

A taste of Asia...

Bolton is a very diverse place and never short of a bit of culture. Why not experience a day out that's a little bit different?

A.M.

In the morning, visit the **Shree Swaminarayan Sidhant Sajivan Mandal**. This arts and cultural centre hides a superb decorative ceiling that interprets the Hindu faith.

The shrine is a magnificent focal point and is carved out of solid hardwood with intricate floral designs embellished with real gold leaf. Displayed within the shrine are three pure white marble idols. Some say it is Bolton's very own Cistine Chapel.

Make sure you also experience the **Zakariyya Jaame Masjid – Islamic Cultural Centre**.

This is Bolton's oldest mosque and was established in 1967. It's also the biggest mosque in Bolton and acts as Jaame, or regional mosque for the Greater Manchester/Lancashire area. The mosque is active in many areas such as interfaith work, arranging school/employer visits and delivering Islamic awareness courses.

What about lunch?

There are many Asian restaurants and places where you can pick up a bite to eat or sit down and enjoy an excellent meal.

For those looking for a leisurely dining experience, go to **Spice Valley Indian Restaurant** which is situated just outside the town centre but has ample parking for all.

P.M.

In the afternoon, visit **House of Raja's**, an authentic Indian department store and do a spot of shopping. You can purchase all sorts of Indian delights from their extensive range of Asian food, ranging from herbs and spices, to curries and pickles. Saree wearing demonstrations and food tasting sessions can also be arranged for you.

Time to spare?

If you want to make an evening of it, sample **Achari Indian Restaurant** for a delicious meal in relaxed surroundings.

The details...

**Shree Swaminarayan
Sidhant Sajivan Mandal**
161 Deane Road,
Bolton BL3 5AH
Tel: 0161 280 3508

**Zakariyya Jaame Masjid
– Islamic Cultural Centre**
20 Peace Street,
Bolton BL3 5LJ
Tel: 01204 535002

**Spice Valley
Indian Restaurant**
Valley Leisure Park
Water Meeting Road
Bolton BL1 8TS
Tel: 01204 388609

House of Raja's
12-14 Fletcher Street,
Bolton BL3 6NF
Tel: 01204 532890

Achari Indian Restaurant
148 - 152 Crook Street,
Bolton BL3 6AS
Tel: 01204 548973

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