## Full Day City Heritage Tour Timings: 0930 hours – 1700 hours

You will set out from your hotel in an air-conditioned car/coach for a sightseeing tour in New Delhi, the capital of India. A local English-speaking guide will accompany you on this excursion. You will visit the following famous landmarks of the city:











**Qutub Minar**: The tallest hand carved brick minaret in the world at 72.5 meters, it is one of the finest examples of Indo-Islamic architecture. Construction began in the 12th century by the slave king Qutubuddin Aibak, from whose name the minaret gets its name. In the same complex is a mosque and iron pillar, which has not rusted even after 1,500 years.

**Humayun's Tomb**: The mausoleum of the Mughal Emperor Humayun. It was built in 1570 by the emperor's widow, Haji Begum. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it was the first garden tomb of India and a forerunner of the Mughal style of architecture, with high arches and formal gardens (*charbagh*).

**Red Fort**: One of the most spectacular pieces of Mughal Architecture is the Lal Quila or the Red Fort. Built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan between 1638 and 1648, the Red Fort has walls extending up to 2 km in length with the height varying from 18 m on the riverside to 33 m on the city side.

India Gate: A 40 meter high war memorial arch dedicated to Indian soldiers who died in World War I.

**Rashtrapati Bhawan**: The President's residence and formerly the Viceroy's Palace, this building is constructed on top of Raisina Hill. As the highlight of Lutyens' Delhi, it is an impressive sight, particularly when it is lit up.

**Raj Ghat**: Set in the midst of deep green lawns, Rajghat is the place where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. A memorial to the Father of the Nation, Rajghat is a simple square platform with a black memorial stone with "*Hey Ram*" engraved on it. "*Hey Ram*" were the last words uttered by the Mahatma before collapsing after being shot. Located on the west bank of the River Yamuna, Rajghat is surrounded by a wooded area and several exotic shrubs that give the area a serene ambience.

Note: Lunch will be at 1330 hours at Hotel Lalit, Barakhamba Road/ DLF Emporio Mall, Vasant Kunj at SET'Z restaurant.

# Full Day Museums and Shopping Tour Timings: 0930 hours – 1700 hours

You will set out from your hotel in an air-conditioned car/coach for a sightseeing tour in New Delhi, the capital of India. A local English-speaking guide will accompany you on this excursion. You will visit the following famous landmarks of the city:









**National Museum**: Located on Janpath, the National Museum is one of the treasures of India's glorious past. The museum has a large collection of excavated items, many of which date back to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> B.C. The museum has separate section for the Harrapa (Indus Valley civilization) collection. Recently, the museum added a very interesting section of jewelry collection. Apart from the regular sections, the museum has regular exhibitions on different themes. Information about these exhibitions can be obtained from the museum or from the tourist officers. A daily film show is organized in the auditorium of the museum. The museum is closed on Monday.

**Gandhi Smriti**: The residence of industrialist BD Birla has been converted into a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, where he used to stay during his visits to Delhi. Gandhiji was assassinated here on his way to offer customary evening prayers. Large collections of photographs with a few personal belongings and a series of small doll houses and terracotta dolls illustrating Gandhijis' life are the attractions at this museum.

**Dilli Haat:** The unique Dilli Haat is an upgraded version of the traditional weekly market, offering a delightful amalgam of craft, food and cultural activities. However, while the village *haat* is a mobile, flexible arrangement, at Dilli Haat, is permanent—it is the craftsmen who are mobile and ever-changing thereby offering a kaleidoscopic view of the richness and diversity of Indian handicrafts and artifacts. Spread over a spacious six acre area, imaginative landscaping, creative planning, and the traditional village architectural style have combined to produce the perfect ambience for a *haat* or market place. A plaza paved with stone and brickwork skillfully interspersed with grass, flowering shrubs and towering eucalyptus trees, plus a play corner for children have conjured up an oasis in which visitors can browse at their leisure.

Note: Lunch will be at 1330 hours at Hotel Lalit, Barakhamba Road/DLF Emporio Mall, Vasant Kunj at SET'Z restaurant.

Additional Note: All museums remain closed on Monday.

- \* Videography not allowed inside the National Museum.
- \* Handheld camera photography is allowed, but permission has to be taken in the National Museum to use the photos.
- \* No extra camera fee in National Museum only.

## Half-Day Akshardham Tour Timings: 0950 hours – 1300 hours

You will set out from your hotel in an air-conditioned car/coach for a sightseeing tour in New Delhi, the capital of India. A local English-speaking guide will accompany you on this excursion. You will visit the following famous landmarks of the city:



Akshardham: The beautiful mandir built without steel consists of 234 ornately carved pillars, 9 ornate domes, 20 quadrangled shikhars, a spectacular Gajendra Pith (plinth of stone elephants) and 20,000 murtis and statues of India's great sadhus, devotees, acharyas and divine personalities. The mandir is a fusion of pink stone and pure white marble, where the pink stone symbolises bhakti in eternal bloom and the white marble symbolises absolute purity and eternal peace. Akshardham was created by HDH Pramukh Swami Maharaj to fulfill the wishes of his guru, Brahmaswarup Yogiji Maharaj, the fourth successor in the spiritual hierarchy of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. In only a short timespan of five years, Swaminarayan Akshardham became a reality through the blessings of Pramukh Swami Maharaj, 300 million man hours of epic services rendered by 11,000 volunteers, sadhus and artisans and the immense sacrifice, austerities, prayers of hundreds of thousands of young and old devotees of BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha.

### Half Day Old Delhi Tour Timings: 0930 hours – 1300 hours

This half day tour is meant for people short on time, but still want to know a bit about the place before they go back. The tour takes you around the most important landmarks in Delhi. You will set out from your hotel in an air-conditioned car/coach for a sightseeing tour in New Delhi, the capital of India. A local English-speaking guide will accompany you on this excursion. You will visit the following famous landmarks of the city:





**Red Fort**: One of the most spectacular pieces of Mughal Architecture is the Lal Quila or the Red Fort. Built by the Mughal emperor, Shah Jahan between 1638 and 1648, the Red Fort has walls extending up to 2 km in length with the height varying from 18 on the riverside to 33 m on the city side.

Jama Masjid: The Jama Masjid has the distinction of being the largest Mosque in the country. It lies opposite the Red Fort and is flanked by a plethora of shops dealing in a variety of goods. This great mosque is the final gift of Shahjahan to the architectural heritage of India. Planned and designed by the great sculptor, Ostaad Khalil, the Masjid is said to be the replica of Moti Masjid in Agra. It is called Masjid-e-Jahanuma. About 5,000 artisans were employed to accomplish the task of constructing this Rs. 100 million architectural marvel.

#### Aforementioned tours include:

- A/C transport as per itinerary
- Local professional English-speaking guide service for sightseeing
- Lunch at The Lalit Hotel / SET'Z at DLF Emoprio Mall only on full day tour
- Entrance fee
- 2 bottles of mineral water bottle during tour
- Transportation, toll, parking, and government service tax

### Aforementioned tours do not include:

- INR 50 per person still camera fee in all monuments
- Any expense of personal nature such as hard/soft drinks, tips etc.
- Any other expense not mentioned in the package inclusions.