

CAARA CAFÉ

BRITISH COUNCIL, LODHI GARDENS, LODHI ESTATE, NEW DELHI

Flanked by a new art gallery space and the British Council garden, with seating spilling out into a quiet courtyard, this café, due to open in April promises to be a favourite snacking spot with Delhiites. Retreat to this heavenly location to munch on fresh salads made from ingredients sourced responsibly by FarmLove, an organic farm cooperative in Delhi and sample CAARA's unique coffee blend from Karanataka.

SPICE ROUTE

THE IMPERIAL, JANPATH LANE, CONNAUGHT PLACE

Just setting foot inside the Imperial Hotel's pan-Asian restaurant is enough to transport you on an ancient Oriental journey from the Malabar coast of Kerala to Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Indonesia and finally to Thailand and Vietnam. Both the design and the execution here are exquisite. Splash out and order the delicious stir-fried lobster to discover what the chef here is capable of.

LODI THE GARDEN RESTAURANT

OPPOSITE MAUSAM BHAVAN, NEAR LODHI GARDENS, LODHI COLONY

This is primarily a spot to be seen in rather than to eat in. Nestled in a tree-covered corner of Delhi's largest park, Lodi Gardens, and a stone's throw from the smartest parts of town, embassy types rub shoulders with glamorous Delhiites and Bollywood stars hide behind sunglasses. The food is a mixture of European cuisines; their delicious homemade fig ice cream is definitely worth a try on a balmy Delhi evening.

