



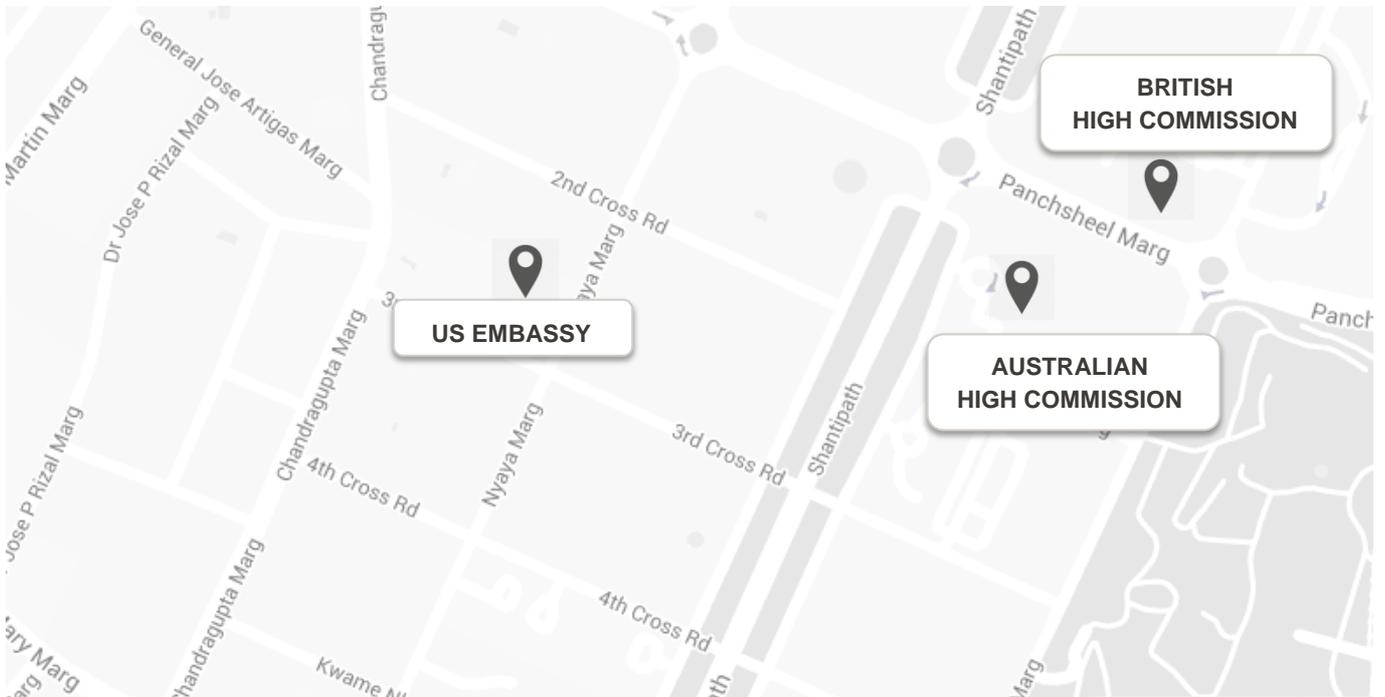
AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION
NEW DELHI



Welcome Guide

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Local Area Map



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Attractions



Red Fort

Travel time from High Commission: approx. 30 minutes
Open from 9.30am – 4.30pm, closed Monday

UNESCO world heritage site, the Red Fort derived its name from its red sandstone walls, and was constructed in 1638 on determination that the capital would be moved from Agra to Delhi.



Qutab Minar

Travel time from High Commission: approx. 30 minutes
Open every day from 7.00am – 5.00pm

Built in 1193, a 73 meter high tower built from red sandstone, part of the Qutab complex a UNESCO world heritage site.



Lotus Temple

Travel time from High Commission: approx. 30 minutes
Open from 9.00am – 7.00pm, closed Monday

The iconic Lotus Temple was completed in 1986, made from white marble and surrounded by nine ponds and 25 acres of gardens.



Akshardham Temple

Travel time from High Commission: approx. 30 minutes
Open 9.30am to 6.30pm, closed Monday

A unique and eclectic spiritual-cultural complex which includes a musical fountain, boat tour and robotic dioramas.



India Gate

Travel time from High Commission: approx. 10 minutes

Originally known as the All India War Memorial, the 42 meter high India Gate memorial commemorates the Indian soldiers who lost their lives during World War I.

Local Restaurants



Lodhi Restaurant

Casual

Monday to Friday 11am – 1am
Saturday to Sunday 7:30am – 1am
Lodhi Road, Delhi



Fatty Bao

Asian (lunch/dinner)

Casual

Monday to Sunday 12pm - 3pm, 7pm - 12am
Sangam Courtyard, Major Somnath Marg, Delhi



Guppy

Japanese (lunch/dinner)

Casual

Monday to Sunday 12pm - 3.30pm, 7pm - 11.45pm
28 Lodhi Colony, Delhi



Jamavar

Indian Cuisine (dinner)

Smart Casual/Formal

Dinner: Monday to Sunday 7pm – 11.45pm
Leela Palace, Delhi

More restaurant details and reviews are available on www.zomato.com

Taxis and transport

Your hotel will be able to arrange a taxi for you when needed, and on departing the High Commission each day the guards at each guard house will arrange a taxi for you on request. The High Commission does not recommend the use of rickshaws.

Tipping

Tipping staff in restaurants and hotels is generally expected. As a general rule, 10% of the bill is appropriate, even where a service charge has been levied. Porters will expect payment of Rs 20 (approximately 40 cents) per bag.

Employees of the High Commission, including official drivers are not permitted to accept tips.

Safety & Personal Security

Current travel advice for India advises travellers to exercise a high degree of caution due to high threat of terrorist activity, civil unrest, crime and the high rate of vehicle accidents. Travellers should pay close attention to their personal security at all times.

The safety of women is a concern in India and women are encouraged to take particular care when in India, including when travelling in a group.

Security briefings can be provided by the Regional Security Advisor if required.

Beggars

Beggars and exposure to abject poverty is common in Delhi and can be confronting. Visitors should respond to beggars in the way they feel most comfortable while ensuring they pay close attention to their personal security. If providing money or other items to a beggar you should be aware that a larger group of beggars may quickly congregate, or your vehicle may be recognised on return trips to the area.

Drinking Water

Tap water at hotels is generally considered to be safe for showering, but should not be used for drinking or brushing teeth. Sealed bottled water should be used for all drinking and brushing teeth. Water at the chancery is safe to drink.

Food safety

'Delhi Belly' is a common concern for visitors to India. Some preventative measures include:

- Avoid drinking or ingesting tap water, including ice and drinks that may have been watered down (such as fruit juice)
- Wash hands and use hand sanitizer regularly
- Use restaurants recommended by officers and avoid street food
- Avoid uncooked or washed foods such as salads

Climate

Temperatures in Delhi range from mild (5 to 20 degrees) during winter months to very hot (45 degrees) during summer months.

Seasons

December - January	Winter	5 – 25 degrees
February – March	Spring	20 – 25 degrees
April - June	Summer	25 – 45 degrees
July – September	Monsoon	30 – 35 degrees
October - December	Autumn	20 – 30 degrees

Sun Protection

If spending time outside during summer periods visitors are encouraged to wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen lotion. Avoid spending long periods in the sun during the middle of the day, and drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration, similar to as you would in Australia.

Air Quality

Air pollution in Delhi can regularly reach 'hazardous' levels, especially during winter months. During periods of high pollution, visitors are encouraged to minimise time outdoors, minimise physical exertion outdoors and may wish to consider use of a personal mask depending on personal tolerances of air quality and the discomforts of wearing a mask. VOG masks are available from FabIndia in Khan market and cost approximately \$40 (AUD).

Air quality readings are available using a variety of smartphone apps and online from the American Embassy monitor, which provides the nearest readings to the High Commission (<http://aqicn.org/city/india/new-delhi/us-embassy>)

Time zone

Local time in New Delhi is Indian Standard Time, which is GMT plus 5 hours 30 minutes.

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