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Northern region of India is dotted with many fascinating tourist places and attractions including natural sites, historical places, magnificent forts & palaces, beautiful temples, verdant hill stations, world heritage sites and many more. You will find many world heritage monuments in this region which are visited and explored by a number of domestic and international tourists each year. Here is brief information about some popular world heritage monuments of the region.

**Red Fort:** Red Fort, also called Lal Qila, is a 17th century fort complex in the national capital city Delhi. Noted for magnificent architecture and beautiful structures inside, this magnificent historical citadel was constructed by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the walled city of Old Delhi after shifting his capital from Agra to Delhi. In the year of 2007 this magnificent fort was declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Qutub Minar:** Qutub Minar is also UNESCO World Heritage Site in New Delhi, India's capital city. Constructed with red sandstone and marble, it is tallest minaret in India, with a significant height of 72.5 meters. The construction of this magnificent monument was commenced by Qutb-ud-din Aibak in the year 1192 and completed by Iltutmish. This towering minaret is surrounded by many other ancient structures and ruins; and collectively known as Qutub Complex. Qutub Complex is visited by millions of tourists each year.

**Humayun's Tomb:** The Tomb of Humayun (popularly known as Humayun's Tomb) is another UNESCO world heritage site in Delhi. It is the beautiful tomb monument of the Mughal emperor Humayun. This magnificent memorial site was commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in the year 1562; and designed by a Persian architect, Mirak Mirza Ghiyath. It is beautiful garden tomb with magnificent architecture close to Purana Qila (Old Fort), that Humayun founded in the year 1533. Humayun's Tomb is popular among tourists because of its masterpiece architecture, stunning carvings, intricate artwork and lush gardens in the surroundings. There are also many other monuments and tombs inside the complex of Humayun's Tomb.

**Taj Mahal:** Located in Agra in Uttar Pradesh on the Banks of the Yamuna River, the Taj Mahal is India's most popular UNESCO World Heritage Monument. It is India's start tourist attraction and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It alone attracts millions of tourists each year. It is noted for its matchless beauty that is composed with graceful white marble. It is a mausoleum dedicated to Mumtaz Mahal, the wife of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan. The emperor constructed this beautiful building in the loving commemoration of his wife.

**Agra Fort:** Agra Fort (also called the Red Fort of Agra) is another UNESCO World Heritage Site in the city of Agra. Constructed by Mughal emperor Akbar, it is very popular among tourists coming from different parts of the world. There are many beautiful sites and structures to see inside the complex.

**Jantar Mantar:** Jantar Mantar is an observatory in Jaipur city built by Maharaja Sawai Jain Singh, the founder of Jaipur city. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most popular tourist attractions to see in the city. It is noted for a collection of architectural astronomical instruments.

All the aforementioned world heritage monuments are key attraction of northern India tourism. Travel Agents in India cater these places greatly as India's best attractions in their tourism products and services. There are many other historical monuments and cultural objects in northern India that attract the visitors from all over the world.

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