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# NewsLetter

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## Chandigarh State of Environment

### Tourism in Chandigarh



#### EDITORIAL

The town once known as sleepy town of retirees has changed to 'The City Beautiful'. The picture of tourism is changed with 9 lakh plus national and thousands of international tourists visiting Chandigarh annually. Chandigarh Administration has taken numerous initiatives to promote the tourism further in Chandigarh.

Though Chandigarh is one of the most planned cities of India yet the facilities need maintenance and time to time enhancement to provide the contemporary facilities. Chandigarh Administration in this regards has been proactive and maintaining huge green belts and other places of interest of tourists and residents including Le Corbusier Centre located in Sector 19.



The tourism department has come up with formation of a dedicated society and projects like Bollywood Facilitation Centre in order to facilitate the tourism. Initiatives like model solar city are etc. further expected to contribute in tourism value of Chandigarh. Present issues looks at the facts and figures related to tourism in Chandigarh. I wish readers and researchers would find it alike useful.

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## Chandigarh Tourism

Located in the foothills of Shivalik, Chandigarh enjoys the pleasant feel of hills and ease of plans. It is on the way to hill areas of Himachal and J&K from Delhi. The tourists like to stop before proceeding to upper hilly areas. Number of national and international tourists visiting Chandigarh has been on increase.

Tourism of Chandigarh has got the boost from the numerous initiatives taken by Chandigarh:

- The airport of Chandigarh is upgraded
- Opening of five start hotel in Chandigarh
- Development and maintenance of various parks and valley
- Tourist Information Centres
- Various cultural and special celebration of days like rose festival etc
- Transport system for tourists
- Hop on Hop off Tourist Coach
- Set up of STEPS

## STEPS

STEPS has been set up to promote Tourism and Entertainment in the Union Territory of Chandigarh in accordance with the policies and action plans of the Chandigarh Administration, as laid down from time to time. The endeavor is to enable Chandigarh to be known both nationally and internationally in these fields. The Society also aims to promote Medical Tourism, Heritage Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Sports Tourism, Cinematic Tourism and all other forms of Tourism in Chandigarh, UT and the region.



## Tourism in Chandigarh



Chandigarh is known for its planning, architecture, and landscaping. Tourists from all over the world come to see the marvels of nature like forest area and manmade traits like Sukhna and Rock Garden. Over 9 lakh national and thousands of international tourism visit Chandigarh annually.

Chandigarh is known for the wider and efficient roads' network and its cleanliness. The environment of Chandigarh is relatively pollution free and appealing. Though increasingly it is getting difficult to maintain the same as the city was designed only to host half a million people and already over a million are residing here yet Administration has done a remarkable efforts to preserve the present status of City while looking forward to get the status of Heritage City.

Fields	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No of Domestic Tourists ( 000 No.)	606333	614176	704531	928159	908569	914742	905450	909904	924589
No of International Tourists ( 000 No.)	17043	23284	25217	26567	34762	37967	39333	37181	34130
No of Hotels	34	35	36	36	41	41	43	39	43
Occupancy Rate (%)	55%	85%	85%	85%	80 to 90 %		-	-	-
No of Tourist Resorts	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Historical Sites	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Religious Centres	10	10	10	10	15	15	15	15	102
Places of Tourist Interest	20	20	21	21	25	30	30	30	30
Archaeological Monuments/ Sites	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil	-
Scenic Areas	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Health Resorts	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tourist Beaches	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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## Places of Attraction for Tourists

Tourist Spots	Location
Rock Garden	Sector-1
Ghandi Bhavan	Panjab University, Sector-14
Capitol Complex	Sector-1
Consisting Secretariat	Sector-1
Assembly Hall	Sector-1
High Court	Sector-1
Open Hand Monument	Sector-1
Geometric Hill	Sector-1
Tower of Shadow	Sector-1
Sukhna Lake	Sector-1
	Sukhna Wildlife Centuries Adjoining Sukhna
Kansal & Nepli Forests Reserve	Lake
Rajiv Gandhi Technology Park	Chandigarh-Manimajra Road
	Near the famous Mata Jainti Devi Temple in
The Hidden Valley	Village Jainti Majri, Punjab
Le Corbusier Centre	Sector 19

Chandigarh hosts numerous tourist spots. All the spots have their own identity and uniqueness e.g. Rock Garden is famous at international level for its concept of 'Waste to Wealth' etc. Chandigarh has several museums of various themes including international dolls museum etc. Most of the places are free to visit; a few spots like Rock Garden can be visited on nominal charges.

## Museum

Name	Location
Government Museum and Art Gallery	Sector-10
Chandigarh Architecture Museum	Sector-10
Natural History Museum	Sector-10
National Gallery of Portraits	T.S. Central State Library, Sector-17
International Dolls Museum	Bal Bhavan, Sector-23
Museum of Fine Arts	Panjab University, Sector-14
Punjab & Haryana High Court Museum	High Court Complex, Sector-1



✦ Main Gardens of Chandigarh

Garden/Valley	Description
Leisure Valley	The valley of a seasonal rivulet was retained by Le Corbusier and sculptured it into a Linear park now over 8 km long .It starts from Sector 1 in the north and leaves Chandigarh at its southern most edge in sector 53.
Rajendra Park, Sector 1	The Leisure Valley starts from the Rajendra Park. The park is spreading over a vast stretch of land of about 400 acres. It was started in 1954.
Bougainvillea Garden, Sector-3	It spreads over an area of 20 acres. The natural choe running through the valley starts from here. The garden is devoted to hundreds of varieties of bougainvillea. It was opened in 1976.
Rose Garden, Sector 16	Named after India's former President Dr. Zakir Hussain, the garden was established in 1967 under the guidance of Chandigarh's first Chief Commissioner, Late Dr. M.S. Randhawa The largest Rose Garden in Asia is spreading over an area of 27 acres and has more than 17000 plants representing some 1600 varieties of roses.
Shanti Kunj, Sector16	Shanti Kunj is situated between Rose Garden and Cricket Stadium in Sector 16. This is a completely noise-free area with natural undulations.
Children Traffic Park, Sector 23	The area of Leisure Valley in Sector 23 has been developed into a Children's Traffic Park. The roads have been constructed and traffic lights have been installed in miniature form. This park is meant for children who are learning to cycle and designed to teach them the rules of road safety.
Hibiscus Garden, Sector 36	It covers an area of 8 acres and about 40 different varieties of Hibiscus shrubs have been planted to provide colour throughout the year.
Garden of Fragrance, Sector 36	Situated to the south of the Hibiscus Garden, it is very popular for different varieties of aromatic and fragrant plants.



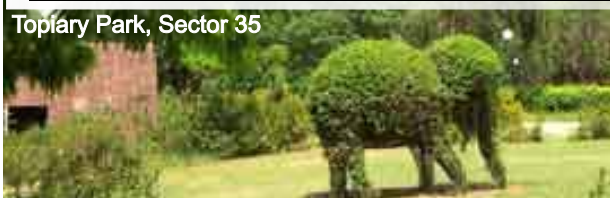
Roundabout in Chandigarh

<http://chandigarhtourism.gov.in/>

## Main Gardens of Chandigarh

Garden/Valley	Description
Smriti Upavan Sector 1	This space has been set aside to allow people to plant trees in the memory of the departed. This is a garden where every tree commemorates someone who is no more. It was formally inaugurated on 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 1998 by planting a banyan tree in the memory of the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. It is situated between Rock Garden and Sukhna Lake. People can plant trees in the memory of their near and dear ones.
Fitness Trails Sector 10	It is an ideal place for long walks and physical workouts.
Botanical Gardens	There are two Botanical Gardens in the city – one is established by Chandigarh Administration near village Sarangpur. This garden spreads over 176 acres of land and the other is located in Panjab University.
Terraced Garden Sector 33	A small valley running through the length of the sector has been developed into a Terraced Garden. Its main attraction is an illuminated musical fountain. The garden is the venue for the annual Chrysanthemum Show. It is spread over 10 acres and was opened in 1979.
Topiary Park Sector 35	It was opened to the public in 1987. Many animal shapes created out of creepers and bushes attract children to this park. A large variety of ornamental plants add to the park's charm.
Forest	There are two reserve forests in Chandigarh – Kansal and Nepli. Permit from the Forest Department, Chandigarh Administration is required for entry to these places. A walk in these areas can be very rewarding as one may come across a large variety of wild animals such as antelopes, neelgais, hyena, jackals, hares and even leopards. The forest also offers excellent facilities for trekking in the hills. In order to promote Eco-tourism, CITCO arranges treks and excursions in these forest areas to create awareness about the flora and fauna of the region.

Topiary Park, Sector 35



Shivalik Garden in Manimajra





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Your views on scope of improvement :

- Interest Area \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to have information on following :



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#### Tourist Arrival Statics in Chandigarh from Apr, 2013 to June 2013

Month	Domestic	Foreign
April	80,460	4,284
May	72534	3689
June	82,718	2466

During the period of Apr – Jun 2013 more than 2 Lakh domestic and 10 thousand foreign tourists have visited the Chandigarh.

#### Traffic Police Information

Information Centre	Location
Tour and Travel Wing CITCO	Inter State Bus Terminus, Sector 17, Chandigarh
Tourist Information Centre	Sukhna Lake , Chandigarh
Tourist Information Centre	Plaza, Sector 17, Chandigarh
Directorate of Tourism, Chandigarh	Additional Deluxe Building, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh
Tourist Information Centre, Haryana	Sector 17, Chandigarh
Tourist Information Centre, Himachal	Inter State Bus Terminus, Sector 17, Chandigarh
Tourist Information Centre, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh	Inter State Bus Terminus, Sector 17, Chandigarh

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