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- **Exploring Delhi**

Places of interest for a visitor to Delhi are the Qutub Minar, the Red Fort, Purana Quila, Jantar Mantar, Humayun's Tomb, Jama Masjid, Safdarjung's Tomb, India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Rajghat and Lakshmi Narayan Mandir.

- **Shopping**

Tourists find a wide choice of items- such as carpets, silks, jewellery, leather and silver ware, handicrafts and hand-printed cotton - that are synonymous with India. Each item is available in a range of prices, depending on the quality and the outlet.

Off Chandni Chowk are Dariba, the silver market, Khari Baoli, the spice market and Kinari Bazar for trimmings and tinsel. There are antique stores behind Jama Masjid and more lining the entrance to the Red Fort as well as at Sundernagar. On Baba Kharak Singh Marg, are the

numerous government State Emporia which afford a glimpse of the handicrafts of each state. There are also the craft bazaars at the Dilli Haat. Shopping centers of South Delhi- South Extension, Greater Kailash I and II, Green Park, Hauz Khas Village and the Santushi Shopping Arcade are more upmarket haunts which offer a combination of ethnic chic and designer labels, Indian and international.

- **Major Festivals**

The Republic Day parade on 26 January every year is the most colourful of the city's festival events and the biggest crowd puller. During the winter months there is the Vintage Car Rally, the Balloon Mela, the Surajkund Crafts Mela and the Delhi Tourism's Garden Festival. Holi on the onset of spring, Janmashtami in August and Dassehra in October are some of the religious festivals.

- **Climate**

from November until the end of March - daytime temperatures between 21 and 30°C (70-86°F). April, May and June temperatures can get as hot as 45°C (113°F). The best time to visit India is in the winter. 3 major seasons. Winter summer and monsoon.

- **Currency**

Indian Rupee (INR)

- **Language**

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

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- **Flying Time**

Flying time from Muscat : 2 Hours 30 Minutes

- **Time Difference**

GMT + 5.30 Hours