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- **Location**

Lucknow is in the state of Uttar Pradesh, located on the northern Gangetic plains of India. It is situated on the banks of the river Gomti at an elevation of 123 meters above sea level.

- **Food**

Preparations like those of Tunde-ke-kabab, Rahim-ke-kulche nihari, Bismillah-ki-biryani, Radhey-ki malai gilori and lassi, Raja-ki-thandai ya Sharma-ki-chaat have held their heads high due to purity and standards maintained. Good eateries in Lucknow are often found in the serpentine lanes of old Lucknow.

- **Local attractions**

The Asafi Imambara (popularly known as Bara Imambara), the Chhota Imambara, Residency, and Shah Najaf are monuments of architectural importance at Lucknow. The famous 'Bhul Bhulaiyan' (Labyrinth) is part of Asafi Imambara complex. Some other places of interest are the Picture Gallery, Chattar Manzil, State Museum/Lucknow Zoo, Shaheed Smarak, Dilkusha, Ambedkar Memorial, Planetarium, and Ram Krishna Math. British-built architectural sights in Lucknow include the Vidhan Sabha (State Legislative Assembly), the Clock Tower and the Charbagh Railway Station, with its distinctive domes, arches and pillars.

### • Shopping

Chowk and Nakhhas are markets in the old Lucknow area where you can get a feel of traditional Lucknow. Some other important shopping centers are Alambagh, Kapoorthala, Indiranagar, Mahanagar, and Nishatganj.

The Hazratganj area is an upscale shopping market with colonial- style buildings. Interestingly, a popular pastime among the locals is window-shopping in the Hazratganj market.

### • Currency

Indian Rupee (INR)

### • Language

English is widely spoken and understood in all cities and Tourist areas. Hindi is the official language.

### • Climate

Lucknow has diverse weather patterns and climatic changes. It does not have a uniform weather throughout the year and experiences extreme summers and extreme winters.

### • Flying Time

Flying time from Muscat : 2 Hours 30 Minutes

### • Time Difference

GMT + 5.30 Hours

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