

7th ASEMUS General Conference

15-17 March 2017
National Museum, Delhi, India

As of 6 February 2017

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The 7th ASEMUS General Conference will take place from 15-17 March 2017 in New Delhi, India. It will be hosted by the National Museum, Delhi, India. The GC will take place over 3 days:

Wednesday, 15 March:

- Day-time sessions: Only for ASEMUS Executive Committee members & young museum professionals participating in the training workshops
- A welcome dinner for all delegates will be hosted at 7 pm by the National Museum, Delhi

Thursday, 16 March:

- The General Conference will take place at the National Museum, Delhi from 9.30 am – 5 pm on 16 March

Friday, 17 March:

- 2 cultural visits will be organised by the National Museum, Delhi (for speakers and ASEMUS members only)
- Speakers and ASEMUS members can plan their departures in the evening of 17 March

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. REGISTRATION

- 1.1 All member museums, invited speakers & interested participants are requested to register online at: <http://asemus.museum/event/7th-asemus-general-conference-india/>

2. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1. All **ASEMUS members** are requested to make their own flight arrangements to Delhi. For visa-related information, kindly refer to [5].
- 2.2. **Speakers** are expected to arrive on Wednesday, 15 March 2017, afternoon, in time to join the welcome dinner at 7 pm. A preparatory meeting is also planned that afternoon. The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will reimburse speakers with a lumpsum amount to cover return economy airfare, visa costs (if any) and 3-nights' hotel accommodation in Delhi.
- 2.3. Recommended arrival date for **young museum professionals** attending the training workshops is: Tuesday, 14 March 2017, afternoon/evening. A limited number of travel subsidies are available through the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). Indicate YES for travel subsidy in the registration form, if you need travel support.
- 2.4. Recommended arrival date for delegates NOT attending the training workshops is: Wednesday, 15 March 2017, afternoon. A Welcome Dinner will be held on 15 March 2017 at 7 pm, venue tbc.

3. MEETING VENUE

3.1. The General Conference will take place at the following venue:

National Museum – New Delhi
Janpath, New Delhi - 110 011
<http://www.nationalmuseumindia.gov.in/>

4. ACCOMMODATION

4.1. The recommended hotel for all participants is:

The Ashok – New Delhi
50-B, Diplomatic Enclave
Chanakyapuri
New Delhi - 110021 India
Phone: (+91-11) 26110101; (+91-11) 26116161
<http://www.theashok.com/>

You are requested to book your rooms directly with the hotel using the Reservation Form attached, with **ASEMUS2017** in the email subject-line header. A special room rate of Indian Rupees 7000 (EUR 97) is available for ASEMUS GC delegates. Please book your rooms by 10 February 2017.

The hotel is situated within 2 kilometres of the National Museum. You will need to take a taxi or tuk-tuk/autorickshaw for local transport between the hotel and the museum.

4.2. Alternative hotel options (delegates to book directly) are:

Hotel Surya International
4/33 WEA Saraswati Marg,
Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005
<http://www.hotelsuryainternational.com/>
Room rate: Indian Rupees approx. 2,200/night (EUR 31) plus taxes (Inclusive of breakfast and wifi)
Reservation email id: info@hotelsuryainternational.com

Hotel Emperor Palms)
15 A-7, W.E.A. Karol Bagh
New Delhi -110005
Opp. New Bloom School
Near Karol Bagh Metro Station
<http://www.hotelemporpalms.com/contact.html>
Room rate: Emperor room: Indian Rupees approx. 2,600/night; Executive - 3,000/night-;
Premium: 3,500/night
Reservation id: info@emperorpalmshotel.com

5. VISA

5.1 Delegates who require Indian visa are requested to indicate the same in the registration form. A visa support letter will be issued by the National Museum, Delhi.

5.2 You are advised to apply for a conference visa at your nearest Indian embassy. Please make your visa applications at least **4 weeks before departure**.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

About New Delhi

New Delhi is the national capital of India as well as of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. It is jointly administered by both the Central Government of India and the local Government of Delhi. New Delhi was designed by British architects, Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker.

New Delhi has a population of 249,998. Hindi is the most widely spoken languages in New Delhi and the lingua franca of the city. English is primarily used as the formal language by business and government institutes.

New Delhi is home to several historic sites and museums. It is particularly renowned for its beautifully landscaped gardens that can look quite stunning in spring. The largest of these include Buddha Jayanti Park and the historic Lodi Gardens.

Indira Gandhi International Airport, situated to the southwest of Delhi, is the main gateway for the city's domestic and international civilian air traffic.

More on Delhi's tourist attractions at: <http://www.delhitourism.gov.in/delhitourism/index.jsp>

Time

India Standard Time (IST) is 5:30 hours (5 hours 30 minutes) ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+5.5)

Dress Code and Weather

Daytime temperature in March in Delhi is expected to be around 29°C. Night time temperatures may fall to 15°C.

Currency, Mode of Payment and ATMs

- Indian Rupees (INR; written as Rs.) is the official currency of India.
- In November 2016, the government of India introduced a demonetisation policy and old Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 rupee notes were taken out of circulation and replaced with new RS. 500 and Rs. 2000 currency notes.
- Please change your currency at authorised money exchangers in the airport. Currency exchange services such as Western Union are available in the city as well.
- Credit cards, such as VISA and Master Card, are accepted at most hotels, shops and restaurants. Cash-point machines (ATMs) accept major international credit cards.

Electricity

The standard electricity supply is 220-240 volts with 2 or 3 pin wall sockets.



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