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GENERAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY

This document provides important information regarding the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee that will be held in India (New Delhi) from 21 to 31 July 2024 (registration, visas, travel and accommodation, etc.).

All information on the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee is also available at the following webpage:

<https://46whcnewdelhi2024.nic.in>



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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to India, the vibrant land where ancient heritage meets modern innovation! We are thrilled to announce that New Delhi, the capital of India, has been chosen to host the 46th session of the Committee from 21st July to 31st July 2024.

This prestigious event brings together delegates from across the globe to discuss and collaborate on preserving our shared cultural, natural and mixed heritage. The meeting is a significant step towards fostering global cooperation and ensuring the protection of our World Heritage properties. Join us as we shape the future of our past.

The information document is presented to give a general introduction to the participants of the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee. The practical information included in the document intends to ensure that the participants have all the required information to conveniently plan and realize their visit to the Host Country, India. Kindly be reminded that the official website <https://46whcnewdelhi2024.nic.in> and the organisers of the 46th session of the Committee are ready to assist you, if you have any further questions.

2. PURPOSE

The World Heritage Committee comprises representatives from 21 States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (1972) elected by the General Assembly of UNESCO. Current members of the World Heritage Committee as on elections in the 24th General Assembly of UNESCO (November 2023), are as follows:

Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Türkiye, Ukraine, Viet Nam, and Zambia

Bureau Members

Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Mr. Vishal Sharma (India)

Rapporteur: Mr Martin Ouaklani (Belgium)

Vice-Chairpersons: Bulgaria, Greece, Qatar, Kenya and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

For further information, please visit <https://whc.unesco.org/en/committee/>

The essential functions of the Committee are:

- i. To identify, on the basis of nominations submitted by States Parties, cultural and natural properties of Outstanding Universal Value which are to be protected under the Convention, and to inscribe those properties on the World Heritage List;
- ii. To monitor the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, in liaison with States Parties; decide which properties included in the World Heritage List are to be inscribed on or removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger; decide whether a property may be deleted from the World Heritage List;
- iii. To examine requests for International Assistance financed by the World Heritage Fund.

All Working and Information Documents corresponding to the items inscribed on the Agenda of the 46th session will be published and made accessible on the dedicated webpage on the World Heritage Centre's website at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/46COM> as they become available.

3. SESSION ORGANISERS

The Ministry of Culture (MoC), Government of India and its attached office, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are the nodal agencies to host the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee in India in 2024. The Archaeological Survey of India is the custodian of 3697 ancient monuments and archaeological sites of national importance in India and is responsible for their protection, preservation and conservation.

For specific requests to the organisers, please find below the relevant contacts:

Host Country:

The Ministry of Culture
Government of India
+9111-23004786
whc46newdelhi.2024@gov.in

UNESCO:

World Heritage Centre
+33145681104
wh-info@unesco.org

4. SIDE EVENTS / EXHIBITIONS

For organizing any kind of side event or exhibition, the requests are to be submitted to the UNESCO Secretariat focal point, Ms Caroline Varnet (c.varnet@unesco.org) by 14th June at the latest.

The requester will be required to submit a form with the details regarding the type of event or exhibition the country/institution would like to organize, indicating the characteristics of the required space as well as catering and technical needs.

After receiving clearance from the Secretariat, the requester will be put in contact with the Host Country organisers for any relevant information and details concerning the organization of the event (technical assistance, catering, etc.). Please note that the organisers reserve the right to indicate the space in which the requested event will take place. Though substantial, the space available at the Venue is limited and it may occur that the organisers may not be able to accept all applications for side events.

For more information/queries regarding Side events at the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee, please contact the organisers at the following email address: eve46whc.newdelhi24@gov.in

5. PARTICIPANTS AND REGISTRATION

5.1 PARTICIPANTS

There are 21 states parties that are members of the World Heritage Committee and are active participants in the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee.

The **States Parties to the Convention**, which are not members of the Committee, may attend the sessions of the Committee and its Bureau as Observers.

Non States Parties to the Convention who are Member States of UNESCO or of the United Nations may also be permitted by the Committee, upon written request, to attend the sessions of the Committee and its Bureau as Observers.

Representatives of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) may attend the meetings of the Committee in an advisory capacity.

The United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system as well as, upon written request, at least 15 days prior to the date of the session of the Committee, other international governmental and non-governmental organizations, permanent observer missions to UNESCO and non-profit-making institutions having activities in the fields covered by the Convention, according to criteria defined by the World Heritage Committee, may be authorized by the Committee to participate in the sessions of the Committee as Observers.

5.2 REGISTRATION

All participation requests shall be submitted online. To register, please follow the instructions at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/46COM> using the registration code provided in the invitation letter addressed to either the Permanent Delegation, National Commission or your organization. If you have not received the registration code, please contact your Permanent Delegation or National Commission. Contact details are available at: <https://www.unesco.org/en/countries> .

Once you have registered online and your accreditation has been granted, you will receive an email confirming your registration and you will be redirected to the Host Country's website to finalize logistics details of your participation. Should you require any assistance, encounter any difficulties with the online registration process, or if you have not received a confirmation e-mail, please reach out by using the contact form available at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/46COM>

For Media registration please refer to Section 10 below.

All delegates and those who wish to attend the 46th session as observers are kindly advised to register as soon as possible and preferably by mid-June 2024. This will allow the session organisers sufficient time to process the information and make the necessary arrangements.

Please see further details under Section 8.2. Visa Requirements.

For more information regarding Registration please contact the organisers at: reg46whc.newdelhi24@gov.in

6. PROTOCOL

The Host Country is in charge of all matters relating to protocol and the reception of VIPs. For further information and necessary arrangements, please send an e-mail at pro46whc.newdelhi24@gov.in. Please make sure to contact us as soon as possible for the Host Country to consider your requests.

7. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

7.1 ACCOMMODATION

The participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. For your convenience, organisers have agreed on special rates with a list of hotels and have reserved a certain number of rooms for the duration of the Committee meeting. The list of hotels can be found at: <https://46whcnewdelhi2024.nic.in>.

The hotel rates are based on a Bed & Breakfast basis. Kindly visit the official website <https://46whcnewdelhi2024.nic.in/accommodation> for further details on accommodation. Please note that the hotel rates will be valid until **1st July 2024**, so please make sure that you visit the website and make your reservation before then. Participants to the 46th session are encouraged to bring with them a printed copy of the confirmation email they would have received, should it be requested while checking-in at their hotel, to ensure they benefit from the special rate.

Should you face any problems or may have any questions concerning accommodation, please contact: acco46whc.newdelhi24@gov.in

7.2 TRAVEL TO INDIA

The easiest way to reach New Delhi is by Flight is the Indira Gandhi International Airport (Terminal 3). The IGI (Terminal 3) was opened in 2010 and is one of the biggest terminals in the world. All International flights in India operate from T3. Depending on Airline Carrier some domestic flights also operate from Terminal 3.

The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport is equipped with Information counters, Banking facilities, foreign exchange Counter, Free Wi-fi Internet connection, Business and VIP Facilities, Airport lounges, a vibrant food court and a diverse shopping experience including duty free outlets.

To assist participants attending the 46th session of the Committee, a clearly indicated Airport Welcome desk will be set up at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport from 20th to 30th July 2024. Session organisers will also be present at the airport to assist participants upon their departure.

8. PASSPORT AND VISA

8.1 PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

All participants in the 46th session of the Committee are required to possess an international passport that is valid for a minimum of 6 months from the date of entry Indian Territory, with sufficient pages for visa stamps.

It is mandatory that the passport or travel document be recognized and valid for the return of its bearer and that it does not contain any restriction or condition, whether it is an ordinary, diplomatic, or special passport.

8.2 VISA REQUIREMENTS

Only registered persons will be eligible to apply for visas, where required, and to enter the territory of the Host Country to attend the Committee session. Please note that the UNESCO World Heritage Centre will be unable to intervene in any visa decisions taken by the authorities of the Government of Republic of India.

- (i) Please note that once you have registered online via UNESCO website and your accreditation has been granted, you will receive an email confirming your registration, and you will be redirected to the Host Country's website to finalize the visa process.
- (ii) Please keep a printout of the email confirming your registration email which would be considered as a proof of attendance/invitation to participate in this event in India.
- (iii) All participants must check Entry Requirements to India in accordance with the nationality and the type of passport they hold as per MHA guidelines indicated on webpage: https://www.mha.gov.in/PDF_Other/AnnexI_01022018.pdf and, if required, with the nearest Consulate or the Diplomatic Mission of India in their home country. The list of diplomatic missions of India abroad with their current contact details is available at weblink <https://www.mea.gov.in/indian-mission-abroad.htm>

Diplomatic / Official/ UNLP Passport holders:

- (iv) Holders of and diplomatic and official passports may please verify their visa-exemption status for India at weblink <https://www.mea.gov.in/bvwa-menu.htm>
- (v) If they are not in the Visa exempt category, they would need to apply for Visa at the nearest Indian Mission/ Post as per procedure indicated at para (ix) below. Apart from the documents mentioned therein, they are requested to also furnish an Official Note Verbale from their respective Foreign Offices along with their Visa application. It would be advisable to visit the website of the concerned Indian Mission/ Post before applying to verify if any additional documents are required.
- (vi) Diplomatic/ Official/ UNLP Passport holders may not apply through the eVisa Portal.

Ordinary Passport holders:

- (vii) Individuals wanting to apply for e-Visa for India may apply on the e-visa portal <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html> and select "e-Conference" type of visa on the portal.
- (viii) They may also apply to the nearest Indian Mission/Post by submitting the documents mentioned at para (ix) below.

Documents to be submitted for Visa application:

- (ix) Individuals are advised to go through the website of the concerned Indian Missions/ Posts where they would be applying for 'Conference Visa' to attend the event, to see the full list of documents required. Normally, the following documents are required to be submitted:
 - (a) Printout of duly filled and signed Visa form filled online at website indianvisaonline.gov.in by selecting the country from where they are applying. Select category "Conference visa" in type of Visa;
 - (b) Copy of invitation/registration email received for participation in the 46th Session of the WHC in New Delhi;
 - (c) Valid Passport with minimum 6 months validity with sufficient number of blank pages;
 - (d) Two photographs of requisite specifications;
 - (e) For Diplomatic/ Official/ UNLP Passport Holders - Note Verbale from the concerned Foreign Office/UN body.

In case of any further inquiries/clarifications you may contact the Indian Mission/Posts nearest to you.

9. 46TH WORLD HERITAGE MEETING

The dedicated webpages for the 46th session of the Committee can be found at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/46COM> and at <https://46whcnewdelhi2024.nic.in>

All relevant information for the session including the registration page, documents, provisional schedules for certain agenda items will be regularly updated at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/46COM>

All participants as well as the general public can follow the daily working sessions throughout the duration of the 46th session via livestream which will be aired through <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/46COM>. There are no limits on the number of people who can follow the livestream nor registration of any kind is required.

9.1 CONFERENCE VENUE

The 46th session of the World Heritage Committee will be held at New Delhi, India from 21st to 31st July 2024 at the Bharat Mandapam International Exhibition and Convention Centre (IECC), New Delhi 110001, India. The Bharat Mandapam - Convention Centre is a world-class facility equipped with modern infrastructure and technology, suitable for hosting conclaves, summits, meetings, cultural events, and congregations. (<https://indiatradefair.com/bharatmandapam-halls>).

Bharat Mandapam
International Exhibition and Convention Centre
Appu Ghar, Pragati Maidan,
New Delhi- 110001
India

For more information/queries regarding Venue and logistic/technical Issues, please contact organisers at email: tech46whc.newdelhi24@gov.in

9.2 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS

Shuttle services will be provided to participants from the airport to all the recommended hotels on 20th and 21st July 2024. For those participants wishing to arrange their own private transportation from airport, the best options are:

- to take a metered taxi from Delhi Police Kiosks which is readily available at the ground floor entrance to the terminal 3;
- to use one of several available mobile app / internet taxi aggregators;
- take Delhi Metro Services from the IGI Airport metro station. For more information on the Delhi metro routes please refer <https://www.delhimetrorail.com>.

Shuttle buses will circulate between select hotels and the session venue and participants may avail this service. Participants who would prefer to rent their own vehicle may arrange it themselves with one of the many international or local transportation companies.

9.3 REGISTRATION DESK AND DISTRIBUTION OF BADGES

Registration is mandatory for all participants. An on-site registration cum badge distribution desk shall be situated at the entrance of the session venue, Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre. The desk will open on 19th July 12.00 Hours. From 20th to 30th July 2024, the desk shall be open from 9:00 Hours to 18:00 hours and shall operate till 30th July 2024.

All participants are encouraged to present themselves at the on-site badge collection desk with a valid ID (Passport) at Bharat Mandapam IECC, before the Opening Ceremony of the World Heritage Committee on 21st July 2024 to allow a smooth entry to the event.

A welcome package with an information dossier about the 46th session will be provided at the time of registration. Please note that, due to safety reasons and the expected number of visitors, the process of registration and receiving your badge may be time-consuming. For this reason, early registration is strongly encouraged.

9.4 BADGES

Every participant must be in possession of the personal security photo identification badge (ID), which shall be issued at the registration desk. These ID badges are nontransferable. For security purposes, the badge must be always worn in a visible way to gain entry to the session venue, to attend meetings and to participate in other activities, such as opening and closing ceremonies. Access to the meeting will be denied to any individual who is not officially accredited.

9.5 SERVICE AREA FOR PARTICIPANTS

Participants' lounges with computers, internet access and printing facilities shall be available at the session's venue. Technical staff shall be on site to assist participants. Free wireless Internet connection shall be always provided in the entire venue.

9.6 MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

During the session, coffee, tea, water and some refreshments will be offered outside the main plenary hall. A food court shall also be available at the venue premises on payment basis.

9.7 PRAYER ROOM

Prayer Room will be at participants' disposal during the entire Committee session. Additional information regarding the location of the prayer room is available on the host country website: <https://46whcnewdelhi2024.nic.in>

9.8 OPENING CEREMONY (RECEPTION PROGRAM) AND CLOSING CEREMONY

The Opening ceremony shall be held on 21st July 2024. The participants are required to register and collect their respective badges beforehand from the on-site registration desk at Bharat Mandapam IECC to attend the ceremony. The Closing Ceremony shall be held on 31st July 2024. Detailed programme for both the ceremonies will be provided on the host country website: <https://46whcnewdelhi2024.nic.in> or contact info46whc.newdelhi24@gov.in for further information.

10. MEDIA

10.1 ACCREDITATION, VISA AND CUSTOMS

Accreditation is mandatory for media representatives who wish to cover the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee. To be accredited, the following steps should be followed:

- i. Kindly send an email with the full name of each person and the name of the media organization seeking accreditation to med46whc.newdelhi24@gov.in and with copy to whcpress2024@unesco.org. All media representatives who wish to cover the session are kindly asked to register preferably before.
- ii. In reply to your email, you will receive a registration code and a letter, which will be required to complete your visa application.
- iii. All media representatives who need a visa must apply for a visa by filling an online form through the registration system on the website: <https://46whcnewdelhi2024.nic.in>.

Please take note of the need to declare all media equipment at Customs upon arrival. Additionally, certain items such as drones may not be brought to India without additional permission from the Ministry of Defense, Government of India. The organisers of the Host Country will be able to facilitate the permission process for these items. Therefore, please contact the organisers at: med46whc.newdelhi24@gov.in

10.2 MEDIA REGISTRATION AND SECURITY MEASURES

A special desk will be reserved for the registration of media representatives in the main registration area at the venue. The hours of registration will be the same as for all other participants (please see section 9.3). Please note that your application for accreditation must be received and approved before you register on site. Part of the registration procedure will be to obtain your personal accreditation/security badge at the media registration desk. Accreditation badges are to be worn visibly at all times to gain access to the venue and must be presented upon request to security personnel. Accreditation badges are not transferable. Access to the session venue will be denied to any individual who uses the badge improperly. Please be advised that security personnel may verify that equipment taken into the session venue is used for its intended purpose. Kindly allow sufficient time in your schedule to pass the security checks.

10.3 MEDIA CENTRE

A Media Centre will be made available as a space with workstations for the media to cover the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee. Journalists will also have access to the Internet and a printer.

10.4 PRESS CONFERENCE

Press Conferences will take place in a dedicated space at the venue and only accredited media will have access to the press conference.

10.5 PRESS MATERIAL

Official press releases, photographs and live streaming of the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee will be regularly updated and available to download at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/46COM>.

A technical briefing for media representatives will be held prior to the session in order to review media protocols and conduct of business of the World Heritage Committee. Media briefings might be held to provide information on proceedings or decisions taken by the Committee and press releases will be issued regularly during the session. The proceedings will also be live-streamed on the website of the session.

UNESCO's press officers will be present at the Media Centre during the session. In case of additional questions related to media, you may contact the following email addresses:

- Host country: Dr T.J. Alone (med46whc.newdelhi24@gov.in)
- UNESCO Press Office: whcpres2024@unesco.org

11. WORLD HERITAGE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' FORUM

As an integral part of the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee, and in the framework of the UNESCO World Heritage Education Programme, the Ministry of Culture, Government of India through its attached office Archaeological Survey of India(ASI), will host the 2024 World Heritage Young Professionals Forum under the theme of 'World Heritage in the 21st Century: Building Capacities and Exploring Opportunities for Youth' from 14 to 23 July 2024, at New Delhi.

The Forum serves as a platform by bringing young people and heritage experts together to foster intercultural learning and exchange. It also provides an opportunity for the youth to meet and learn about each other's heritage, discuss common concerns in preservation and discover new roles for themselves in heritage conservation. Each Forum is focused on a specific topic linked to World Heritage and aligned with the context of the World Heritage properties of the Host Country.

Joined by both local and international experts, young professionals will engage in a diverse range of activities such as presentations, roundtable discussions, and site visits. Together, they will delve into the potential of heritage management, focusing on community involvement and shared participation. This collaborative approach aims to tackle various sub-themes, including:

- Understanding the achievements and challenges of the World Heritage Convention
- Climate change and its impact on World Heritage sites
- Integrating innovative technologies for the promotion of World Heritage
- Leveraging World Heritage conservation as a participative approach alongside with communities
- Strengthening sustainable tourism and development through young entrepreneurship

As pivotal figures within their respective localities, the Young Professionals will collaboratively seek avenues to implement the World Heritage Convention effectively in the modern era. Through discussions, they'll acquire deep insights into global principles of World Heritage and Sustainable Development, alongside getting acquainted with the management of India's local heritage. Concluding the Forum, these young professionals will deliver their "Declaration to the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee".

For more information, please visit: [Call for Applications: World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2024](#)

12. WORLD HERITAGE SITE MANAGERS' FORUM

As an integral part of the 46th session properties Heritage Committee, the Ministry of Culture, Government of India through its attached office the Archaeological Survey of India, will host the 6th World Heritage Site Managers' Forum on 'Heritage and communities: inclusive and effective approaches for the sustainable management of World Heritage properties'. The theme highlights the importance of collaborative and sustainable management practices with the following main topics:

- Understanding the achievements, challenges and opportunities of the World Heritage Convention
- Leveraging the role of communities at all levels of protection and management of World Heritage
- Enhancing capacities to manage change through resilience thinking and impact assessment in the context of World Heritage
- Strengthening sustainable tourism and development through effective management and heritage-based entrepreneurship
- Integrating innovative technologies for the conservation of World Heritage
- Fostering peer-learning and networking of site managers regionally and globally

Heritage and communities are inherently intertwined. The World Heritage Convention encourages community participation in the preservation of cultural and natural heritage, urging State Parties to implement policies aimed at integrating the cultural and natural heritage into the community's life. As such, communities should actively engage in the decision-making, monitoring, and evaluation of World Heritage properties. Presently, there are 1,199 World Heritage sites across 168 countries, which hold significant potential to alleviate poverty and improve sustainable livelihoods, thereby enhancing local community well-being. The upcoming forum will serve as a platform to engage with communities and draw insights from successful frameworks where they contribute to managing World Heritage properties.

The World Heritage property of Humayun's Tomb, Delhi, will be used as case study during the working sessions, where participants will have the opportunity to learn about the management and structure the property in line with the Forum theme, topics, and resources.

For more information, please visit: [Call for Applications to the 6th World Heritage Site Managers' Forum](#)

13. INDIA

India is often called the Land of Diversity with its rich vibrant cultural Heritage, its variety of languages and dialects, traditions, cuisines, arts and crafts, music, dance and theatre.

Welcome to the kaleidoscope of India's cultural heritage, where diversity dances in harmony and unity binds the nation from east to west. India's vast expanse is a canvas painted with myriad colors, each representing a unique tradition, language, and belief system. Yet, amidst this glorious tapestry of differences, there exists a profound unity that transcends geographical boundaries and unites us all as one.

India ratified the World Heritage Convention (1972) in November 1977. With its rich history and heritage, India has been an active contributor to the Convention, ensuring the identification, protection, conservation and preservation of all its World Heritage properties, securing their effective transmission to future generations and the upholding of the statutes of the World Heritage Convention. As on date, India has 42 World Heritage properties and 57 properties on the Tentative List.

13.1 CLIMATE

Indian climate is broadly classified as a Tropical Monsoon climate. There is however regional variation, throughout the year.

New Delhi situated in the heart of India sees high variation between summer and winter temperatures and precipitation. Summers starts in early April and peaks in mid-May or early June with temperatures varying between 40°C to 45°C. Monsoon starts late June or early July and last till Mid-September. The average temperature during the monsoon shall be around 30-37°C with high humidity. July is the month with the most rainfall in New Delhi, with about 86 mm of precipitation.

Please visit <https://mausam.imd.gov.in/delhiums/> for weather-related information.

13.2 TIME ZONE

The Indian Standard Time (IST) is 5 and ½ hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +5:30).

13.3 INDIAN CULINARY EXPERIENCE

The Indian culinary repertoire reflects the cultural diversity of the country. The term “Indian food” denotes a *mélange* of flavours from different parts of the country and showcases centuries of cultural exchange with the far corners of the world. The Indian cuisine offers a rich diverse palette, with much regional variation.

In New Delhi, the capital of India, every street corner and market beckon with the promise of culinary delight. As a melting pot of cultures, Delhi's food scene is a vibrant mosaic, reflecting the rich tapestry of its history, traditions, and diverse communities. There are restaurants dedicated to regional specialties of India such as crisp *dosas*, *vadas* and steaming *idlis* at South Indian Restaurants, to kebabs, curries, biryanis and naan served in eateries in old Delhi offering Mughlai cuisine. Delhi's streets are adorned with stalls offering a variety of refreshing beverages. In addition to branded carbonated drinks, authentic Delhi-style beverages abound. Top picks include flavored *lassi*, lemon soda (*banta*), *jaljeera*, wood apple sherbet (*bel ka sharbat*), and flavored buttermilk.

Connaught place, one of the most famous and historically significant markets of New Delhi, located near Bharat Mandapam, offers an array of restaurants and markets that serve Indian specialties as well as international cuisines such as Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese,

Mediterranean, Mexican, Italian, and Lebanese. There's something for everyone in Delhi and almost all diets may be satiated, be it vegan, vegetarian or any other.

13.4 ENCHANTING DELHI

Delhi, the capital city of India, is a place where ancient history and modern life blend seamlessly. It's known for its rich heritage, vibrant culture, and a plethora of tourist attractions that cater to all interests.

The history of the city goes back many centuries with Delhi long being associated as the place of the capital city of the Pandavas- Indraprastha. During the medieval period Delhi saw the rise of many fortified settlements, the remains of which can still be identified even today such as Qila Rai Pithora, Purana Qila, Siri, Tuglaqabad, Jahanpanah, Firozabad and Shahjahanbad.

Delhi today is a city of international standing and significance, holding a beautiful balance between preserving the old and the sacred while creating new infrastructure meeting global standards.

There are 3 **World Heritage Sites in Delhi:**

- **Qutb Minar and its Monuments:** Rising to a height of 72.5 m, the Qutb Minar has a diameter of 14.32 m at the base and about 2.75 m on the top. The foundation of the Qutb Minar was laid by Qutbuddin Aibak, the first Sultan of Delhi, in 1199 CE. More storeys were added by his successor, Shamsuddin Iltutmish. Around the year 1368 CE, during the rule of Feroz Shah Tuglaq, the uppermost storey which was damaged, was later replaced by two more storeys. This iconic landmark boasts intricate carvings and inscriptions, offering a glimpse into Delhi's medieval past. The site was inscribed on the world Heritage List in 1993.
- **Humayun's Tomb:** The Tomb is considered as the first distinct specimen of the Mughal funerary architecture, greatly inspired by the Persian style and a forerunner of the more famous Taj Mahal of Agra. It was built on the banks of river Yamuna by the widow of Humayun, Hamida Banu Begam in 1569 CE. The Tomb was inscribed on the World Heritage list in 1993.
- **Red Fort Complex:** The Mughal emperor Shah Jahan transferred his capital from Agra to Delhi and laid the foundation of the Red Fort in 1639. The magnificent fort showcases stunning Mughal architecture and houses several museums, including the renowned Indian War Memorial Museum. The Red Fort was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2007.

Delhi is also one of the most famous tourist destinations of India. Apart from being a part of the 'Golden Triangle' (Delhi, Agra, Jaipur), there are numerous spots within the city that attract thousands of tourists. At a stone's throw distance from the Red Fort is located Old Delhi – the medieval city of the Mughals which offers a one-of-its-kind experience to anyone visiting India for the first time. Here you can savour specialties such as 'paratha' at Parathe wali Gali or visit Dariba Kalan for buying silver jewelry. If you are looking for shopping and food under one roof, a visit to Dilli Haat is a must. An endeavor to support the traditional craftsmen of India, Dilli Haat showcases crafts, textiles, fashion and food from all states of the country. It is particularly famous among tourists for souvenir shopping.

Delhi stands as a testament to its rich and varied history, having been a pivotal centre of power for centuries under various empires. Its cultural allure has only grown with time, showcasing a unique blend of ancient charm and modern dynamism. Old Delhi preserves its historical essence with ancient architectural marvels, labyrinthine lanes, bustling markets, and traditional communities, steadfastly holding onto its time-honored values. In contrast, New Delhi gleams with the shine of modernization, embracing progress and innovation.

13.5 CURRENCY & EXCHANGE

The currency in India is called the Indian Rupee (INR), with one Rupee being made up of 100 Paise, although the Paise isn't used anymore. The symbol for the Rupee is ₹. You will often see it written as 'Rs' too. Banknotes come in 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500, while coins are in Rs 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20.

In India, it's easy to change money and make transactions. You can do this at authorized places like exchange bureaus in airports, shopping centers, and other spots in New Delhi. Most major credit cards like Visa, MasterCard, Rupay, Diners and American Express are accepted everywhere. You'll also find plenty of Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) around. People also use revolutionary digital methods like Net banking and UPI Payment.

13.6 GRATUITIES

Restaurants in India generally levy a service charge in the bill over the mandatory government GST taxes. The service charge is voluntary and goes towards staff wages.

At restaurants where a service charge isn't included, a tip of 5 to 10 % is considered sufficient. Although tipping is voluntary it will be well received.

13.7 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

For India, the voltage is 220 V and there are three associated plug types, types C, D and M.

Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins. Plug type D and plug type M both have three round pins in a triangular pattern but the pins of Plug type M are larger than Plug type D.

A travel plug adapter may be required if your appliance's plug does not match the shape of these sockets. Hotels will have a limited number of adapters for guest use, so it is recommended to carry your own if needed during your stay.

13.8 SMOKING /CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR

Smoking and consumption of liquor is prohibited in public spaces under the Indian Law. There are designated spaces offered for smoking in restaurants, hotels, Airports and many workplaces. Alcohol is served in many restaurants and is available for purchase from licensed vendors.

13.9 TELEPHONE, MOBILE & USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Roaming agreements are in place with most international phone companies. SIM cards can be purchased at local phone stores (ID required) at Airports, Malls or shopping centers. WhatsApp is widely used for texting, calling and messaging. Alternative apps like Signal, FaceTime are also available.

- Country Code: +91
- National Emergency Number: 112
- Police: 100
- Fire: 101
- Ambulance: 102
- Disaster Management Service: 108
- Women Helpline: 1091
- Tourist Helpline: 1363

13.10 MEDICAL CARE

Modern medical care and medicines are available in several hospitals and clinics at New Delhi. Pharmacies are common throughout the city and prescriptions are required for certain type of medicines. Payment at all medical facilities is due at the time of service via cash, card or UPI.

The Host Country will provide a first-aid service for participants at the meeting venue. All other medical services will not be covered.

Participants are expected to assume the costs of any medical treatment that they might receive while in India. It is strongly recommended that medical insurance be purchased in your home country to cover New Delhi as well as any other destinations on your journey. The Host Country will not be responsible for travel and medical insurance costs of the Session participants.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information about the World Heritage Committee and the World Heritage Convention, please see the UNESCO World Heritage Centre's website at the following link:

<https://whc.unesco.org>

For all questions of an organizational nature concerning the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee, please do not hesitate to contact the session organisers:

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Annexure 1: List of Recommended Hotels (Note: The hotel list may be subject to changes and updates. These will be reflected on the website at <https://46whcnewdelhi2024.nic.in/>)

Sl. No.	Hotel Category	Hotel Name	Address	Telephone No	Website	Google Map Location Link	Price Range	Distance from Venue	Nearest Metro Station
1.	5 Star	The Ashok	50B diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021	+91 7042871212	www.itdc.co.in	https://maps.app.goo.gl/oNH1FMi8wofHim8fA	INR: 8300-11294 USD: 99-135	8.5 KM, 20 min	LOK Kalyan Marg
2.	5 Star	The Park	15, Sansad Marg, Hanuman Road Area, Connaught Place, New Delhi 110001	+91 9810738933	https://www.theparkhotels.com/new-delhi/	https://maps.app.goo.gl/DbfKiTMCs9AJfXfy5	INR: 8500-13500 USD: 102-162	7 KM, 15 min	Shivaji Stadium
3.	5 Star	The Metropolitan Hotel and Spa	Bangla Sahib Road, New Delhi, 110001	+91 9810620417	www.hotelmetdelhi.com	https://maps.app.goo.gl/4pHKgBDU6j5iybjz5	INR: 8500-14500 USD: 102-174	8 KM, 20 min	Shivaji Stadium
4.	5 Star	The Lalit	Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba New Delhi 110001	+91 7428210061	https://www.thelalit.com/the-lalit-delhi/	https://maps.app.goo.gl/BiVPXnYWBgoqgszJ9	INR: 10000-32000 USD: 120-384	5.5 KM, 10 min	Barakhamba Road
5.	5 Star	Le Meridien	Winsdor Palace, Janpath Road 110001 New Delhi	+91 9818256529	https://www.marriott.com/	https://maps.app.goo.gl/fStY2jmyknFA1Fjc6	INR: 11000-23500 USD: 132-282	5.5 KM, 10 min	Central Secretariat
6.	5 Star	Shangri-La Eros	19 Ashoka Road New Delhi, 110001	+91 7303092888	https://www.shangri-la.com/newdelhi/erosshangri-la/	https://maps.app.goo.gl/HkqmXV3WqnTFcsaC8	INR: 11500-21500 USD: 138-258	6 KM, 10 min	Shivaji Stadium

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7.	5 Star	Taj Palace	2, Sardar Patel Marg, Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi 110021	+91 9654877353	https://www.tajhotels.com	https://maps.app.goo.gl/3nSnAsLRZ8vQxLB69	INR: 12000-19500 USD: 144-234	12 KM, 30 min	Dhaura Kaun
8.	5 Star	Ambassador, New Delhi	Sujan Singh Park, Subramania Bharti Marg Khan Market , New Delhi - 110003	+91 8373903255	www.selectionshotels.com	https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZPk4U673sXF5QwSV7	INR: 12500-14500 USD: 150-174	3.5 KM, 8 min	Khan Market
9.	5 Star	ITC Maurya	Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi, 110021	+91 9718356272	https://res.itcotels.com/	https://maps.app.goo.gl/xDJN6pQTYsLiUCSN7	INR: 12500-24000 USD: 150-288	10 KM, 25 min	Dhaura Kaun
10.	5 Star	The Leela Palace	Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021	+911139331234	https://www.theleela.com/the-leela-palace-new-delhi	https://maps.app.goo.gl/iSZsCpCFVpM5kufH9	INR: 17000 - 59000 USD: 204-708	10 KM, 25 min	Bhikaji Cama Place
11.	5 Star	The Imperial Hotel	1 Janpath Connaught Place , New Delhi 110001	+91 9811210622	https://theimperialindia.com/	https://maps.app.goo.gl/fqZYRWnfqE6o4aWe8	INR: 22000-42000 USD: 264-504	6 KM, 10 min	Janpath
12.	4 Star	Hotel The Royal Plaza	19, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001	+91 9289319233	www.hoteltheroyalplaza.com	https://maps.app.goo.gl/EX5hQC1mXyqd662ZA	INR: 6000-14000 USD: 72-168	6 KM, 10 min	Patel Chowk
13.	4 Star	The Connaught	37, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg, Shivaji Stadium,	+91 8130444325	https://www.selectionshotels.com/en-in/connaught-	https://maps.app.goo.gl/1QSJ363qdHTDDsHJ6	INR: 10000-14000 USD:	7 KM, 15 min	Shivaji Stadium

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			Connaught Place, New Delhi 110001		new-delhi/		120-168		
14.	3 Star	YMCA Tourist Hostel	1 Jai Singh Road Connaught Place New Delhi- 110001	+91 9650652663	https://www.newdelhiymca.in/	https://maps.app.goo.gl/AnzAsYpEMNUefnts7	INR: 4000-6000 USD: 48-72	7 KM, 15 min	Shivaji Stadium
15.	3 Star	Bloom Room Janpath	1 Janpath lane New Delhi 110001	+91 9810588275	www.staybloom.com	https://maps.app.goo.gl/dJktmF2JtqTXLQcJ8	INR: 6000-7000 USD: 72-84	6 KM, 10 min	Patel Chowk

*Conversion rate (as on 18 May 2024 at 15:00 PM):

1 USD=83.30 INR

1 INR=0.012 USD