

New Delhi Insights

Highlights Covered in the Brand g Tour:

Your comprehensive Delhi tour introduces you to the bustling city's landmarks, passing the imposing Red Fort, President's Palace and City Gate, and discovering the narrow lanes of Old Delhi via a rickshaw ride. We also visit Raj Ghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, Humayun's Tomb, a 16th century landmark of Mughal architecture inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list, and Qutab Minar, also a UNESCO site.

Additional Sites of Delhi to Explore on Your Own:

For those guests coming in early, here are a few places you might want to consider visiting with your free time:

Lodhi Gardens

Lodhi Gardens provides a serene retreat from city life and is the place to come if you're feeling tired and worn out. The vast Gardens were built by the British in 1936 around the tombs of 15th and 16th century rulers. Joggers, yoga practitioners, and young couples all enjoy this park.

Location: Lodhi Road, not far from Humayun's Tomb.

Entry Cost: Free.

Opening Hours: Daily from sunrise until 8 p.m., but Sundays are particularly busy.

Swaminarayan Akshardham

<https://akshardham.com/>

A relatively new attraction, this massive temple complex was built by the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha spiritual organization and opened in 2005. It's dedicated to showcasing Indian culture. As well as the astonishing architecture of the pink stone and white marble shrine, the complex includes sprawling garden, sculptures, and boat ride. Allow plenty of time to explore it thoroughly - at least half a day. Do note that cell phones and cameras are not permitted inside.

Location: National Highway 24, near Noida Mor, New Delhi.

Entry Cost: Free. However, tickets are required to view the exhibitions.

Opening Hours: 9.30 a.m. until 6.30 p.m. (last entry). Closed Mondays.

Bahai (Lotus) Temple

<http://www.bahaihouseofworship.in/>

The Bahai Temple is commonly called the Lotus Temple, as it's shaped like a lotus flower. It's particularly pretty at night, when it's attractively lit up. Made out of concrete covered in white marble, the temple belongs to the Bahai Faith, which proclaims the unity of all people and religions. Everybody is welcome there.

Location: Near Nehru Place, south Delhi.

Entry Cost: Free.

Opening Hours: 9.00 a.m. until sunset. Closed Mondays.

Restaurant/bar Recommendations, near the Imperial Hotel:

There are several good restaurants and bars inside the Imperial Hotel, including the 1911 restaurant and bar, Spice Route and San Gimignano, but if you care to venture out a bit further from the hotel, here are a few recommendations:

Farzi Cafe: E-block, Connaught Place, New Delhi- (Walking Distance)

<http://www.farzicafe.com/farzi-cafe.php>

Modernist Indian bistro - it amalgamates traditional global and Indian classics, with Indian influences, contemporary presentations, culinary styles and ambiance. It is a quirky, chic, modern Indian café, where guests enjoy a sensory experience through the finest modern Indian cuisine, with a high energy ambiance. Infusing a generous dose of Indian flavors, Farzi Café presents Indian cuisine where culinary art meets the alchemy of modern presentations and cooking techniques like molecular gastronomy to absorb the guest into the ultimate gastronomic illusion.

Pind Balluchi: 13, Regal Building, New Delhi- (Walking Distance)

Beautiful ambience and décor. Reasonably priced traditional Indian food, with a touch of modern spices. Good choice of vegetarian and non-vegetarian options.

Zaffran: D-26/28, Hotel Palace Heights, Connaught Place (Walking Distance)

<http://hotelpalaceheights.com/zaffran-restaurant.html>

The glass roof and walls give the place an outdoor feel, the live display kitchen with the master chef in action heightens your dining experience. Serving a range of delicacies-succulent kebabs and tikkas from our tandoor and some of the most popular frontier and north Indian curries.

Parikrama: Antrishk Bhawan, 22, KG Marg. New Delhi (Short Cab Ride)

<http://www.parikramarestaurant.com/home.html>

This revolving restaurant is India's highest and Delhi's solitary revolving restaurant at a pinnacle of 240ft. Enjoy great Indian & Mughlai food along with panoramic views of Delhi.

Nero: Le Meridian Hotel, Connaught Place (Short Cab ride)

This chic and elegant bar offers one of the most extensive cocktail menus in the city. Perfect for a relaxed drink over engaging conversations.