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General Notes:

- Please carry water, umbrella / hat.
- Wear comfortable footwear
- Please park your vehicles at meeting point, we will walk / proceed in collective transport from here.
- Please be on time, we do not allow participants to join our walks mid-way.

All walks available at a discounted price of 1100/- per person for the opening festival.

Inaugural Walk – Nature Walks - Saturday 7 January 2012**(The disappeared) Flower Markets of Delhi***Where have all the flowers gone?***Saturday 7 January 2012; 9 am – 1 pm****Meeting Point:** Qutab Minar ticket window, 9 am**Ending Point:** Qutab Minar ticket window, 1 pm**Mode of Commuting:** Wheels / Walk**Registration Details:** Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (includes refreshments, transport)Please pre-register. *Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@redearthindia.com*

Posthumously yours, the flower markets of Delhi: The 3 main flower markets at Fatehpuri, Connaught Place and Mehrauli, an integral part of the city's heritage and culture, and temples of beauty amidst the concrete jungle; are now history, thanks to the Delhi government's myopia.

Come witness a disaster of urban planning and the lack of common sense in this city, as we visit the sites of the markets and experience the sad and eerie silence where once a million flowers bloomed. We will trace how the flower trade has reconfigured itself around these sites, and also visit Ghazipur, a landfill outside the city where part of the flower trade has been officially relocated.

Itinerary & Places Visited

9 am: Homage to Mehrauli market, walking through the site

9.30 am - 10.30 am: Exploring new informal markets around Mehrauli and Chattarpur

11.15 – 12.15 pm: A visit to Ghazipur, the official new flower market

1:00 pm: Walks ends at Mehrauli

Food Walk - Sunday 8 January 2012**Food and Faffing Walk: Pahad Ganj***Explore, Eat, Enjoy***Sunday 8 January 2012; 11 am – 3 pm****Meeting Point:** Connaught Place/Rajeev Chowk Metro (Baba Kharak Singh Marg Exit), 11 am**Ending Point:** Connaught Place, 3 pm**Mode of Commuting:** Walk**Registration Details:** Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (inclusive of food purchases)Please pre-register. *Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@redearthindia.com*

Explore the geography of food in the city, with this food walk that takes you to the treats that the Pahad Ganj area has in store for you. Sample special traditional Indian foods, classic recipes that have stood the test of time, and enjoy also the cosmopolitan pleasure of devouring food from all over the world in New Delhi's hippie tourist district. As we go about eating, we will also discover, shop, explore, faff around...

Some Places Visited

- Jalebiwala, Main Bazaar

- German Bakery & other joints in Main Bazaar
- Choor-choor Naan, Multani Dhanda
- Sitaram Dewan Chand (Chole Bhature)
- Relocated Kachoriwala, Panchkuian Road
- Kaleva (Sweet shop) in Gol Market
- S.N. Pandey & Panchayat (Pan shops) in Connaught Place

Note: Our food walks are vegetarian.

Religion Walks – Saturday 14 January 2012

Gurudwaras of Delhi

On the auspicious festival of Makar Sankranti / Maghi

Saturday 14 January 2012; 11 am – 3 pm

Meeting Point: Chandni Chowk Metro (Town Hall exit), 11 am

Ending Point: Rakabganj Gurudwara, near Connaught Place, 3 pm

Mode of Commuting: Walk / Metro

Registration Details: Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (includes transport, snacks)

Please pre-register. *Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@reearthindia.com*

This walk takes you to some of the main historic Gurudwaras (sikh shrines) of Delhi. In the process we will learn more about Sikhism, its teachings and tenets and the inspiring lives of some of its Gurus. We will listen to shabad kirtan (Sikh devotional hymns), and enjoy karah prasad (a sweet preparation) and langar, a community offering of food.

Our walk coincides with the auspicious harvest festival of Makar Sankranti.

Itinerary & Places Visited

11 am: Collect at Chandni Chowk metro

11 am - 12:30 pm: Walk to Fatehpuri flower shops and Sis Ganj Gurudwara, the shrine of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh guru.

12.30 – 1 pm: Metro ride to Rajeev Chowk Metro Station

1 – 2 pm: Walk to offer prayers at Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, the shrine of Guru Har Krishan, the 8th guru of the Sikhs. Have Langar (community meal).

2-2.15 pm: Walk to Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib, resting place of Guru Tegh Bahadur.

3 pm: Walk ends at Rakab Ganj Sahib

Note: Dress appropriately for the temple. Carry scarves to cover your head.

Religion Walks - Sunday 15 January 2012

Buddhist Walk

Meditative musings on the trail of Buddhist shrines

Sunday 15 January 2012; 4 pm – 9 pm**Meeting Point:** Ticket Counter, Dilli Haat, Opp. INA Market, 4 pm**Ending Point:** Ticket Counter, Dilli Haat, Opp. INA Market, 9 pm**Mode of Commuting:** Walk / Wheels**Registration Details:** Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (includes transport, dinner)Please pre-register. *Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@redearthindia.com*

Learn about teachings of the Buddha, and offer your prayers at some important centres of Buddhism in Delhi.

The Buddha Jayanti Park, set in the beautiful environs of the Delhi ridge was created to commemorate the 2500th anniversary of Buddha's enlightenment. Besides being a lush and verdant green space, the park also houses a statue of Buddha and a Bodhi tree.

Ladakh Buddhist Vihar, close to ISBT, by the banks of the Yamuna, houses a beautiful Buddhist temple, as well as a hustling-bustling market of woolen and other readymade clothes.

Not very far from the Vihar, the charming Tibetan colony at Majnu ka Tila is like a recreation of another world, another place in the city of Delhi. Narrow criss-crossing streets house markets and shops selling Tibetan crafts, jewellery, books and the place abounds with eateries serving authentic Tibetan food. It also houses a small monastery.

Itinerary

4 pm – Collect at Dilli Haat

4.45 pm – Reach Buddha Jayanti Park. Explore the gardens, and pay homage to Buddha statue

5.30 pm – Leave for Ladakh Buddhist Vihar, visit monastery and markets.

7 pm – Reach Majnu ka Tila. Explore markets and monastery. Dinner and Tibetan beer!

8.30 pm – Leave for Dilli Haat

9 pm – Walk ends at Dilli Haat

Water Walks - Saturday 21 January 2012**In Search of Lost Water –Baolis (Step-wells) of Delhi***Rediscover the historic baolis (stepwells) of the cities of Delhi!***Saturday 21 January 2012; 11 am – 3 pm****Meeting Point:** Ticket Counter, Qutab Minar, 11 am**Ending Point:** Ticket Counter, Qutab Minar, 3 pm**Mode of Commuting:** Walk / Wheels**Registration Details:** Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (includes transport, lunch)Please pre-register. *Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@redearthindia.com*

In a world where water is constantly depleting, In Search of Lost Water takes you to water bodies of medieval Delhi to highlight traditional wisdom in water conservation and management.

See baolis (step-wells) spread over the modern city of Delhi, built across the centuries by different dynasties, belonging to the different historic cities of Delhi. We will discover lost community spaces, hear the laughter still echoing in the step-wells, eavesdrop on gossip, in search of lost water...

Itinerary & Places Visited

11 am: Leave for Agrasen ki Baoli, Hailey Road (14th century)

12.30 – 1 pm: Hazrat Nizamuddin ki Baoli (14th century) and Dargah

1.30 pm-3.00 pm: Gandak ki Baoli, Mehrauli (13th century) and Rajon ki Baoli, Mehrauli (16th century), Lunch

Water Walks - Sunday 22 January 2012

Lakes of Delhi

Spend a day loving water in the city

Sunday 22 January 2012; 11 am – 7 pm

Meeting Point: Ticket window, PVR Saket (Nearest Metro: Malviya Nagar), 11 am

Ending Point: PVR Saket, 7 pm

Mode of Commuting: Walk / Wheels

Registration Details: Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (includes transport)

Please pre-register. *Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@redearthindia.com*

Lakes spread all over Delhi, a saga of water in the city...

Some brimming with abundance, and some dried up in today's waterless climate...

Some natural lakes, and some man made ones....

Visit holy lakes, historical lakes,

Brimming with stories if not water,

And spend a day learning to love water....

Itinerary & Places Visited

11 am: Walk starts at PVR Saket

11.30 am-12.30 pm: Surajkund Lake, just outside Delhi, 10th century

1.15 – 2.30 pm: Haus Khas Reservoir, 13th century. Lunch at Naivedyam at participant's cost.

3.00- 3.30 pm: Sarovar at Bangla Sahib, 17th century

4 - 5 pm: Naini Lake, Model Town, 20th century

6 pm: Walk ends at PVR Saket

Miscellaneous – Thursday 26 January 2012

In Search of Bittooras: A Village Walk

Explore village life at the periphery of the city...

Thursday 26 January 2012; 11 am – 3 pm

Meeting Point: Ticket window, PVR Saket (Nearest Metro: Malviya Nagar), 11 am

Ending Point: PVR Saket, 3 pm

Mode of Commuting: Walk / Wheels / Ox Cart

Registration Details: Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (includes transport, lunch)

Please pre-register. *Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@redearthindia.com*

On the periphery of Delhi unique and amazing structures are coming up. Bitooras, literally store houses made from cow-dung cakes have stopped passers-by in their tracks. These extraordinary constructions, made by local village women, are reminiscent of tiny houses, and are inscribed with wonderful abstract patterns and sometimes studded with mosaics. Our village walk takes us to see some of the best examples. Watch a demonstration of the fascinating process of the bitooras being made and participate!

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This walk is a vivid reminder of a fast-disappearing rural life that surrounds the city. We will be transported into the village by ox-cart, view the bitooras, chat to local farmers in their farmyards and sample delicious fresh lassi.

This walk was originally conceived by UK based artist Andrew Burton.

Itinerary

11 am: Leave for Mandi village on the outskirts of Delhi

12 noon – 2 pm: Explore the village and bitooras. Lunch.

3 pm: Walks ends at PVR Saket

Special Festival Walk– Friday 27 January 2012 (date TBC)

Sufi Basant Walk to Nizamuddin Dargah

Celebrate the arrival of spring with Khwaja ji

Friday 27 January 2012; 1 pm – 5 pm (date to be confirmed closer to event)

Meeting Point: Lodhi Gardens, Gate next to Lodhi restaurant, (Opp. Mausam Bhawan / Lodhi Rd.), 1 pm

Ending Point: Nizamuddin Basti, 5 pm

Mode of Commuting: Walk

Registration Details: Open to all on a complimentary pre-registration basis. See dress code information below & other notes. Please pre-register. *Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@redearthindia.com*

Basant, the Indian spring is a syncretic celebration. Follow us on a Sufi Basant Walk to the Dargah of one of the most popular Sufi saints of India, Khwaja Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya. Where, every year, as the spring knocks on our doors, mustard flowers are offered and Amir Khusrau's verses are sung, in honour of Khwaja ji, and the beautiful Indian spring...

Come! Let's dance with genda tokris on our heads, and take them to Khwaja ji like his beloved Amir Khusrau! Basant Genda Phool!

Itinerary

1 pm – 2.30 pm: Basanti Pot luck Lunch at Lodhi Gardens. Bring something yellow. Learn more about Sufi Basant, and rejoice in Amir Khusrau's spring poetry.

2.30 pm – 3 pm: Walk to Nizamuddin Dargah

3 pm – 5 pm: Sufi Basant celebrations at Nizamuddin Dargah with Basanti Qawwali & more...

Notes

Dress Code: It is 100% mandatory to wear all yellow. It is a tradition to wear new yellow cotton clothes, please make an effort to blend in with the season. In case of emergency, white is the best alternative. No Black or dark colours please!

Bring yellow food, yellow flowers and yellow gifts for fellow participants.

History Walks – Saturday 28 January 2012

Hauz Khas

Explore the old and new cities of Delhi by the lakeside / Basant Panchami Picnic

Saturday 28 January 2012; 11 am – 3 pm

Meeting Point: Kunzum Travel Café, T 49, Hauz Khas Village, 11 am

Ending Point: Hauz Khas Village, 3 pm

Mode of Commuting: Walk

Registration Details: Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (includes snacks, lunch)

See dress code information below & other notes.

Please pre-register. [Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@redearthindia.com](mailto:Himanshu_Verma@redearthindia.com)

The Hauz Khas Village complex is a lovely example of many historic cities breathe together to make Delhi one of the most fascinating historic cities of the world. Historic monuments from the 13th and 14th centuries, reign tall over the Hauz Khas – the royal tank; and 21st century markets, art and design enterprises, bookshops and hubs of activity and recreation spring up in the vicinity. Come explore this meeting of times in the heart of Delhi.

Our walk coincides with the festival of Basant Panchami, a festival celebrating the arrival of spring. Celebrate with yellow!

Itinerary & Places Visited

11 am: Wake-up coffee at Kunzum Travel Café

11.15 – 12 noon: Walk around Hauz Khas monuments (14th century)

12 noon – 1 pm: Walk of the village markets: art galleries, design stores & bookshops etc.

1-1.30 pm: Darshan at Jagannath Temple

1.30 – 3pm: Walk around the Hauz Khas Lake (14th century) and Basanti Picnic Lunch at Munda Gumbad.

Notes

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- Bring yellow gifts for fellow participants – lemons, melons, flowers...

Food Walks – Sunday 29 January 2012**Food Walk in Old Delhi***Relishing exotic delicacies in the old city***Sunday 29 January 2012; 11 am – 3 pm****Meeting Point:** Fatehpuri Moqsue, Main Gate, Chandni Chowk (Nearest Metro: Chandni Chowk), 11 am

Parking available at Jama Masjid / Opp. Sisganj Gurudwara.

Ending Point: Chandni Chowk, 3 pm**Mode of Commuting:** Walk / Rickshaw**Registration Details:** Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (includes food purchases, rickshaw fares)Please pre-register. *Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@reearthindia.com*

The food of Delhi is a gastronome's and connoisseurs dream come true. We will wander in the lanes of Old Delhi, in search of forgotten foods, scintillating flavours from centuries ago, that are still alive in the melting pot of Delhi's culture.

Some Places Visited

- Khari Baoli: Asia's largest spice market, shop here for food supplies and sharbats (summer coolers)....
- Kake di Hatti (Stuffed naan)
- Chawri Bazaar: Ashok Chaat Bhandar, (Indian street food); Bade Miyaan's Kheer (dessert)
- Parathe Wali Gali (Indian stuffed bread)
- Amritsari Lassi Wala (yoghurt drink)
- Jalebiwala, Dariba Kalan (sweet shop)
- Sitaram Bazaar for Kulfis (Indian ice desserts)

Note: Our food walks are vegetarian.**Nature Walks – Saturday 4 February 2012****Nurseries of Delhi***Hone your green thumb, enjoy history and greenery!***Saturday 4 February 2012; 8 am – 12.30 pm****Meeting Point:** Ticket window, PVR Saket (Nearest Metro: Malviya Nagar), 8 am**Ending Point:** PVR Saket, 12.30 pm**Mode of Commuting:** Walk / Wheels**Registration Details:** Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (includes refreshments, transport)Please pre-register. *Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@reearthindia.com*

We take you to the popular nurseries of Delhi, both government and private owned. The nurseries of Delhi are not just places where you can buy plants, seeds and gardening equipment; but experiences that come alive with the history and culture that surrounds them.

Itinerary & Places Visited

8 am: Collect at PVR Saket

8.15 -9.00 am: Chirag Nursery, Chirag Dilli

9.30-11 am: Sunder Nursery, Nizamuddin, India's largest nursery spread over 70 acres, dotted with historical monuments. Breakfast.

11.15-11.45 am: Rajdhani Nursery, Jorbagh

12:30: Walk ends at PVR Saket.

Nature Walks – Sunday 5 February 2012

Rose Gardens of Delhi

A rosy picnic with Delhi's best blooms! On the auspicious festival of Id-e-Milad

Sunday 5 February 2012; 11 am – 4 pm

Meeting Point: Ticket window, PVR Saket (Nearest Metro: Malviya Nagar), 11 am

Ending Point: PVR Saket, 4 pm

Mode of Commuting: Walk / Wheels

Registration Details: Contribute Rs. 1100/- per person (includes brunch, transport)

See dress code information below & other notes.

Please pre-register. Contact Himanshu Verma / 41671100 / himanshu@redearthindia.com

The rose gardens of Delhi are a delight to the nature and flower lover. While roses have been grown in India since time immemorial, it was the Mughals who popularised rose cultivation in India. Today, rose gardens are very popular in Delhi, and the city boasts of many of these where you can revel in an astounding variety of rose species – from miniature roses to indigenous species, and a plethora of classic as well as recent hybrids...

Itinerary

11 am: Walk begins at PVR Saket

11.15 am - 12 noon: Tour of Rose Garden, Mehrauli

12.30 – 1.30 pm – National Rose Garden, Chanakyapuri

2-3.30 pm – Rose Garden, Hauz Khas. Lunch

4 pm – Walks ends at PVR Saket

Notes

- Dress Code: It is 100% mandatory to wear Pink / Rosy / Floral. In case of emergency, white is the best alternative. No Black or dark colours please!
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