Day 0 – Monday, 17 September 2012

Pre-conference Technical Tours

Tour A: Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System (DIMTS) + Red Fort + Dilli Haat

01.45 pm – 02.00 pm  Assemble for departure at the main porch
02.00 pm  Departure by coach from The Lalit to DIMTS
02.30 pm  Arrival at DIMTS office
02.30 pm -03.30 pm  Interaction & visit to the control room
03.40 pm   Departure by coach from DIMTS to the Red Fort
04.15 pm  Arrival at the Red Fort
04.15 pm – 05.15 pm  Study tour of the Red Fort
05.30 pm  Departure by coach from Red Fort to Dilli Haat
06.30 pm  Reaching Dilli Haat
08.15 pm  After the visit of Dilli Haat, walk up to the coach parking
08.30 pm  Board the coach and depart to the hotel, The Lalit
09.15 pm  Arrival at the hotel, The Lalit

Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System (DIMTS) – Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System (DIMTS) Ltd. is an urban transport and infrastructure development company committed to build and deliver quality infrastructure. DIMTS is an equal equity joint venture of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) and the Infrastructure Development Finance Company Ltd. (IDFC), DIMTS that came into being in April 2006. Apart from creating quality infrastructure and transportation systems, DIMTS is also actively working towards raising awareness among people about public transport.

Red Fort - The Red Fort is a 17th century fort complex constructed by the Mughal emperor, Shah Jahan in the walled city of Old Delhi. It is one of the world heritage sites and derives its name from the extensive use of red sandstone on the massive walls that surround the fort. Red Fort is one of the significant monuments of India which encapsulates a long period of Indian history and its architecture. The use of marble, floral decorations, double domes in the buildings inside the fort exemplifies the later
Dilli Haat - The Dilli Haat provides the ambience of a traditional Rural Haat or village market, but one suited for more contemporary needs. Here one sees a synthesis of crafts, food and cultural activity. This Food and Craft Bazar is a treasure house of Indian culture, handicrafts and ethnic cuisine. A unique bazaar, in the heart of the city, it displays the richness of Indian culture on a permanent basis. Dilli Haat is a barrier-free tourist spot in Delhi. Ramps and mergers bordered with railings throughout the market make every part of the place accessible to the elderly, disabled and children.

Tour B: Qutub Minar + Delhi Metro + Dilli Haat

01.45 pm – 02.00 pm Assemble for departure at the main porch
02.00 pm  Departure by coach from The Lalit to the Qutub Minar
02.45 pm  Arrival at the Qutub Minar coach parking and walk up to the monument
03.00 pm  Study tour of the Qutub Minar
04.00 pm  After the visit, walk up to the coach parking
04.15 pm  Transfer by coach up to the Qutub Minar metro station
04.30 pm  Arrive at the Qutub Minar metro station
04.45 pm  Depart by Metro from Qutub Minar metro station up to INA station
05.00 pm  Disembark from Metro at INA metro station and exit the metro station
05.05 pm  Walk up to Dilli Haat
05.10 pm  Arrival at Dilli Haat
07.15 pm  After the visit, walk up to the coach parking
07.30 pm  Board coach and depart to The Lalit
08.15 pm  Arrival at the hotel, The Lalit

Qutub Minar – Qutub Minar, a world heritage site, is the first accessible historical monument of India and an example that can be replicated in other historical monuments throughout the country. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and Svayam have been jointly conferred the National Award for making Qutub Minar the first accessible historical monument, by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

It is world’s tallest brick minaret with a height of 72.5 meters (237.8 ft) and was constructed in 1192 by Qutab-ud-din Aibak, and later completed by his successor Iltutmish. The soaring conical tower is an exquisite example of Indo-Islamic Afghan architecture. Qutub Minar is a UNESCO declared World Heritage Site and has survived
the ravages of time impressively. It is India’s most visited monument attracting around 3.9 million visitors every year.

**Delhi Metro** - The pride of the capital 'Delhi Metro' is a rapid mass transit system serving Delhi, Gurgaon and Noida in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. It is known for its world class standards with regard to safety, reliability, punctuality and comfort. It has a combination of elevated, at-grade and underground lines and uses both broad gauge and standard gauge rolling stock.

The metro system is completely accessible for persons with reduced mobility with accessible lifts, tactile paving, low height counters, audio-visual information dissemination in the trains, level platform entry, wider doors and dedicated space for wheelchair parking in the rail in the first and last compartments. A rechargeable Metro Card can be bought if the visitors intend to travel frequently and save themselves the trouble of buying a ticket manually before each journey.

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