

**9th International Conference on Geomorphology**

**6 – 11 November 2017**

**Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**

**Mid-Conference Programme**

**DELHI TEMPLE TOUR**

Tour start time: 9 am

Duration: 8-9 hours

**Akshardham temple** -Visit the very new and already famous breathtaking Akshardham temple, situated across the river Yamuna and a marvel in stone with intricate craftsmanship. Inaugurated in late 2005, the monument is a fusion of pink stone and pure white marble, this marvel surprisingly took only 5 years to make. The Akshardham, New Delhi epitomizes 10,000 years of Indian culture in all its breathtaking grandeur, beauty, wisdom and bliss. It brilliantly showcases the essence of India's ancient architecture, traditions and timeless spiritual messages.



**Lotus Temple** located at East of Nehru place; this temple is built in the shape of a lotus flower and is the last of seven Major Bahai's temples built around the world. Completed in 1986 it is set among the lush green landscaped gardens. The structure is made up of pure white marble. The architect Fariburz Sabha chose the lotus as the symbol common to Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Islam. Adherents of any faith are free to visit the temple and pray or meditate. Around the blooming petals there are nine pools of water, which light up, in natural light. It looks spectacular at dusk when it is flood lit.



**Gurdwara Bangla Sahib** is the most prominent Sikh Gurdwara, or Sikh house of worship, in Delhi, known for its association with the eighth Sikh Guru, Guru Har Krishan, and the pool inside its complex, known as the "Sarovar", whose water is considered holy by Sikhs and is known as "Amrit". It was first built as a small temple by Sikh General, Sardar Bhagel Singh in 1783, who supervised the construction of nine Sikh shrines in Delhi in the same year, during the reign of Mughal Emperor, Shah Alam II



LUNCH AT CITY RESTAURANT

**Shree Hanuman Temple** - Hanuman Temple in Connaught Place, New Delhi, is an ancient (pracheen in Sanskrit) Hindu temple and is claimed to be one of the five temples of Mahabharata days in Delhi. The idol in the temple, devotionally worshipped as “Sri Hanuman Ji Maharaj” (Great Lord Hanuman), is that of Bala Hanuman namely, Hanuman as a child. The temple, which has a self-manifest idol of Hanuman, has an unusual feature fixed in the spire (Viman) in the form of a crescent moon (an Islamic symbol) instead of the Hindu symbol of Aum or Sun that is commonly seen in most Hindu temples. This became particularly important during the Mughal period corroborating this extraordinary depiction.

**Laxmi Narayan Temple**, also known as **Birla Mandir**, is one of Delhi's major temples and a major tourist attraction. Built by the industrialist Sh. J.K. Birla in 1939, this beautiful temple is located in the west of Connaught Place. The temple is dedicated to Laxmi (the goddess of prosperity) and Narayana (The preserver). The temple was inaugurated by **Mahatma Gandhi** on the condition that people of all castes will be allowed to enter the temple.



### Delhi Temple Tour - cost per person

**Tour:** Delhi Temple Tour

**Maximum PAX:** 80

**Dates:** 9 November 2017

**Tour Cost:**

Indian delegate – INR 2350

International delegate – INR 2350 (approx. EUR 34)

**COST INCLUDES:**

- Travel by air-conditioned coach.
- All entrance tickets.
- Refreshments in coach
- Services of English speaking guide
- Lunch at city restaurant
- All currently applicable Taxes.

**NOTE:**

- Indian tax structure is scheduled to change post June 2017. Any change in cost due to the new tax structure will be realised before departure of tour.
- The “per person cost” has been calculated based on a minimum of 80 pax travelling together as a group. Difference in fare due to change in group size will be realised before departure of tour.