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NEW DELHI,
INDIA

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Guide Book

DELHI is a beautiful city that is enriched with monuments, architecture and diverse cultural elements.

*Temperatures in February range from a maximum of 22°C to a minimum of 9°C.
This is the perfect time to explore the city and be rewarded with a fascinating
glimpse into modern and ancient India.*



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Language

In a city dominated by the Hindu population, Hindi is the main language used in Delhi. Fortunately for travellers, English is also a language that is widely spoken in India.

Common phrases

- Hello : **Namaste**
- How are you? : **Aap Kyase Ho**
- Thank you: **Dhanyavadh**
- How much is it? : **Kitna**

Getting around

Being a major international gateway, Delhi has an excellent transportation system. The Delhi Metro is one of the largest metro networks in the world and is the fastest way to travel in Delhi.

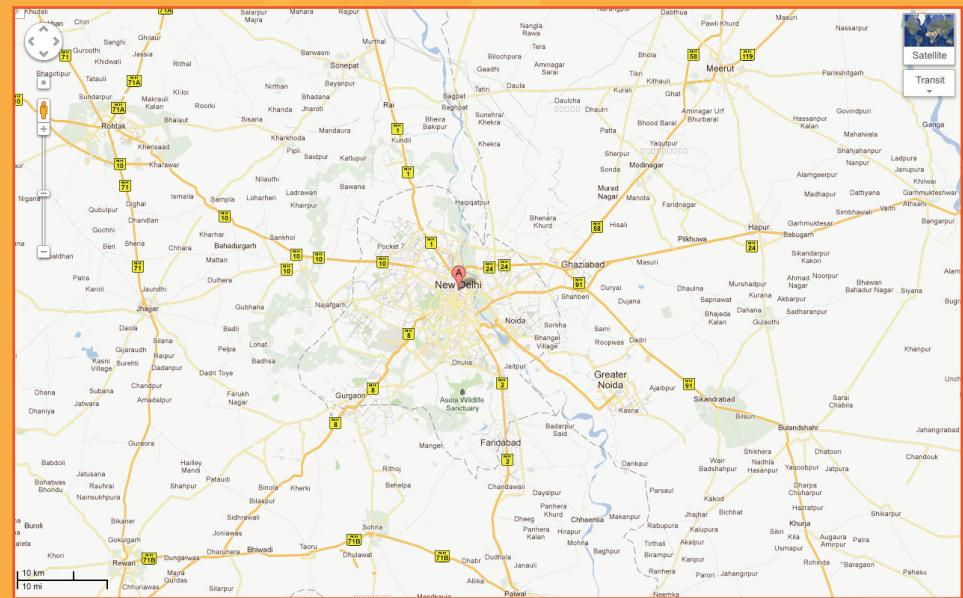
Other ways of getting around can include buses, taxis and cycle-rickshaws. Note, you can negotiate your fare price if travelling in a taxi or rickshaw.

Currency

The Indian Rupee is the official currency of India and used widely throughout the country. One rupee is subdivided into 100 paise (singular paisa). Bank notes are available in values of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000 rupees, while paise coins of the rupee have values of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50.



Map of Delhi



Indian Cuisine

Indian cuisine consists of thousands of regional cuisines. Each region has its own style of cooking and distinct flavours. North India is particularly known for Tandoori and Korma dishes while the South and East is famous for hot and spicy foods. The west uses coconut and the central part of India is an amazing blend of all those regions. All these foods are characterized by the use of various spices, herbs, vegetables and fruit.



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Restaurant recommendations

Bukhara

A rustic restaurant boasting a menu of fresh, delicious Indian classics, like their unforgettable kebabs and huge family size naan bread. Open for lunch on weekends and dinner daily. ITC Maurya Sheraton Hotel, Diplomatic Enclave, Sadar Patel Marg, New Delhi.

www.itchotels.in/Hotels/itcmaurya.aspx

Veda

This restaurant will grab your attention with its chandeliers and rich red velvet curtains, and their contemporary Indian dishes. Open for lunch and dinner daily. H27 Outer Circle, Connaught Place, New Delhi. Ph: 41513535. www.vedarestaurants.com



Sevilla

This charming restaurant provides great ambience, service and food from the south of Spain. However, there is a smattering of Mediterranean influence including Lebanese food. Open for dinner daily. Claridges Hotel, 12, Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi. www.restrobar.com/india/new-delhi/sevilla.html

Chor Bizarre

An elegantly themed restaurant aimed to capture the spirit of a 'thieves market'. The menu features cuisine from India's northern Kashmir region and makes for an interesting dining experience. Open for lunch and dinner. 4/15A Asif Ali Road, New Delhi. Ph: 23273821. www.chorbizarre.com/newsite/index_india.html

Places to drink

F Bar & Lounge

The F Bar and Lounge is located at the Ashok Hotel. This Fashion TV bar is furnished with a contemporary design and state-of-the-art acoustics and lighting. A good-sized dance floor, attractive island bar and separate smoking zone make for a great night out. 50-B The Ashok, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. www.fbardelhi.com

The Blue Bar

The first thing that strikes you is the seductive atmosphere of the place. Come here to relax, chill and be swept off your feet by their amazing range of drinks. Taj Palace Hotel, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. www.tajhotels.com/Luxury/City-Hotels/Taj-Palace-Hotel-New-Delhi/Fine-Dining/The-Blue-Bar.html

Smoke House Grill

The Smoke House Grill cocktails are by now legendary and second to none in the city. There are plenty of delicious smoked food options available to spoil your taste buds too. P No-2 Vipps Centre, North Wing, Masjid Moth, Greater Kailash II, New Delhi. www.smokehousegrill.in

Aura

The Aura at Claridges is a stylish bar with over 60 premium vodka brands. With a great atmosphere and friendly service, come here to revel and relax in the smooth moods. Claridge's Hotel, 12 Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi.
www.restrobar.com/india/new-delhi/aura-the-vodka-bar.html



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Places to visit

Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal is regarded as one of the eight wonders of the world. This beautiful monument is built entirely of white marble and was constructed over a period of twenty-two years employing twenty thousand workers.

Bahai Temple

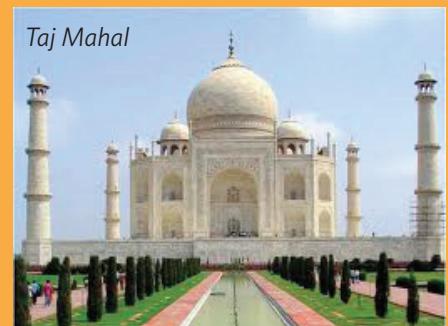
Completed in 1986, the Bahai temple has been admired for its universal design in the form of a lotus, which has won numerous architectural awards. Visit in the evening and you'll be treated to a truly spectacular view of the floodlit temple.

Red Fort

Built by emperor Shah Jahan in 1648 after he transferred his capital from Agra to Delhi, the Red Fort is a sprawling building of red sand stones along the Yamuna River. The artwork in the Fort is a mix of Persian, European and Indian art, which encapsulates a long period of Indian history. A light and sound show is held in the evening, which combines special effects with the unique ambience of the Fort to create an unforgettable experience.

Qutub Minar

The Qutub Minar is the tallest free-standing stone tower in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rising to the height of 72.5 metres, the tower is so high that around 379 steps are needed to climb to the top. It's worth taking a visit here.



Jama Masjid

Jama Masjid is the largest mosque in India. Completed in 1658 AD, it is an architectural masterpiece just opposite the Red Fort, where thousands of Muslims offer prayers. Entry into the mosque requires taking off your shoes and making sure you're properly clothed.

Humayun's Tomb



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Humayun's Tomb is the tomb of the Emporer Humayun built by his widow 14 years after his death. Made with red sandstone, the tomb also has several smaller monuments which dot the pathway leading up to it.



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Delhi Airports

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