

## MAP OF DELHI

New Delhi, the 3rd largest city and the capital of India is a synthesis of the modern and the antique. Situated along the Gangetic Plain, the city portrays a picture of rich culture, diversity, architecture and history. It is considered as the travel hub of North India. Civic Administration in Delhi

Delhi, the National Capital Territory mainly comprises of 9 districts. Every district has got 3 sub-districts & is headed by a Deputy Commissioner. Delhi also includes 59 census towns, 27 tehsils, 165 villages apart from the following municipal corporations which actually form the metropolitan area of Delhi:

1. Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)
2. Delhi Cantonment Board (DCB)
3. New Delhi Municipal Committee (NDMC)

Delhi has taken into its purview four satellite cities namely Faridabad, Gurgaon, Ghaziabad and Noida. New Delhi, the capital of India comes within the purview of NDMC. Delhi claims to own the most galactic Metropolitan Police Force present in world.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Delhi is very well linked by road, rail and air which make it easily accessible to overseas traveler. Inter-connected roads and highways and 3 Inter State Bus Terminuses at Anand Vihar, Sarai Kale Khan and Kashmere Gate connects the city to all other major cities in India.

Delhi has three main railway stations situated at Old Delhi, New Delhi and Nizamuddin. Apart from some luxurious trains like Fairy Queen, Palace-on-Wheels and Orient Express which can be availed from New Delhi Cantonment railway station, New Delhi is proud to have Rajdhani Express, one of the most prestigious trains connecting New Delhi to all other state capitals in India.

The city has very good air services. Almost every international airline flies to and from its two major airports: Indira Gandhi International Airport and Palam Domestic Airport. The later connects Delhi domestically to all major cities.

## FACTFILE OF DELHI

Area	1,483 sq km
Altitude	293 m above sea level
Geographical Location	28.38° N latitude 77.13° E longitude
Population	1, 38, 50,507
Population Density	9340 per sq km
Literacy Rate	81.67%
Sex Ratio	821 per 1000 males
Per Capita Income	RS.38864
Average Rainfall	617 mm annually
Temperature	45 degree (max), 5 degree (min)
Climate	Summers are hot with the temperature rising up to 45°C and the winters are also quite cold with temperature dropping as low as 5°C.
Language	English, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu
Religion	Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian
Important Festivals	Id-UI-Fitar, Ramzan, Makar Sakranti, Republic Day, Maha Shivratri, Ram Navmi, Diwali, Dussehra, Guru Nanak Jayanti, Christmas day, Baisakhi, Holi, Durga Puja.
Major Tourist Attractions	India Gate, Red fort, Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb, Jama Masjid, Birla Mandir, Rashtrapati Bhavan, Parliament House, Chandni Chawk.
Best Time to Visit	October to March

## HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

### The Red Fort

The Red Fort built by the Mughal emperor Shajahan sprawls over 2.2 kilometers by the banks of river Yamuna. The Fort having two entrances Lahore Gate & Delhi Gate includes Mumtaz Mahal, Khas Mahal, Rang Mahal, Diwan-e Khas, the Hammam and and Shah Burj. It entertains the visitors every evening with a Light and Sound Show.

### Purana Quila

Purana Quila i.e. the Old Fort is actually the inner citadel of the city named Dinpanah, constructed by Humayun. Purana Quila smells the ancient stories leaking out from its every corner.

### Qutub Minar

Qutub Minar, a tribute to architecture attracts people by its steep mass appeal. It's a five-storey building and the highest tower in India which is made of stone.

### India Gate

India Gate standing at the end of Rajpath, is the earnest monument constructed in memory of those 90,000 Indian soldiers who sacrificed their life in World War I. Their names are engraved on its walls.

### Shish Mahal

Shish Mahal is the central pavilion constructed by Shah Jahan, although presently advancing towards its decay, have still managed to retain it so as to prove the beauty of the place in Shah Jahan's time.

## PARKS

Delhi being the city of Emperors consists of many beautiful and well-maintained gardens.

### The Mughal Garden

Mughal Gardens, the famous garden located inside the premises of Rashtrapati Bhavan exhibits a virtual paradise with its small flowerbeds, mown lawns and the four waterways. The garden remains open to visitors every year only from the month of February to the month of March.

### Shalimar Garden

The Shalimar Garden, situated in the city suburbs, was the-then first-night staging spot for the Mughal people on the way to Lahore and Kashmir.

### Lodi Gardens

The Lodi Gardens is famous for its well-maintained flowering trees, ponds, blossoming shrubs, fountains and artificial streams, domed tombs of the Lodi and Sayyid rulers. The tombs exhibit eminent architecture.

### National Zoological Park

Delhi's National Zoological Park located near Purana Qila is one of the elegant Zoos in Asia which provides a natural home to more than 2,000 birds and animals from distant places like America, Africa, Asia and Australia.





## **Buddha Jayanti Park**

This park is one of the appropriate picnic spots with a flowery garden. It's also an ideal place for joggers and aged people.

## **GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS**

### **Natural History Museum**

Natural History Museum located in FICCI building at Barkhamba exhibits the most pre historic animals, dinosaurs and gigantic birds apart from owning an esteemed Discovery Room.

### **National Museum**

National Museum near India Gate is one of the most interesting places enriched in ancient history of India & Central Asia which can take one through an enchanting journey of ancient India comprising of art and architecture, potteries, costumes and rare coins.

### **Indira Memorial Museum**

Indira Memorial Museum, built in memory of Indira Gandhi still preserves the blood-stained sari along with the sari which she wore on her marriage as well as the most expensive utensils which were gifted in her marriage. It also allows access to the private chambers, reading room, dinning room so as to depict the daily life of India's first lady Prime Minister.

### **National Gallery of Modern Art**

National Gallery of Modern Art owns a great collection of paintings, art and literature. This gallery also provides opportunity to upcoming as well as renowned artists to display their creative works.

## **PLACE OF WORSHIP**

### **Bahai Temple (Lotus Temple)**

Situated on the Bahapur Hills of South Delhi, this gleaming marble structure is a famous place of worship in Delhi that is visited by millions of people every year. This Lotus Temple is an example of modern architecture and is only 45 minutes from the domestic airport.

### **Jama Masjid**

One of India's largest and revered mosques of India, Jama Masjid is located close to the Red Fort in Delhi. It retains the ancient charm of the Mughal period. It gives you the opportunity to enjoy a 'bird's eye view' of the capital of Delhi.

### **Birla Mandir**

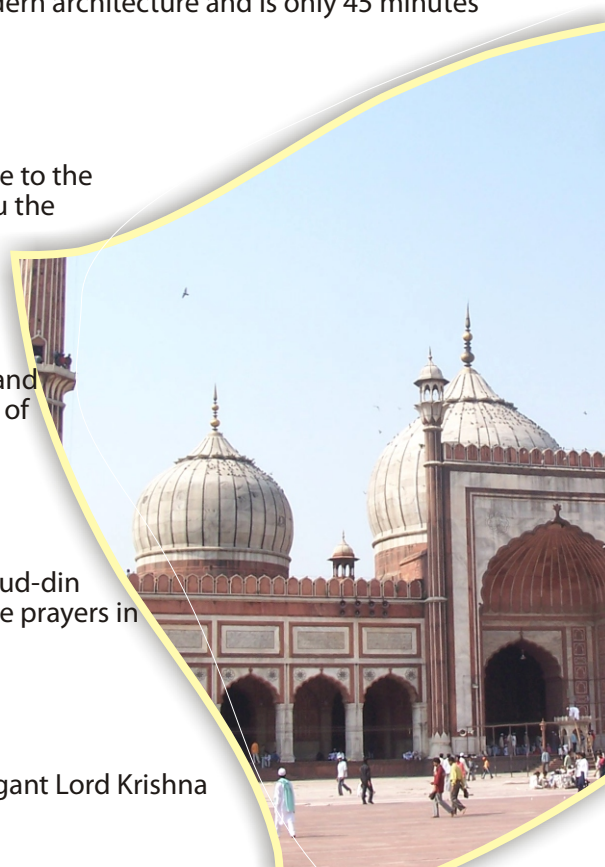
This popular place of worship in Delhi is conveniently situated in Central Delhi and is also called the Lakshmi Narayan Temple. The temple depicts the Orissan style of architecture and is replete with many idols representing different Indian Gods.

### **Nizam-ud-din Shrine**

Located on West of Mathura Road, it is the famous and popular tomb of Nizam-ud-din Auliya, the sufi saint. The beautiful performances by the qawwali singers and the prayers in the evening attract a lot of tourists.

### **ISKCON Temple**

Situated on a hilly place, the ISKCON Temple is a composite of temples. This elegant Lord Krishna temple is among the largest temple compounds in India.



## **Bala Hanuman Temple**

Standing on the South-East of Ranmal Lake, this elegant and beautiful temple is a must visit place of worship in Delhi.

## **St. James Church**

St. James Church, the oldest church of Delhi is located in close proximity to the Kashmere Gate in North Delhi. It is alike the dome at Florence Cathedral in Italy which was the 1st renaissance structure which was set up in the world.

## **BUSINESS CENTRES IN DELHI**

### **Pragati Maidan**

It is among the important business centres in Delhi and is well known for the Trade Fair Ground. It hosts numerous international and national trade fairs. It is an economical and all-inclusive complex replete with different pavilions for every state in India.

### **Indian Habitat Center (IHC)**

This business centre in Delhi is situated in Lodhi Road and has a widespread complex comprising of research organizations, offices, a club, convention center, restaurants and places for the cultural activities.

### **India Expo Center**

India Expo Center is specially designed with top quality facilities and the technology needed to support exhibitions, congresses, conferences, promotional events, product launches, and other special events,

National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), Okhla:

NSIC promotes and fosters the development of the small-scale industries business enterprises in India. It organizes Technology Fairs and exhibitions.

### **CGO Complex:**

CGO Complex is the commercial nucleus of Delhi that hosts various events of strategical significance.

## **CULTURES AND FESTIVALS IN DELHI**

Delhi is a lively city that is supple and adjustable. The city has the beautiful quality to blend with diverse cultures in the presence of its own culture. The city bears the stamps of rich and diverse culture. The culture in Delhi is moderate and tolerable as people from different background and places inhabit Delhi in peace and enjoy different rituals and customs. The festivals and fairs in Delhi clearly reflect this fact. The city has an interesting cultural life that is bound to attract you. Taking out time to watch and enjoy the numerous cultural events, Performing Arts, Drama, music, traditional dances, vibrant costumes, religious celebrations, secular festivals etc in Delhi is worthy in itself and memorable.

The festivals in Delhi represent the ethnic culture of Delhi. The city celebrates and endless number of festivals which includes, Id-Ul-Fitar, Makar Sakranti, the harvest festival of India, Republic Day, Lohri, a rural festival, Kite-Flying, Basant Panchami, Holi, the festival of joy and vigor, Dussehra and Durga Puja, Baisakhi, Rakshabandhan, Christmas, New year and the list goes on.

## **WHERE TO STAY IN DELHI**

The city of Delhi has no dearth of hotels with numerous tourists visiting the city every year. So where to stay in Delhi is not something that should bother you. The accommodation options in Delhi suites the taste and pockets of all types of tourists.

## STAR HOTELS IN DELHI

1. Hotel Ashok
2. Hotel The Oberoi
3. Hotel Crowne Plaza Surya
4. Hotel Le Meridien
5. Hotel Hyatt Regency
6. Hotel Maurya Sheraton
7. Hotel Radisson
8. Hotel Park Royal
9. Hotel Taj Mahal
10. Hotel Taj Palace

## LUXURY HOTELS IN DELHI

1. Hotel Grand Hyatt
2. Hotel Hyatt Regency
3. Hotel Imperial
4. Hotel le Meridien
5. Hotel Maurya Sheraton
6. The Taj Palace
7. Hotel Manor
8. Hotel Radisson
9. The Oberoi Hotel
10. The Taj Mahal Hotel

## BUDGET HOTELS IN DELHI

1. Hotel Star Paradise
2. Hotel Star Palace
3. Hotel Starview Deluxe
4. Hotel Star Villa
5. Hotel Shivam International
6. Hotel Star Plaza

## ECONOMY HOTELS IN DELHI

1. Grand Sartaj New Delhi
2. Ashok Country Resort
3. Hotel Hans Plaza New Delhi
4. Hotel Diplomat New Delhi
5. Hotel Janpath New Delhi
6. Hotel Samrat New Delhi
7. Hotel Savoia New Delhi
8. Hotel Shervani New Delhi
9. Hotel Shanti Palace New Delhi
10. U.S.I Residency New Delhi



## SHOPPING IN DELHI

The Delhi Markets are a shopping paradise for all. The city is dubbed with a lot to tempt its buyers. From simple handicrafts to international labels Delhi has it all. There are lots of items ranging from jewelry, handicrafts, precious stones, carpets, and silks etc that entice the tourists.

Baba Khadag Singh Marg has all the arts and craft materials from all over the India. Mathura Road is known for pottery, shawls, and paintings. While Dariba Kalan is known for its intricate jewelry, Dilli Haat is famous for handlooms and handicrafts. Janpath and Sarojini Nagar have the latest items in reasonable prices. Ansal Plaza is one among the best shopping complexes of the whole world. It would give you a complete shopping experience. Chandni Chowk and Connaught palace are another popular and sought after places for shopping in Delhi.

## WHERE TO EAT IN DELHI

If you are thinking of what to eat in Delhi, then it's worth mentioning that food has always been a prime attraction in Delhi. The city disappoints none. A number of Delhi cuisines can be tasted at the roadside eateries and joints in Delhi. Shahi Raan and Kabobs at Karim's, Karachi Halwa at Ghanewala Sweet, Afghani Pilao and Green tea at Pathanwadi, Gali Paranthe wali, Chaat Corner at Chandini Chowk Metro Station, Rabri Faludas at Giani are some of the eateries in Delhi where you can savor your taste buds.

Delhi Haat is a popular place where cuisines of every state in India can be found. Subway, Barishta, Mc. Donald's, Pizza Corner, KFC, Dosa Express, Costa Coffee, Irish Sandwich Bar are also located in almost all the malls and popular places in Delhi. Indian Joints like Domino's, Pizza Hut, Haldiram's, Café coffee Day, are also well liked.

If you want to soak and pamper yourself at the best of French, Italian, Thai and Indian Restaurants in it, then here is the list of some of the famous restaurants in Delhi which caters to its tourists brilliantly.

1. Amarjyoti Restaurant, Delhi
2. Chor Bizarre Restaurant, New Delhi
3. Masala Art, New Delhi
4. Empress of China, Delhi
5. Taipan, Delhi
6. Diva Restaurant, Delhi
7. Flavors Restaurant, Delhi
8. Baan Thai Restaurant, Delhi
9. Spice Route Restaurant, Delhi
10. Sakura Restaurant (Kaiseki) Delhi



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