



Delhi Metro experience

Everyone in Delhi raves about it and that too in superlatives. My friends too who had travelled in the capital city's metro heaped praises on the efficiency and smooth functioning of the system and I knew that I had to try it too.

It is indeed an iconic project to redefine the experience of a commuter. Inaugurated in Feb 2011, it serves as the fastest mode to reach the city with speeds topping 100 kmph. It is indeed the ultimate in travel experience and reduces travel time and eliminates the hassles of traffic jams. The metro is seamlessly connected to T3 of the Indira Gandhi International Terminal.



Inside T3

Safety is another great factor that has been accorded top priority. Right from the x-ray scanners to the personal check by security and a number of security cameras at almost every corner, one feels safe and secure. Next time you go to Delhi, don't miss it.

The ride from the airport was too short for me and I decided to spend a whole



evening riding the metro. I took a ticket to the end of one line (different lines criss-cross Delhi, red, yellow, green etc) in order to get the full experience. I boarded the train from Green Market, took an interchange at Kashmere Gate and went all the way

to Rohini. Seats are strategically placed on the sides so that there is space for

many people to stand. Special coaches for ladies and designated seats and the elderly have been thoughtfully provided. The Metro is a melting pot of cultures and a good point for observing human beings. Since my travel was in the evening, everyone seemed to be very busy. They somehow wanted to reach their destination. But still, they didn't mind waiting in queues and standing all the way to their destination. Many were in their own world, thinking possibly of what to do next. The young generation was busy talking about latest movies, trends, designer clothes etc. This scene was completely different from what I had experienced in the Singapore Metro where almost everyone is in their own world but with laptops, iMacs and iPods in their ears with practically no communication with each other.

However, the compartments were spic and span, the air conditioners were perfect and in fact you did not even have to hold the handles because the start and stop was very smooth.

And so, my return to my hotel, the coaches become empty once more and as the trains starts its return journey, the coaches gradually swell with more



faces, more hopes, more dreams of a creating a new and vibrant India with technology as the nodal point and a heart with a conscience to match, I feel confident that more metros like this will come up in big cities

so that it will ease traffic maladies.

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