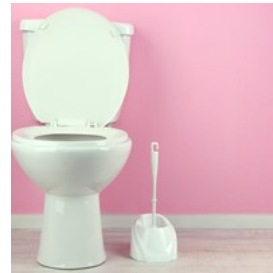


In the city's hustle lies The Garden of Five Senses, a treasure of over 20 acres where tranquillity and serenity reign. The garden was designed to awaken the five senses with its indescribable beauty and breathtaking attractions. At the Garden of Five Senses you will find a replica of the Mexican Mayan 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](https://www.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

### 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](https://www.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](http://www.sulabhtoiletmuseum.org)  
Email: [sulabhinfo@gmail.com](mailto:sulabhinfo@gmail.com)

## 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.

### 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](http://www.unitedcoffeehouse.com)

Email: [info@unitedcoffeehouse.com](mailto: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: 30 B, Hanuman Road Area, Connaught Place, New Delhi

Internet: <https://punjabibynature.in>

### Swagath



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

Photo: White78 / Shutterstock.com

Address: C-7, Malviya Nagar Road, Old Market, Block C, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm

Phone: +91 11 4183 0613

### 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.

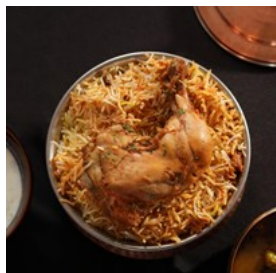
Photo: Santhosh Varghese/Shutterstock.com

Address: 16, Gali Kababian, Jama Masjid, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 9am-1am

Phone: +91 11 2326 9880

### 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.

Photo: PI / Shutterstock.com

Address: Hotel Broadway, 4/15A Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-3.30pm / 7pm-11.15pm

Phone: +91 11 4336 3600

Internet: [www.chorbizarre.com](http://www.chorbizarre.com)

Email: [broadway@oldworldhospitality.com](mailto: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.itshotels.in](http://www.itshotels.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](http://www.indianaccent.com)

More Info: Located at Manor Hotel

### 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](http://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](http://www.theimperialindia.com)  
More Info: Located at The Imperial New Delhi Hotel

### 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: [meafoto / 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, a traditional-style restaurant chain found across India, offers an extensive selection of over 100 dishes representing the diverse and rich cuisines of North India. The ambience perfectly captures the essence of traditional Punjabi culture, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere that immediately makes you feel at home.

Photo: [Deivukas999 / Shutterstock.com](#)  
Address: 13, Regal Building, near Regal Cinema, Hanuman Road Area, Connaught Place, New Delhi  
Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm  
Phone: +91 80102 02020  
Internet: <https://pindballuchi.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 'murgaha 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](mailto:potbellycafe@gmail.com)  
More Info: Parking lot available

### CAFÉS



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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 on every corner where you can grab your daily cup of tea.

### 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

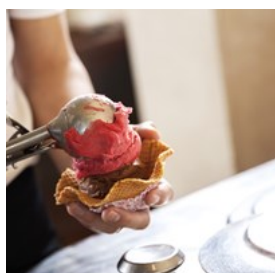
Opening hours: Daily 8am-8pm

Phone: +91 11 2465 5641

Internet: [www.cafeturtle.com](http://www.cafeturtle.com)

Email: [FEEDBACK@CAFETURTLE.COM](mailto:FEEDBACK@CAFETURTLE.COM)

### The Big Chill Cafe



The Big Chill Cafe is a laid-back, movie-themed spot perfect for Italian cuisine enthusiasts, offering a delightful menu specialising in pizza, pasta, and an array of delectable desserts.

Photo: Tyler Olson / Shutterstock.com

Address: 35, Khan Market, Rabindra Nagar, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily noon-11.30pm

Phone: +91 11 4175 7533

Internet: [www.thebigchillonline.com/in](http://www.thebigchillonline.com/in)

### Cafe Coffee Day



Cafe Coffee Day, the most pervasive coffee shop chain in India, has numerous outlets throughout the capital. This modern chain offers a variety of espresso-based drinks, teas, and light Continental meals.

Photo: Jiri Hera / Shutterstock.com

Address: Rajiv Chowk Metro Station - Connaught Place, Delhi, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm

Phone: +91 1800 102 5093

### 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

Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm

Phone: +91 11 4352 3770

Internet: [www.barista.co.in](http://www.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](http://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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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

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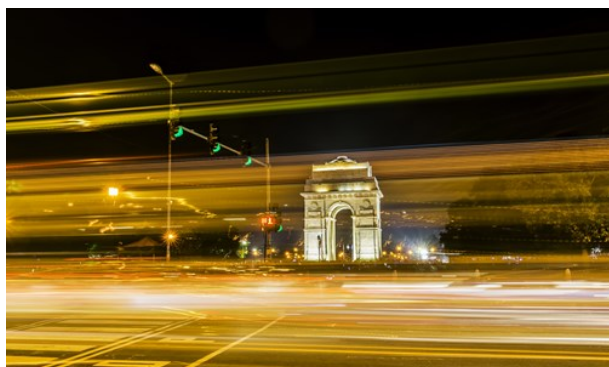
Photo: hurricanehank/Shutterstock.com

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 world-renowned. The best bars are found in the more upmarket hotels with ordinary drinking holes, still very much all-male affairs.

Popular areas like Connaught Place, Hauz Khas Village, and Cyber Hub in Gurgaon are known for their trendy venues and lively atmosphere. For a more relaxed evening, there are numerous cafés and rooftop bars that provide stunning city

views and a more laid-back vibe.

New Delhi also offers cultural experiences, such as late-night theatre performances, music concerts, and traditional dance shows, giving a taste of the city's rich heritage.

### The Club Bar and Cigar Lounge



Situated at the lobby level at The Oberoi Hotel, the sophisticated Club Bar offers a wide variety of international beverages along with an eclectic collection of cigars in an elegant and comfortable venue featuring wood and leather decor with rich burgundy accents.

Photo: Katja El Sol / Shutterstock.com

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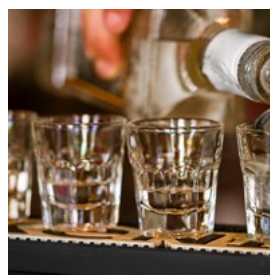
Opening hours: Daily 10am-1am

Phone: +91 11 2430 4370

Internet: [www.oberoihotels.com/hotels-in-delhi/restaurants/the-club-bar-and-cigar-lounge](http://www.oberoihotels.com/hotels-in-delhi/restaurants/the-club-bar-and-cigar-lounge)

More Info: Located at The Oberoi Hotel

### Aura Bar



Aura has transformed nightlife in New Delhi with its seamless blend of luxury and live entertainment. Initially a vodka bar, it now features

state-of-the-art soundproofing and transitions into a vibrant club after 11pm. Aura's Art Deco-inspired decor, including Salvador Dali-inspired sofas and a striking emerald amethyst bar, sets a captivating scene. The menu offers global gourmet dishes and an extensive drink selection, including custom-made martinis from a roving trolley, ensuring an unforgettable

experience.

Photo: maggee / Shutterstock.com

Address: 12, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 4pm-4am

Phone: +91 11 3955 5000

Internet: [www.claridges.com/new-delhi/dining/aura.html](http://www.claridges.com/new-delhi/dining/aura.html)

### 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](http://www.kittysu.com)

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### Keya



In the Vasant Kunj area, you'll find the buzzing Keya lounge where the party never ends. With a convivial outdoor terrace and scrumptious finger food offerings, Keya is an easy pick for a night out in New Delhi.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1122-124, DLF Promenade, Vasant Kunj II, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi,

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-1am

### 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.

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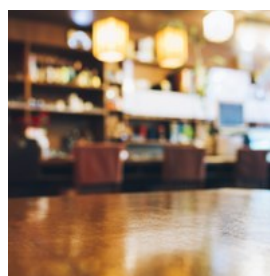
Address: Shangri-La's Eros Hotel, Ashoka Rd, Connaught Place, New Delhi

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10pm-4.30am

Phone: +91 85952 02020

Internet: [www.priveetheclub.com](http://www.priveetheclub.com)

### Bunta Bar Live



Bunta 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 Road, Atul Grove Road, Janpath,  
Connaught Place, New Delhi

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-12:30am, Fri & Sat noon-1am

## 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 of the city, 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 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

## Central Cottage Industries Emporium



If you're seeking a place to buy Indian handicrafts, pop by the Central Cottage Industries Emporium. This large, long-standing shop offers

a wide array of traditional handicrafts and handlooms created by Indian artisans. Here, you

can choose from exquisite Pashmina shawls, intricate marble art, stunning jewellery, and much more, making it the perfect destination for unique and authentic souvenirs.

Photo: Sachingh/Pixabay

Address: Gate No 3, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan, Janpath Road, beside The Eastern Court Janpath Metro Station, HC Mathur Lane, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm

Phone: +91 11 2332 0439

Internet: <https://shoponline.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

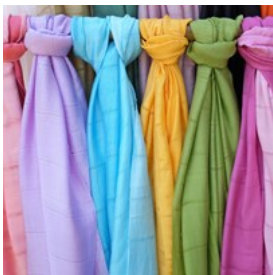
Address: Najafgarh Road, Tagore Garden, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Phone: +91 11 4090 3000

Internet: [www.pacificindia.in/pacific-mall-tagore-garden](http://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](http://www.atsarexports.com)

### Aap Ki Pasand Tea Gallery



Established in 1981, Aap Ki Pasand is India's oldest gourmet tea shop selling a wide selection of Indian teas, including exquisite varieties like Darjeeling and Assam. Visitors can enjoy complimentary tea tastings, making it an ideal destination for tea enthusiasts looking to savour and purchase some of the finest teas India has to offer.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: 15, Netaji Subhash Marg, opposite Golcha Cinema, Diagonally, Daryaganj, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm

Phone: +91 11 2326 0373

Internet: <https://sanchatea.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: Mivrr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Delhi near the Red Fort

Public Transport: Chandni Chowk

### Connaught Place

Connaught Place, a prominent commercial and financial hub in central New Delhi, is renowned for its unique colonial-style architecture and hosts several attractions and cultural landmarks. Notable sites include Palika Bazaar, an

underground market; Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century astronomical observatory; Hanuman Temple, a historic temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman; and Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, a prominent Sikh temple known for its beautiful architecture and serene atmosphere.

As a major shopping destination, Connaught Place offers a blend of high-end boutiques, international brands, street markets, and traditional Indian shops. Visitors can explore Janpath Market for a wide range of goods and the State Emporiums for handicrafts, textiles, and artefacts from different Indian states. The area also features art galleries, theatres, and a diverse range of dining options, from high-end restaurants to street food vendors, providing various cuisines and dining experiences.

Address: Connaught Place, New Delhi

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)



Located 16 km from New Delhi city centre, the Indira Gandhi International Airport offers multiple transportation options for

travellers.

The high-speed Delhi Metro Rail connects the airport to the city via the Airport Express Line. The Airport Express Line or the 'Orange' Line links Dwarka Sector 21 to the New Delhi Railway Station, providing a swift and efficient travel time of around 23 minutes.

For those preferring direct access, taxis are readily available just outside the baggage claim area of the terminals.

And for a more cost-effective option, the shuttle bus facility is an excellent choice, with services running every 30 minutes. These buses connect the airport to central locations in Delhi, including Connaught Place and the Interstate Bus Terminal.

Photo: Bao Menglong/Unsplash

Address: Indira Gandhi International Airport

Phone: +91 124 479 7300

Internet: [www.newdelhiairport.in](http://www.newdelhiairport.in)

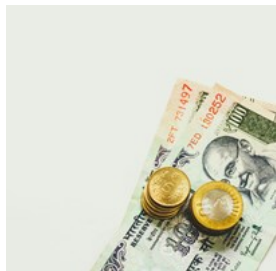
### Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit New Delhi is 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.

Photo: ajaysharda59/Pixabay

### Money in India: Cash or Credit Card



Though many places such as large hotels, shops, and restaurants will accept international credit cards, many small family-run shops and

street food vendors 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.

Photo: rupixen/Unsplash

### 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, except for Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives (if not arriving from mainland China).

The visa has to be requested through an online application. Be aware that a visa can only be acquired via this online application, and without any intermediary - do not hire agents who claim speedy/express grant of e-Visa.

Photo: ConvertKit/Unsplash

### Metro



Navigating the metro in New Delhi is quite straightforward, thanks to its efficient and extensive network that covers major parts of the city. Special tourist cards are available, offering unlimited rides for a set period and simplifying the fare process.

For information on tickets and lines, visit the Delhi Metro official website.

Photo: Dewang Gupta/Unsplash  
Internet: [www.delhimetrorail.com](http://www.delhimetrorail.com)

### Bus



The bus system in New Delhi is an affordable way to navigate the city, offering extensive routes that cover numerous destinations. However, taking a bus in New Delhi can be challenging for visitors due to the city's bustling traffic and the often crowded buses.

The city's buses come in red and green, with the main hub being the Delhi Inter State Bus Terminal, conveniently located north of the Old Delhi train station.

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### Rickshaws



In New Delhi, rickshaws are a popular and economical mode of transport, offering a unique and flexible way to navigate the city's busy

streets. There are two main types: cycle rickshaws and auto rickshaws. Cycle rickshaws are human-powered and ideal for short distances or navigating narrow lanes, while auto rickshaws are motorised and suitable for longer trips or more bustling routes.

Auto rickshaws are typically metered, but it's wise to confirm the meter is running or agree on a fare before starting your journey to avoid disputes. Many drivers are also open to negotiation, particularly for longer routes or during heavy traffic.

Photo: Austin Curtis/Unsplash

### Post



Stamps can be purchased from post offices, newsagents, and some travel shops. Local post offices are generally open Mon-Fri from 10am to 5pm and Sat from 10am to noon. The large General Post Offices have longer opening hours, Mon-Fri 9:30am-6pm and Sat 9:30am-1pm.

Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/Unsplash

Address: New Delhi General Post Office - Gol Dak Khana Building, near Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 10am-4pm

Phone: +91 11 2374 3602

Internet: [www.indiapost.gov.in](http://www.indiapost.gov.in)

### Taxi

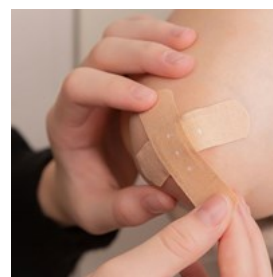


Finding a taxi in New Delhi is relatively easy, with numerous taxis available throughout the city. While many taxis are metered, it is not uncommon to negotiate a fare, especially for

longer distances or during peak hours. In addition, ride-hailing apps like Uber and Ola operate extensively in the city, providing a convenient and often more reliable alternative. These apps offer transparent pricing and the ease of booking a ride directly from your smartphone, making them a popular choice for both locals and tourists.

Photo: Gustavo/Unsplash

### Pharmacy



The main pharmacy chains in New Delhi include Apollo Pharmacy, Guardian Pharmacy, 98.4 Chemist, and MedPlus. These chains have multiple outlets across the city, ensuring easy access to medications and health products for visitors.

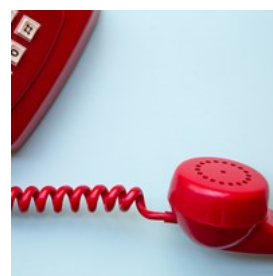
Photo: Diana Polekhina/Unsplash

Address: Apollo Pharmacy - Block G, Connaught Place, New Delhi

Opening hours: Daily 7am-11pm

Phone: +91 88269 92200

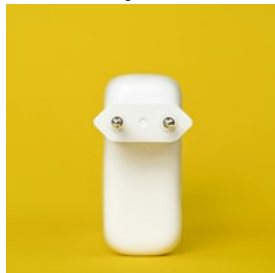
### Telephone



Country code: +91 Area code: 011

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## Electricity



In India, power plugs and sockets are of types C, D, and M, with a standard voltage of 230V and a frequency of 50Hz.

Photo: Mika Baumeister/Unsplash

## Population

32.9 million (2023)

## Currency

Indian Rupee (INR)

## 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.

## Newspapers

The Times of India: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com>

Hindustan Times: [www.hindustantimes.com](http://www.hindustantimes.com)

The Pioneer: [www.dailypioneer.com](http://www.dailypioneer.com)

## Emergency numbers

Police: 100

Fire Brigade: 101

Ambulance: 102

## Tourist information

Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation

Defence Colony, New Delhi

+91 11 2464 7005

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9:30am–6pm, Sat & Sun closed



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		