

# DELHI FOR VANAVASIS

For Vanavasis staying in Delhi for a while, we have carefully listed down a few places for dining, sightseeing, shopping, places of worship, etc. for their service, authenticity and overall experience.

## DINING AND HANG-OUTS

### **Indian Accent**

Indian Accent showcases Indian food for the 21st century with a path-breaking contemporary menu with a unique marriage of global ingredients and techniques with the flavours and traditions of India that is sure to excite the adventurous yet satisfy traditional palates.

**Address:** The Lodhi, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 110003

**Phone:** 011 43235151

### **Café Lota**

Interesting and authentic, they have 'soul' food from throughout the country, not something you would usually find in Delhi. The Café fills up with what appear to be silver-haired doyennes of Indian arts and letters and ambitious design school graduates.

**Address:** National Crafts Museum, Bhairon Marg, Pragati Maidan

**Phone:** +91 78389 60787

### **La Bodega**

Simple yet elegant, this Mexican restaurant is ideal to spend a relaxed afternoon in Khan Market with its beautiful terrace sitting area, contemporary interiors, comfortable minimalist furniture and an open kitchen with a full view of shelves stacked with colourful in-season vegetables. The restaurant is popular for its authentic Mexican cuisine prepared with the freshest of local seasonal produce under the guidance of a Mexican Chef.

Address: 1st Floor, 29B, Middle Lane, Khan Market

Phone: 011 43105777

### **Café Diva**

Café Diva, a little bubble of Italian life in South Delhi. Offering a spread of authentic Italian food that goes beyond the ordinary and a menu that features a variety of differing transnational tastes and an eclectic mix of old favourites.

Address: N8, N-Block Market, Greater Kailash 1

Phone: 011 41011948

### **Café Turtle**

Café Turtle, a lively space where people can meet over aromatic coffees and fresh juices accompanied with delicious cakes. This café offers a friendly and aesthetic environment for everyone to enjoy nature's bounty.

Address: Greater Kailash, N-Block Market

Phone: 011 29245641 / 29245642

At PCO, they focus on the quality and preparation of cocktails – which range from classic cocktails to a completely bespoke Mood Cocktail™. PCO food menu is a simple and wholesome, with a particular focus on robust and lively flavours. PCO have catered to those who know those who need something new, and most importantly those who care.

Middle Lane, Khan Market

Phone: 011 24655641 / 011 24655642

### **PCO: Inspired By The Speakeasy-Style Bars In NYC**

Address: D4, D Block, Vasant Vihar

Phone: 011 46062444

## **Olive**

Olive Qutub is a rustic hideaway where good food, laughter, culture and conversation come together in a delightful melting pot. Fashion, art, music and style fuse here to create an unforgettable Mediterranean mosaic. Visit it for the best martinis in town, delicious food and eclectic music in a beautiful setting.

**Address:** One Style Mile, Haveli No. 6, Kalka Das Marg, Mehrauli

**Phone:** 011 29574444

## **Wasabi By Morimoto**

Stunning in every way, this elegant restaurant offers the best of Japanese gastronomic delights. Legendary Chef Masaharu Morimoto creates magic at Wasabi by Morimoto, his world-class contemporary Japanese restaurant.

**Address:** 1 Mansingh Road, Taj Mahal Hotel

**Phone:** 011 66566162 / 011 23026162

## **Shalom**

For well over ten years now, Shalom has been Delhi's premier lounge bar, the discerning patron's destination of choice. Whether it's the hand-plastered interiors, the enchanting aroma, the burnt-wood furnishings, exquisite pottery, eclectic music or the inspired beverages and cuisine

**Address:** N-18, N Block, Greater Kailash II

**Phone:** 011 33105422

## **Coast Café**

The decor and setup of this quaint café in Hauz Khas Village will add to your dining experience almost as much as the food. What takes Coast Cafe from a stereotypical cafe to a pleasant spot for a long meal is the space design. It stands apart with its coastal-colonial vibe, intriguing art that was commissioned especially for the space. With its exposed white brick walls

lined with green plants and large arched bay windows that let the light in, this place is ideal for a leisurely afternoon or an early evening.

**Address:** H2, 2nd floor, Hauz Khas Village

**Phone:** 011 41601717

### **Social Café And Lounge**

Social is a space that blends the best of the office and the café. Combining work and play, it's an urban hangout designed to take you offline while still keeping you connected. Social is a collaborative workspace, a hub for artists and innovators.

**Address:** 9A and 12, Hauz Khas Village

**Phone:** +91 78386 52814

**28A, Defence Colony Market**

**Phone:** 011 33106143

### **Spice Route, The Imperial**

The renowned South East Asian cuisine restaurant mesmerizes all your senses enrapturing you with its sensuous exotica. It has been designed to reflect the journey of spices from the Malabar Coast in Kerala through Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Indonesia to Thailand and Vietnam, put together in the world famous menu crafted by the President's Awardee Thai national Chef Veena Arora.

**Address:** The Imperial, Janpath Lane, Connaught Place

**Phone:** 011 23341234 / 011 41501234

### **Jamavar At The Leela Hotel**

Experience the authentic tastes of India in an evocative setting. Jamavar takes its name from fine art of embroidery of Kashmir shawls. Their decorative patterns lend a traditional touch to the modern decor.

Address: Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri

Phone: 011 39331234

### **Library Bar At The Leela Hotel**

The Library has First edition books, Chesterfield chairs, Cigars, A whiskey collection, Martinis, Smoking and non-smoking areas. This is a library for the connoisseur. Taste the best of food with best of drinks here.

Address: Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri

Phone: 011 39331234

## **SHOPPING/CREATIVITY**

### **Abraham & Thakore**

One of the only designers in India that understand contemporary designs and simplicity, they focus Indian fabrics and cultural roots.

Address: Moon river Building, 2nd Floor, D 16 Defence Colony

Phone: +91 9871774436

### **Bhane**

A slick online concept that has some easily combinable and comfortable parts.

[www.Bhane.com](http://www.Bhane.com)

### **Carpet Cellar**

A specialist gallery for the finest woven treasures, Carpet Cellar was conceived by India's most respected curator of carpets Mr Sheel Chandra. The Carpet Cellar is considered a Mecca for certified antique carpets, perfectly executed recreations, modern designs, as well as kilims, durries, shawls and textiles. The Carpet Cellar houses a range of hand woven and hand knotted

masterpieces, carefully selected by Mr Chandra for their uniqueness and brilliance over the past four decades.

**Address:** 1 Anandlok, August Kranti Marg, Opposite Kamala Nehru College

**Phone:** 011 41641777

### **Good Earth**

Good earth has set new standards in stylish luxury retail across India with its beautiful hand crafted products including fine bone china designer dinnerware etc.

**Address:** Shop No.9, Khan Market

**Phone:** 011 24647175

### **Fab India**

Fab India is India's largest platform for products that are made from traditional techniques, skills and hand-based processes, it links over 55,000 craft based rural producers to modern urban markets, thereby creating a base for skilled, sustainable rural employment, and preserving India's traditional handicrafts in the process. Fabindia's products are natural, craft based, contemporary, and affordable.

**Address:** 14, N-Block Market, Greater Kailash I

**Phone:** 011 46693725

### **Anokhi**

Anokhi is distinguished by its prints and sense of designs, range of colours and product quality. For over 40 years, Anokhi's ideals have been those of conservation and development, through the input of design, marketing and project funding. The Company is well known as an alternative role model for good business practices, and the on-going revival of traditional textile skills.

Address: M-Block Market, Greater Kailash II

Phone: 011 29231500

### **Vadhera's (Drapers & Tailors)**

This nondescript shop next to Regal Cinema has a history that goes back to 1946. For the last six decades, the Vadehras have been one of the most sought-after tailors in the city. Famous for customised suit-making, or bespoke tailoring, Vadhera tailors are located near the Regal building in Connaught place.

Address: 21 Regal Building, Connaught Place

Phone: 011 23360468

### **Cottage Emporium**

Conceived in 1952 by a band of dedicated art lovers, Cottage Emporium has since become the abode of Indian handloom & handicraft. With its flagship store in Delhi, this expansive multi-level establishment holds a large variety of jewellery, pottery, papier mâché, teas, brassware, textiles, sculptures, paintings, metal ware, woodcraft, stoneware & marble craft, carpets, furniture, furnishings, home linen, sarees and much more from all over the country. It a good one-stop shop to buy gifts for back home and one can easily spend 1-3 hours in it. Although not everything is worth the money and attention, you may be able to find a hidden treasure or two during your visit!

Address: Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan, Janpath

Phone: 011 23320439

### **Hauz Khas Village**

Hauz Khas houses historical buildings built around an urbanized village with medieval history that can be traced back to the 13th century of Delhi Sultanate reign. It is a tourist cum commercial area with numerous art galleries, upscale boutiques and restaurants. Swans and ducks are among the attractions at Hauz Khas Lake – which is part of the attraction to visitors.

Address: Hauz Khas Village

Phone: 011 33105045

### **Greater Kailash I And II**

The markets in M (Greater Kailash I) and N (Greater Kailash II) Block are some of the most popular markets in Delhi, home to a wide range of retail stores, such as Giovanni, Next and Lacoste, and several restaurants and coffee houses. Greater Kailash 1 (GK-II). M-Block, GK II is a popular market, with many restaurants and coffee shops and sanitary shops. It is one of the largest hubs for sanitary ware in Northern India. Recently the market has experienced heavy foot fall due to several posh restaurants and Banks.

Address: 14, N-Block Market, Greater Kailash I

Phone: 011 46693725

### **Janpath**

Janpath, earlier known as the Queen's way got its name in the early 1990's. Considered one of the more popular flea markets of Delhi, you will find a decent collection of ethnic wear, precious and semi-precious stones and jewellery, leather footwear like juttis, mojris, kohlapuris, etc., embellished linen, cotton garments, Indian artifacts and carpets and much more. It also has the Tibetan market popular for home decor and handicrafts made by the Tibetan people, and Connaught Place at comfortable walking distance. One needs to be observant at traffic lights and not pay attention to people pressuring to buy stuff, or to those asking for money.

Location: Janpath Road, Connaught Place

### **Connaught Place Market**

Connaught Place is one of the largest financial, commercial and business centres in New Delhi, India. It is often abbreviated to CP and houses the headquarters of several noted Indian firms. The former location of the headquarters of the British Raj, the area's environs occupy a place of pride in

the city and are counted among the top heritage structures in New Delhi. It was developed as a showpiece of Lutyens' Delhi with a prominent Central Business District.

**Location:** Connaught Place (also known as Rajiv Chowk)

### **Meharchand Market**

This market was once known for grocery shopping and its tailors, and is now home to an eclectic set of entrepreneurs. Specialty organic grocery shops now flank decades old local Kirana stores ; branded textile and designer label shops stand adjacent to tailoring establishments of old ,and brand new Dutch and Mediterranean dessert shops stand side by side with shops selling momos and tea.

**Location:** Lodhi Colony

### **Khan Market**

Khan Market , established in 1951 and named in honour of Khan Abdul Jabbar Khan has been ranked as the costliest retail location in India. In 2010, it was rated as the world's 21st most expensive retail high street by real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield and is consistently ranked as one of the costliest high-end streets

**Location:** Humayun Road, Near India Gate

### **DLF Emporio:For Designers**

DLF Emporio is a shopping mall situated in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. It is one of the first truly zoned luxury malls to open in India. The mall, which is said to be amongst the most luxurious in Asia, is also known as the Rodeo Drive of the east. The mall features over 170 brands including 75 International Brands.

**Address:** 4 Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj

**Phone:** 011 46116666

## **WORSHIP**

### **Cathedral Church Of The Redemption**

The church is also known as the Viceroy Church and is counted among the most beautiful churches in India. The Cathedral Church was used by then British Viceroy during the pre – independence era. The church was designed by Henry Medd and Lord Irwin has gifted an organ and a silver Cross to the Church.

**Address: 1, Church Road, North Avenue**

**Phone: 011 23094229**

### **Dargah Of Nizamuddin Auliya**

Nizamuddin Dargah enshrines Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya or Nizam-ud-Din, a revered Sufi saint. Hazrat Nizam-ud-Din Auliya Dargah of Delhi also entombs Amir Khusrau, a poet and the saint's favorite disciple; other tombs enshrined in the Delhi Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya Dargah are those of Jahan Ara Begum, Shah Jahan's daughter and Mirza Ghalib, a distinguished poet.

**Address: Nizamuddin, New Delhi**

### **ISKCON Temple**

ISKCON is a massive structure built for the praise and worship of Lord Krishna. The holy shrine has incredible architecture, which has been designed by famous architect Achyut Kanvinde. There is a massive hall that has been embossed with scenes depicted from the Mahabharata. The angelic chant of the Hare Rama, Hare Krishna and the melodious beating of the Mridangam makes the ambiance of the temple extremely pious. ISKCON also has a museum, where one can find copies of the Bhagvad Gita in any language.

**Address: Kunj Hare Krishna Hill, Sant Nagar, Main Road, East of Kailash**

**Phone: 011 26235133**

## **LEISURE/EXHIBITIONS/WORKSHOPPING**

### **India Habitat Center, Stein Auditorium**

The India Habitat centre was conceived to provide a physical environment which would serve as a catalyst for a synergetic relationship between individuals and institutions working in diverse habit related areas and therefore, maximise their total effectiveness.

**Address:** Lodhi Road, Near Air force Bal Bharati School

**Phone:** 011 24682002

### **Indira Gandhi National Center For The Arts**

The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts is visualised as a centre encompassing the study and experience of all the arts — each form with its own integrity, yet within a dimension of mutual interdependence, interrelated with nature, social structure and cosmology.

**Address:** 11 Man Singh Road

**Phone:** 011 2338 3895

### **The Asian Heritage Foundation**

Founded by the most incredible Rajeev Sethi, the Asian Heritage Foundation's mysterious home in Delhi's South Extension is a labyrinth of Rajeev ji's workspaces, studio, unparalleled collections and showcase. While this is a private space, a walk around and meeting Mr Rajeev Sethi is perhaps the most fantastic glimpse into India's infinite creative forms and traditions. On special requests, Vana can try and arrange an appointment for returning Vanavasis to visit the foundation and have brief encounter with Mr Rajeev Sethi, a dear friend of Vana.

**Address:** C-52, South Extension – II

**Phone:** 011 26263984

## **National Museum**

The National Museum in New Delhi, also known as the National Museum of India, is one of the largest museums in India. Established in 1949, it holds variety of articles ranging from pre-historic era to modern works of art.

**Address:** Rajpath Crossing, Janpath

**Phone:** 011 23019272

## **National Gallery Of Modern Art**

It is the premier art gallery under Ministry of Culture, was established on March 29, 1954. Its collection of more than 14,000 works includes works by artists such as Thomas Daniell, Raja Ravi Verma, Abanindranath Tagore, Rabindranath Tagore, Gaganendranath Tagore, Nandalal Bose, Jamini Roy, Amrita Sher-Gil as well as foreign artists, apart from sculptures by various artists. Some of the oldest works preserved here date back to 1857.

**Address:** Jaipur House, Sher Shah Road, India Gate

**Phone:** 011 2338 2835

## **HOTELS**

### **The Imperial**

A luxury hotel with an iconic and awe-inspiring heritage interwoven in colonial elegance, it dwells in its modern delivery of old-style class, magnificence and luxuries aplenty. Built in 1931 by Blomfield, one of Sir Edwin Lutyen's associates and inaugurated by Lord Willingdon in 1936.

**Address:** Janpath Lane, Connaught Place

**Phone:** 011 41501234

## **JW Marriott**

Luxury and convenience converge at the JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity. Located adjacent to the Indira Gandhi International Airport, in New Delhi, India, the hotel offers accessibility without sacrificing style.

**Address:** Asset Area 4 Hospitality , Delhi, Aerocity

**Phone:** 011 45212121

## **The Lodhi**

One of the best luxury hotels in New Delhi, which offers luxurious accommodations with best services. It has by far the best club in town. A 50 m pool made of genuine Indian stone, a large wellness center with spa, wet areas, tennis courts and a library – perfect for a workout, to work or just to relax.

**Address:** Lodhi Road, Lodhi Colony

**Phone:** 011 43633333

## **Manor Hotel**

The Manor is a luxury boutique hotel, located in the lush area of Friends Colony in New Delhi. With the aim of taking stress out of travel in an unfamiliar territory, it was developed as a small country hotel in the 1950s and has turned into an oasis in the centre of the sprawling bustling capital. Being one of the best hotels in New Delhi, India, The Manor lays emphasis on quality and understated elegance.

**Address:** 77 Friends Colony West

**Phone:** 011 43235100