

Chandigarh

“Cutting edge, legendary, postmodern architecture may define Chandigarh but it's the city's matchless style that will captivate you. Known worldwide for its elaborate buildings and arterial roadways, this calm, quiet city on the foothills of Shivalik boasts of a plethora of incredibly landscaped gardens and parks. Of particular interest is Rock Garden, a fantasyland created out of industrial waste and rocks. Gateway to Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh is known for its



Famous For : City

Deriving its name from Goddess Chandi, with a temple in her dedication, the city is recognised for its progressive architecture, designed by the French architect Le Corbusier and his team. Unlike other major Indian cities, Chandigarh's legacy is not defined by the eras that have passed by it, but by its domestic architecture. This green glazed beauty while being a paragon of order doesn't follow any rules. Soak in the sheer amount of culture, urban design, space, restaurants, shopping and, best of all, the spirit of its inhabitants and in no time you will be punch drunk on their unmistakable, infectious zest for life. Natural beauty coupled with pleasant weather, picturesque skylines and incredible sunsets Chandigarh is the perfect place for outdoor fun filled activities. Some of the things you could engage yourself in Chandigarh include Boating, Theme Parks and Golfing. Also, the city is a shopper's paradise with loads of options to choose from. Chandigarh offers unique shopping spots filled with quality

women's clothing and custom designed fashion. Venture into the shopping markets of Sector 22 and Sector 9 and you will find them lined with wall to wall clothing shops of North Indian ethnic wear, particularly Punjabi, with designs that are simple and elegant as well as heavily embroidered and bedazzling party wear. In addition to these, the other popular shopping destination is the upscale Sector 17 market. Higher-end stores mixed with local boutiques, and some of the city's coolest hotels and trendiest restaurants crowd Sector 17, city's well heeled neighborhood. A stroll through the outer reaches of the streets will reveal many additional shops and designer showrooms.

When To VISIT

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| Jan | | |
| Very cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen. | | |
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| Feb | | |
| Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen. | | |
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| Mar | | |
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| Apr | | |
| Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen. | | |
| Max: 26.70000076 2939453°C | Min: 18.299999923 7060547°C | Rain: 8.5mm |
| May | | |
| Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen. | | |
| Max: 30.70000076 2939453°C | Min: 23.60000038 1469727°C | Rain: 28.39999996185302 73mm |
| Jun | | |
| Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella. | | |
| Max: 32.0°C | Min: 26.0°C | Rain: 145.1999996948242 2mm |
| Jul | | |
| Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella. | | |
| Max: 29.0°C | Min: 26.70000076 2939453°C | Rain: 280.399993896484 4mm |
| Aug | | |
| Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella. | | |
| Max: 28.0°C | Min: 25.799999923 7060547°C | Rain: 307.5mm |
| Sep | | |
| Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella. | | |
| Max: 27.5°C | Min: 23.5°C | Rain: 133.0mm |
| Oct | | |
| Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen. | | |
| Max: 24.399999961 8530273°C | Min: 17.20000076 2939453°C | Rain: 21.89999996185302 73mm |
| Nov | | |



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What To SEE



5 Sights

<http://www.ixigo.com/places-to-visit-see-in-chandigarh-lp-1138125>

1 Sukhna Lake



Sector 1, Chandigarh 160001, India

Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh is man-made, created by damming the seasonal stream that comes down from the Shivalik Hills, Sukhna Choe. Le Corbusier's greatest creation, his vision for Sukhna lake still lives on. Carrying on his legacy, till date no motor boats are allowed in the lake and

neither are any motor vehicles on the promenade. Le Corbusier had predicted that people would be drawn to Sukhna Lake for the care of their body and spirit. True to his words, even before the sun dawns over the lake and well after it sets, people of all ages can be seen walking, jogging, sprinting on the promenade, outlining the lake's perimeter. Distances of 500 meter, 1 km and so on are marked on the promenade, so you can easily map the distance covered by you. While the lake has fish, but fishing out here is restricted. With migratory birds like Crane, Stork and Siberian Duck having discovered the delights of Sukhna Lake, it has been declared a protected national wetland.

2 Rock Garden



Uttar Marg, Sector 1, Chandigarh 160010, India

A fantasyland created out of industrial waste, rocks and concrete, Rock Garden in Chandigarh is an artistic splendour. A living monument to Picasso's adage "Everything you can imagine is real",

the breathtaking garden is a place of superlatives. Designed and established on a conserved land, it was the creator and artist Nek Chand's own secret garden that he worked on in his spare time. The thousands of sculptures that stand today in the shape of human beings, birds, monkeys, soldiers, are entirely made of waste material that Nek Chand collected over the years.

As you enter Rock Garden, the path will lead you through a series of maze-like arches, tunnels and bridges, with passages leading into open-air galleries full of sculptures made out of broken glass bangles, ceramic pottery, wires, etc; each even more striking than the one before. At some point, midway through the place, the walls close in and then open out to a stretch of waterfall, with the stream of water leading from it occasionally filled with quacking ducks. Be sure to peer closely at the walls you pass; you will find them to be made of broken plates, sockets, gunny bags, glass bangles- all bound together with cement.

3 Cactus Garden



Panchkula Urban Estate, Sector 5, Budanpur, Panchkula, Haryana 134108, India

An ecosystem of cacti and succulents, Cactus Garden is a sprawling landscape that has been lovingly created and planted into existence, cactus by cactus. Spread over 7 acres, the vision leading it was to develop a space for the preservation and conservation of endangered species of cacti and succulents. The garden has different varieties of cacti, some flowering in delightful colours.

You will come across a dazzling collection of over 2,500 species of cactus, landscaped by Dr. J.S. Sarkaria. A visit to this garden is really more of a revelation, and you come to see and appreciate cactus in a new way. You will find cacti small enough to fit your palm and some towering at 11-15 ft.

4 Zakir Hussain Rose Garden



Sector 16, Chandigarh 160015, India

For those hailing from concrete jungles, Zakir Hussain Rose Garden is the perfect place to head to. Replete with some 1,600 different varieties of roses, the garden is a sight to behold in spring and winter when it's taken over by blossoming flowers and busily buzzing bees and birds. Named after the 3rd President of India, Dr. Zakir Hussain, a pioneering educationist and statesman, the garden was established in 1967.

While roses are the stars here, the garden is replete with other flowers and medicinal plants as well, a figure totalling around 17,000+ plants. Take a walk through its sculpted landscape and here and there you can spot Bel/Bael trees, Yellow Gulmohar, Camphor, Bahera and Harar/Harad, all medicinal plants of immense significance.

Zakir Hussain Rose Garden is one of Asia's largest rose gardens. Typically, the garden is serene and tranquil where birds belt out melodious songs, but come February, it buzzes with excitement and activity in preparation for the Rose Festival and Annual Festival of Gardens held in March, a major cultural event of Chandigarh.

5 National Gallery of Portraits



Sector 17-B, Chandigarh 160017, India

The National Gallery of Portraits in Chandigarh is a portrait of India's relentless struggle for independence that spanned over two centuries. Here you will come across photographs of not only people who led the freedom struggle, but also various historic events and incidents. There are duplicates of original writings and documents of the freedom fighters and an incredible collection of books on the freedom movement in its library.

You can also listen to the recorded voices of some of these great leaders, including Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawarhar Lal Nehru. As you listen to the speeches, you can feel the energy of the movement pulsate and run through you across the speakers, warming your heart. Also housed at the gallery are rare documents, photographs, books, ceramic murals and sculptures dating from that time. Every Sunday at 2 PM the gallery features a film on the freedom movement of India.

Where To Eat



5 Places

<http://www.ixigo.com/foods-in-of-chandigarh-lp-1138125>

1 Virgin Courtyard



SCO-1A (Backside), Sector 7C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh 160007, India



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Arguably the best restaurant in Chandigarh, Virgin Courtyard is THE place for all those who love Italian cuisine and sparkling wines along with an excellent hospitality. Done in a Spanish setting with elegant decor with a sun-washed courtyard, it is one of those restaurants here that promise the ultimate dining experience for its guests. The exclusive menu of Virgin offers some of the best Italian dishes, which are prepared with the finest ingredients to add zing to the flavours. It also has a well-stocked collection of best wines from Italy and you will surely enjoy your drink over good food and nice music.

2 Dera Restaurant at Hotel Taj



Taj Chandigarh, Block No. 9, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh 160017, India



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Upscale and elegant, Dera Restaurant at Hotel Taj is just the place for an evening of fine dining, indulging in truly North Indian fare. Not just traditional Punjabi cuisine but also dishes from Lahore and Peshawar make their way through the kitchens of Dera restaurant where chefs simply create culinary magic.

Kebabs and Naan cooked to gustatory perfection over charcoal ovens, Tadka Dals, Tawa Paneer Khata Pyaz, Mushroom Banoo Kebab, Amchoori Bhindi are some of the offerings at Dera Restaurant. Their non-vegetarian platter, Ghost Khada Masala, Baluchi Rann and Murg Dum Biryani are some of the must try dishes out here.

3 Tao



SCO 43, Madhya Marg, Sector 26, Chandigarh 160019, India
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An archetypal example of modern unwinding avenue, thriving on the people's penchant for hardcore partying, Tao is a groovy lounge, an ideal haunt for nocturnals. If Watermelon Martini and Sex on the Beach ups the initial party tempo, extensive varieties of Champagnes and Wines are there to sustain the fun while making it a 'high' affair. Keeping in mind the tastes of people, Tao has created a VIP enclosure (on the mezzanine floor), besides an open dance enclosure and Buddha Lounge area (It has unique upholstery and a dedicated bar). While Uramaki and Californian Sushi add flavour to the party, besides Chicken Wings, Arabic mix Platter eventually turns it into a fiery affair.

Features:

- Buffet
- TV / Big Screen
- Fine Dining
- Air Conditioned
- Corporate
- Parking Available
- Online Booking
- Home Delivery
- Serves Alcohol
- Private Parties
- Non Vegetarian

Crowd:

- Couples
- Families
- Students
- Working Professionals
- Young Professionals

4 Cafeamor



HUDA Restaurant Complex, Ground Floor, Sector 5, Opposite City Fountain, Panchkula
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A cheerful space with splashes of bright colour, a pleasant view of the gardens outside and a highly sought after 'lovers' nook - a semi-secret alcove within the cafe, for those who value their privacy. The menu is quintessentially

cafe, with offerings from all over the western world - burgers, pastas and pizzas. They also have Indian snacks: the Mutton Shami Kebabs are small and dainty, and make a good tea-time treat. This entire restaurant complex is extremely popular, so be prepared for a longish wait on weekends and holidays.

Features:

- Business Lunch
- Group Friendly
- Fine Dining
- Reservations Must
- Air Conditioned
- Corporate
- Wifi
- Parking Available
- Online Booking
- Serves Alcohol
- Private Parties
- Non Vegetarian

Crowd:

- Families
- Mature
- Working Professionals

5 Lava Bar



Taj Chandigarh, Block No. 9, Sector 17, Chandigarh 160017, India
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Lava Bar is a multi-level bar and lounge at Taj Hotel in Chandigarh's famous Sector 17. The decor is tasteful and done up in a retro style. Lava lights and chic furnishings lend an old world charm to the place. The well stocked bar serves delicious cocktails, wines and other spirits, accompanied by lip smacking Asian snacks.

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See

- A: Sukhna Lake
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- C: Cactus Garden
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- E: National Gallery of Portraits



Accommodation

- F: OYO 3004 Hotel Royal Orbit
- G: Fabhotel Prime Royal Plaza Zirakpur
- H: Hotel Mourya
- I: OYO 3004 Hotel Royal Orbit
- J: Fabhotel Prime Royal Plaza Zirakpur
- K: Hotel Mourya
- L: OYO 3004 Hotel Royal Orbit
- M: Fabhotel Prime Royal Plaza Zirakpur
- N: Hotel Mourya



Food

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- R: Cafeamor
- S: Lava Bar

