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## "FULL DAY TOUR ITINERARY"

# TENTATIVE COST PER PERSON RS. 620/- BY TEMPO TRAVELS (GROUP OF 10/12 PERSONS)

# TENTATIVE COST PER PERSON RS. 790/- BY INNOVA (GROUP OF 4/5 PERSONS)

Start at 8 am with a cultural visit to the famous **Delhi Red Fort** alongside River Yamuna. Pop along to admire the spectacular **Jama Masjid** Mosque, then head over to the **Mahatma Gandhi Museum**. Browse the fascinating memorabilia of India's late leader. Spend a peaceful hour in **Birla Mandir** Temple and gardens, and finally visit **Jantar Mantar** ancient observatory with a walk over to **Connaught Place** for lunch. Early afternoon, it's time to see **Humayun's Tomb** World Heritage Site (from outside). The towering minaret of ancient **Qutub Minar** is the last UNESCO. **Akshardham Temple** is the perfect place to day end your Delhi itinerary, to spend an entertaining morning in the Hindu sanctuary, before turning back for a walk down the **Rajpath**, past the monumental **Rashtrapati Bhavan** and **Cabinet Secretariat** buildings, towards **India Gate** in late evening.

### Red Fort, Delhi

A must-see on your Delhi Itinerary is the famous <u>Red Fort</u>. High on UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites, Red Fort is one of India's top monuments and the most visited place in Delhi. Since 1947, the Red Fort has been the famous symbol of Indian Independence Day, commemorated yearly on August 15<sup>th</sup> when the PM raises the national flag.



#### **Opening Times for Lal Quila Red Fort**

Opens sunrise to sunset Tuesday to Sunday (closed on Mondays).

Entry Fee

Adult price tickets: Indian nationals ₹ 90; foreigners ₹ 950.

### **Red Fort Light and Sound Show**

At sunset there is a show in Hindi. This is followed by an English performance at 7 pm (February to May), 9 pm (May to August), 8.30 pm (September to October), or 7.30 pm (November to January). Adult ticket costs

#### ₹ 80.

A kilometer to the west of Lal Quila in Old Delhi, you'll find the eastern gate to one of India's largest mosques, the famed Jama Masjid.



#### **Opening Times**

Opens every day for visitors from 7 am to noon, and 1.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Prayer time for Muslims from noon until 1.30 pm.

#### **Entry Fee**

Entrance is free. Small fee to go up the minarets. A photography permit costs ₹ 300.

#### Dress Code

Remove shoes before entering the mosque. Women should wear loose modest clothes that cover up (not trousers) or they can hire one of the gowns provided.

#### Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Museum

The <u>National Gandhi Museum</u> is the perfect place to start your itinerary of Delhi, an insight into the recent history of India through the memorabilia of the immortal 'Father of the Nation'.



#### **Opening Times**

Opens 10 am to 5 pm (closed Mondays). Entry Fee

## Entrance to the museum and library is free.

#### Lakshmi Narayana Temple (Birla Mandir)

Lakshmi Narayana Temple aka Birla Mandir is the Hindu Temple with distinctive Shikhara towers, located to the west of Connaught place in central Delhi. One of the most popular temples in Delhi and dedicated to Lord Vishnu, Birla Mandir was built less than a century ago in 1939.



#### **Free Entrance**

\*Camera and phones are not allowed inside the temple (free lockers).

#### **Jantar Mantar**

New Delhi <u>Jantar Mantar</u> was the first of 5 astronomical observatories to be founded by Maharaja Jai Singh in the 18th century.



#### **Opening Times**

Open every day from sunrise to sunset. Entrance Fee ₹ 25 for Indian nationals, ₹ 300 for foreigners.

#### Connaught Place

The famous Georgian buildings of Connaught Place circle Delhi's Central Park, an instagrammable spot with an enormous Indian flag. Now renamed Rajiv Chowk, it was originally designed as a commercial and leisure hub in 1929, by British architect John Wood.



Panoramic view of Connaught Place and Central Park, Delhi.

Seven of the old city's radial roads lead to Connaught Place so it is a huge focal point and easy to reach. Connaught Circus is the Outer Circle that rings the whole area. Several luxury hotels can be found in the vicinity, as well as pocket friendly eateries (both Indian and international cuisine) which are good choice for dinner on your Delhi itinerary. I recommend: 'Sarvana Bhavan' for South Indian cuisine, 'Nizam's' for Mughlai food, 'Bercos' for Chinese and 'Desi Vibes' for some tasty North Indian cuisine.

#### **Opening Times**

**Delhi Central Park:** Free entrance. Opens sunrise to sunset (later if concerts are taking place, when there may be a fee to attend).

**Restaurants and Retail Outlets:** Check individual websites, but generally restaurant opening hours are from 11 am to 11 pm, with some after hours; stores from 10.30 am to 8 pm (closed Sundays). *\*At Palika Bazaar underground flea market tourists should beware of pickpockets.* 

#### <u>Click to see Delhi Route Map Day Two</u>

#### Humayun's Tomb

<u>Humayun's Tomb</u> is one of Delhi's World Heritage Sites. A special place to visit on the banks of River Yamuna in south east Delhi, this palatial mausoleum surrounded by gardens later inspired the creation of the Taj Majal. Dating to 1570, the grand memorial was commissioned by a grieving Persian Queen on the death of her husband, the Mughal Emperor Humayun.



#### **Opening Times**

Open every day from sunrise to sunset. Entry Fees

Entrance costs ₹ 40 Indian nationals, ₹ 600 foreigners.

#### **Qutub Minar**

Qutub Minar is another emblematic site in Delhi that you have to see. This is Delhi's oldest UNESCO heritage site, an ancient mosque dating to the end of the 12th century. The landmark minaret is a tiered fluted shaft which is ornately engraved with decorative motifs and Islamic inscriptions, and one of the earliest of its kind in South Asia.

There are more unique points of historical interest in the <u>Qutb complex</u>, including the Quwwat-ul-Islam Mosque and Iron Pillar.



Opening Times Opens daily from sunrise to sunset, and evenings. Entrance Fee Indian residents ₹ 40, foreign visitors ₹ 600 (book online).

#### Akshardham Temple

The intricately carved pink sandstone and white marble Akshardham Mandir is the biggest temple in Delhi. Surprisingly, the ornate traditionally sculpted complex was built this century and opened doors in 2005. One of the city's most popular attractions, the <u>Akshardham Temple</u> is a Hindu spiritual sanctuary which highlights the beauty of India's ancient art, architecture and culture. Enter through the Welcome Gates, visit the Mandir Temple and Inner Sanctum, get blessed with ritual waters and then enjoy the entertaining exhibitions if you have time.



Morning is the best time to visit Akshardham Temple, as soon as it opens to avoid the queues. Afternoons are also good, as this gives you a chance to see the magic fountain water show at sunset.

#### Tip

Entrance cannot be pre-booked, the Akshardham Complex is popular with families so avoid public holidays as there will be queues waiting to get inside.

#### **Opening Times**

Akshardham Temple Complex is open 10 am to 6.30 pm; Entrance to exhibitions 10 am to 5 pm; Musical Fountain water show at sunset (seasonal times). Closed Mondays.

#### **Entrance Fee**

Free entry to the Temple Complex; adult ticket to see the 3 Exhibitions costs ₹ 250, Musical Fountain water show ₹ 90; Donate ₹ 50 to take part in the Abhishek Ritual.

\* Photography is forbidden inside the temple (free facility to store mobile phones & cameras).

#### **Dress Code**

Modest clothing below the knees, covering upper arms, shoulders, chest and navel. Free saris available upon deposit.

#### Rashtrapati Bhavan and Central Secretariat

India's most important presidential and government buildings can be seen on Raisina Hill in the centre of New Delhi, at the top of the Rajpath Boulevard and facing down to India Gate.



**Rashtrapati Bhavan** is the nation's grand Presidential Mansion, a huge palace of Edwardian Baroque design with decorative Indian detail. Dating to 1929, the estate is surrounded by 330 acres of landscaped gardens and a park. A monumental four-story residence with 340 rooms grouped around inner courtyards with water features, it's an imposing landmark on Delhi's cityscape. The huge main dome of the President of India's official residence and the monumental Jaipur Column standing out front, are major focal points which can be seen from afar.

**Central Secretariat** is the name of the 2 identical grandiose buildings on each side of the Presidential Residence on Rajpath. This is where the Indian Government sits, and where the majority of Government Ministries have office. Together with Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Secretariat Building was part of the New Delhi development scheme which transformed the city center in the 1900s. Of Indo-Saracenic design, you'll notice the colonnaded façade and central dome.

Opening times and ticket prices to tour <u>Rashtrapati Bhavan can be seen on the official site</u>. Central Secretariat Metro Station is the nearest stop (Yellow Line). Distance 0.9 km, 13 minute walk.



#### The Rajpath Kingsway

Stroll along the <u>Rajpath</u> boulevard which connects the Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, a ceremonial avenue once known as the Kingsway. It's a 30-minute stroll through a city green belt of tree-shaded lawns and waterways, surrounded by parks and gardens. Alternatively, watch the sites as you drive.

The Rajpath 'Kingsway' runs from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate.

#### India Gate



#### India Gate

National War Memorial

<u>India Gate</u> is an imposing structure, a triumphal archway 45 metres high. Built in 1921 by the Imperial War Graves Commission to honour the Indian and British soldiers who lost their lives during World War 1 and the Anglo-Afghan war, there are 13,516 names inscribed on it.

Move closer to Delhi Memorial and you will see 4 eternal burning flames on a black marble podium known as Amar Jawan Jyoti. These remain constantly alight as a gesture of respect towards the martyrs.

# Opening Times

Always open. Free entrance

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