# Walk 1 - Sultanate Delhi 1<sup>st</sup> City

No introduction to Delhi is complete without this Sultanate Delhi tour. Here we'll walk the 1<sup>st</sup> City of Delhi to unearth layers of history and architectural forms in the Qutb complex. If time permits, we'll also walk the Mehrauli Archeological Park to discover the ruins, including baoli-wells (stepwells), a flourishing green Delhi with birds, trees & butterflies.

# Walk 2 - Siri, 2<sup>nd</sup> City

From Walk 1, the name of the Sultan Alai-ud din Khilji will be familiar to you all. He not only built many buildings in the Qutb complex but created the 2nd City of Delhi. The ruins of this city lie not far from the first city, around the Shahpur Jat village.

#### Walk 3 - Spiritual Delhi

No tour of Delhi is complete without an understanding of our religious culture. In this spiritual tour we visit three temples: a Hindu, a Jain and a Sikh temple, and a mosque to witness and discuss the various forms of religious practice and meditations, all in Chandni Chowk on one street and so close to one another. Once familiar with the do & don'ts at religious sites feel at ease to visit places in your vicinity. In our Advanced Walk series, join the Meeting of the Faiths walk to explore the umpteen layers of multi-faceted religious Delhi.

# Walk 4 - Tughlakabad: 3<sup>rd</sup> City

Let's walk the ruins of Tughlakabad, the 3<sup>rd</sup> City of Delhi, to discover palaces and tombs – all lost in time and overgrown with brambles and trees. Here we'll learn to differentiate between Lodhi and Tughlaq architectural forms as we discover an ancient city that straddles both eras. Remember the Tughlaqs built three cities, the next two follow.

#### Walk 5, Jahapanah: 4th City

After having walked the city last week of the founder, let's walk the city of his son, the mad eccentric who moved the capital to Daulatabad in central India. He too built a city in Delhi in present-day Sarvapriya Vihar, with magnificent mosques and palaces.

### Walk 6 - Feroz Shah Kotla: 5th City

We visit the City of Djinns. The City of the Feroz Shah Tughlaq. In his times, the city extended from the Northern Ridge, Paharganj to Mehrauli and encompassed his citadel. What is his connection with the monuments in Haus Khas village? We travel for this virtual tour **on the new metro Heritage line.** 

#### Walk 7 - Sufis in Delhi

We explore Delhi for the Sufi culture, right from Mehrauli to Nizamuddin in this virtual tour, meeting Sufi saints of a bygone era. Have you ever wondered why Emperor Humayun is buried in Nizamuddin? We visit the shrines of one of the most revered Sufi saints as well as the tombs of poets, emperors and princesses interred in the vicinity.

### Walk 8 - Purana Qila 6<sup>th</sup> City

Are you aware that Humayun, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mughal Emperor, created a city in Delhi on the ruins of another more ancient city? Here you'll find out how Delhi got the first substantial Mughal architecture – Humayun's Tomb.

### Walk 9 - Mughal Delhi, 7<sup>th</sup> City

Here we'll explore the most popular 7<sup>th</sup> City of Delhi – Mughal Delhi. What comprises the 5<sup>th</sup> Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan's Delhi? We visit the Mughal Palace – the Red Fort – and walk the narrow alleys to reach the Jama Masjid. There are similarities to buildings in Agra. What are havelis?

## Walk 10 - British Delhi, 8<sup>st</sup> City

Here we'll discover the 1931 story of British Delhi. How did this magnificent capital come into being? Who were the chosen architects? What we now know as Central Delhi, with its tree-lined boulevards and famous white Lutyens' bungalows, was planned and executed by the British in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In this tour we only see the Rashtrapati Bhavan from outside.