**New Delhi**

**Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)**

The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi serves the National Capital Region (NCR). Situated in the capital city of India, which is a prominent business and tourist destination, the airport attracts many passengers. It is, in fact, India’s busiest and largest airport in terms of passenger traffic.

Built during World War II as an Air Force Station, the New Delhi Airport was initially named Palam Airport after the suburb of the same name. It was renamed Indira Gandhi International Airport after India's only female Prime Minister in 1986 when a new terminal was inaugurated on account of the increasing air traffic.

Ranked as the 8th largest airport in the world, IGI Airport boasts of state-of-the-art facilities. It has won several prestigious awards including the No. 1 Airport in Airports Council International’s (ACI) Airport Service Quality Awards in 2014.

**Flight Information**

The New Delhi airport is connected to a large number of domestic as well as International cities.

Domestic flights ply to and from major cities like Mumbai, Chennai, and Hyderabad as well as others like Bhopal and Siliguri. Among these, New Delhi to Mumbai and New Delhi to Bangalore are the airport’s most popular routes. SpiceJet, IndiGo, and Jet Airways are among the major domestic airlines operating in at the IGI Airport.

The city is well-connected to international destinations like Dubai, London, Singapore, and Abu Dhabi, among others. Major airlines such as Etihad, British Airways, Lufthansa Airlines, and Air France offer flight services at the IGI airport. The most traveled international routes from here include New Delhi to Abu Dhabi and New Delhi to London.

**Terminals**

The New Delhi Airport has a total of two terminals handling domestic traffic. Terminal 1 is entirely dedicated to domestic flights with Terminal 1D for departures and Terminal 1C for arrivals. Terminal 3 handles the arrivals and departures of both domestic as well as international flights.

**Traveling in and Around**

* The ‘Orange Line’ of the Delhi Metro Rail facilitates travel between the airport and the city centre. This superfast express metro runs between the Dwarka Sector 21 station and New Delhi station on all days.
* Inter-state and inter-city bus services extend to the New Delhi Airport making it easier to travel to and from different cities.
* Radio taxis and car rental services are easily available for traveling to and from the airport.
* The airport provides inter-terminal shuttle services for passengers.

**Services and Facilities**

Ensuring the best travel experience for its passengers, the New Delhi airport provides some of the best leisure services. Travelers’ lounges are available for passengers to get some rest.

Keeping in mind the convenience of traveling families, the airport has special rooms designated for children, equipped with games, diapers, and other necessities. Strollers are available at Terminal 1D.

Medical facilities are stationed at terminals to handle emergency situations. The IGI Airport is sensitive to the care of travelers with special needs as well as unaccompanied minors. Certain parking slots have been reserved especially for physically challenged travelers.

Other useful services include luggage trolleys, ATMs, free Wi-Fi , travel insurance booth, and refreshments.

**Things to Do**

Having to wait for your flights at the IGI Airport need not be tiresome or boring. The airport ensures that you can enjoy each journey even before it begins. Recreational activities such as spa and massages are available at the airport lounges. Use these services to get rid of travel fatigue and relax before your next journey. Besides, there are several shopping outlets within the airport. Purchase forgotten essentials at the last minute or beautiful souvenirs and handicrafts for loved ones back home; the IGI Airport offers you a fun shopping experience while you wait for your flight.

**Hotels**

You need not go hotel-hunting to spend the night in New Delhi. The IGI Airport has its own in-house transit hotel, with all the amenities and services you need to ensure a comfortable stay. Besides, there are several luxury hotels around the airport such as Hotel The Class and Holiday Inn. Budget hotels such as Holiday Le Princess and Hotel Hi-Life are also situated nearby.

**Helpful Tips**

* Finding your way around this large airport can get confusing. In such cases, simply consult an airport map or ask for assistance from staff members at the information desks.
* Double-check that your flight is on schedule through the live schedule on the airport website during bad weather conditions.

**Nearby Attractions**

New Delhi, the capital of India, is also a popular tourist destination, on account of its historical and cultural significance. From the magnificent India Gate to the majestic Purana Qila, the city offers many attractions. .Book your flight to New Delhi today and explore the city’s many delights!