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" Punjab "

the only state in India with a majority Sikh population.



Punjab is a state in the northwest of the Republic of India, forming part of the larger Punjab region. The state is bordered by the Indian states of Himachal Pradesh to the east, Haryana to the south and southeast and Rajasthan to the southwest as well as the Pakistani province of Punjab to the west. It is also bounded to the north by Jammu and Kashmir. The state capital is located in Chandigarh, which is a Union Territory and also the capital of the neighbouring state of Haryana. Major cities of



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Punjab include Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Tarn Taran Sahib, Nawanshahr, Firozpur, Bathinda and Mohali. After the partition of India in 1947, the Punjab province of British India was divided between India and Pakistan. The Indian Punjab was

divided in 1966 with the formation of the new states of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, as well as the current state of Punjab. Punjab is

What To SEE



5 Sights

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1 Jalandhar



Jalandhar is one of the oldest cities of the state of Punjab and has been ruled by many dynasties. The city is inhabited by people from diverse religious beliefs and flaunts of age old spiritual places like Devi Talab Mandir, St Mary's Cathedral and Gurdwara Chevin Padshahi. It is an important trade centre of the state and is also a major tourist destination. Situated between the irrigated plains of Beas and Sutlej rivers, the city boasts vast fields of lush vegetation. This city served as the capital of the state of Punjab till Chandigarh was built in the year 1953. It is situated on the Grand Trunk Road and Sikhism is the main religion followed

here. This city witnesses a humid subtropical climate with hot summers and cool winters. Summer season is from April to June and winters extends from November to February. There are a plethora of attractions in this city, which are worth a visit. From beautiful white gurudwaras to serene parks, this city has it all. Among the most prominent attractions of this city is counted the Gurudwara Sri Charan Kamal Sahib, Jalandhar. Situated in the Basti Sheikh area of Jalandhar City, it is a place of high religious importance for sikhs. It is believed that the sixth sikh guru, Shri Guru Hargobind sahib ji, paid a visit to this place when asked by a sufi saint named as Shaikh Darvesh. Another famous gurudwara of this region is the Gurudwara Sri Patshahi Chevin Sahib, Jalandhar. Other than gurudwaras, the city also houses a beautiful mosque named as Imam Nasir Masjid. This 800 year mausoleum is believed to be visited by Sufi Saint Baba Farid. To add to the religious feel, you can also plan a visit to the renowned Tulsi Mandir and Devi Talab Mandir. If visiting this city with kids, surprise them with a visit to Wonderland Theme Park.

2 Pathankot



Pathankot is a very important city in the state of Punjab. It serves as a junction of three major states of Northern India which includes Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. So, on your next trip to the hill stations of Jammu or Himachal, you can probably make a stop here and enjoy the natural beauty of Pathankot. The Ranjit Sagar Dam located near the city is one of the highest gravity dams in all of Asia. It is one of the major tourist spot in the city apart from the many important temples here.

3 Patiala



Popular for its Patiala Salwars, Phulkari stitch and Parandis, Patiala is a city packed with culture and history. Having been ruled by the Mughals, the Afghans and the Marathas, Patiala flourished in the hands of Maharaja Bhupinder Singh who gave it its place on the political map of India. The Moti Bagh Palace here is an important architectural landmark as it has a large number of frescos and its own museum has a large collection of international medals.

The Lakshman Jhoola over the lake facing this palace is also a crowd puller. Sheesh Mahal or 'Palace of Mirrors', a part of the old Moti Bagh Palace, is a complex full of frescoes, most of which were made under Maharaja Narinder Singh. Sheesh Mahal also has a museum inside it which has paintings and artifacts from Tibet, Kashmir and Punjab. The grand paintings of the Maharajas are also worth appreciation. There is also a myriad collection of some 3200 medals from different countries which is an interesting display. The Sheesh Mahal leaves you awestruck with its beauty in the evenings or at night when its well lit and all sparkling. A lake situated in front of the palace adds to the beauty and the charm of the place. Also, Laxman Jhula on the lake which is like a bridge that takes you inside the Moti Bagh Palace is another attraction among the tourists.

Another must see is the Quila Androon which is a magnificent amalgamation of Mughal and Rajasthani architecture. The food here is simply divine, and indulgence in Chaats and Chole Bhatoore is a must! A salute to the spirit of Punjab, Patiala is an example of Living Life King Size! The "Patiala Peg" also derives its name from this place.

4 Bathinda



Bhatinda (Bathinda), a popular city in Punjab, is famous for its rich culture, significant religious places and historical monuments. You can visit Quila Mubarak, which holds special place in religious monuments or Bahia fort (now a hotel) which has interesting stories attributed to it. Then there is Gurudwara in the middle of Lakhi jungle and the place attracts lots of devotees. Some of the other attractions include Zoological Garden, Peer Haji Rattan Mazaar and Chetak Park among others.

5 Golden Temple



Amritsar, Punjab 143001, India

Golden Temple is one of the most important and key religious places for Sikhs in Amritsar. The Gurudwara blessed with immense spiritual bliss and tranquillity really forms the centre and soul of Amritsar. It also holds the Granth Sahib which is a holy scripture for the Sikhs. The upper floors of the Gurudwara are completely covered with gold and hence the name.

It is a symbol of brotherhood and equality as it was built with the aim that people from all walks and religions of life would visit the place for religious blessings. Over a lakh people visit the Golden Temple for holy blessings. The beautiful Sarovar in the centre of the Gurudwara, where thousands of people take a holy bath is literally the soul of this holy place. Every holy event is celebrated with great enthusiasm here. The soulful Gurbani adds to the charm while inculcating good moral and human values in the worshippers.

Bathing in the Amrit Sarovar is of course an ancient tradition. The water is believed to have healing powers, and so draws the sick and ailing from all faiths. Bring a towel along if you want to go in for a dip. There is a walled-off portion where women may bathe; the men, in the mandatory boxer shorts, have the rest of the pool to themselves. On the eastern side of the tank is the Dukh Bhanjani Beri, which is where the original natural pool was located.

Where To
Eat
5 Places
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1 Haveli



📍 Grand Trunk Road, Khajurla, Jalandhar, Punjab 144001, India
☎ +91-182-4501011

Feel the true essence of Punjab in Haveli Restaurant in Jalandhar. Get a taste of the authentic Punjabi vegetarian fare served with the warm hospitality of this golden state. The scrumptious Punjabi food and the typical Punjabi environment makes this place a perfect stopover for all the food lovers. A must visit when going to Punjab.

2 Bhrawan Da Dhaba



📍 Town Hall, Amritsar, Punjab 143001, India
☎ +91-183-2532575|+91-99888-01912|+91-98141-01912

Located in close proximity to The Golden Temple, Bhrawan Da Dhaba is a must visit place to taste some of the most delicious delicacies of Amritsar. It is one of the most oldest restaurant of Amritsar and thus holds back its tradition of quality food. The place is little constrained, however that can be

disregarded once you have eaten from this place. Some of the famous delicacies are Da Makhni, Karahi Paneer, Kulchas and Amritsari Chole.

3 Kesar Da Dhaba



📍 Chowk Passian, Near Telephone Exchange, Amritsar Cantt., Punjab 143006, India
☎ +91-183-2552103 | +91-183-3195000 | +91-98155-76117

Providing you the real essence of Punjab's culture, Kesar Da Dhaba is one of the famous eateries in Amritsar. The dhaba has offers a seating capacity of upto 150 people and is home to two air-conditioned calls where you can savour the traditional flavour of Punjabi food. From plain parathas to dal tadka and 'forni', this dhaba serves a delicious menu on your table!

📍 Shop No. 177, Garah Road, Opposite Bus Stand, Mota Singh Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab 144001

Lucky Dhaba in Jalandhar on NH1 is one the oldest dhaba in Jalandhar. It offers finger licking Middle eastern and Punjabi cuisine with excellent service. Their speciality is breakfast- stuffed parathas with curd and assortment of pickles. You will find this place always flooding with tourists. With time the dhaba has upgraded its ambience and no longer looks like a traditional dhaba, but a modern restaurant. A good place to head to with your family and friends. You can stop over at this dhaba anytime and treat yourself to the sumptuous meal.

4 Lucky Dhaba



📍 Brothers Dhaba, Town Hall Chowk, Amritsar, Punjab, 143001, India
₹ Rs. 85
☎ +91-98141-01912|+91-183-2532575|+91-98884-11226

This famous award winning place has been serving traditional and authentic Punjabi food since 1921. The food is prepared in pure Desi Ghee without an overload of it, hence its light on the stomach as well as on the pocket. The place offers delicious and tempting dishes and is truly a delight for foodies. Try their specialities like Amritsari Naan, Cheese Tomato, Thali, Rajma Chawal and Kheer. The Dhaba has now become a multi cuisine restaurant but they still call it Dhaba to keep the charm intact. Gorge on rich breakfast, snacks and mouth-watering main course meals anytime from 8am to 11:30 pm on any day of the week.

5 Brother's Restaurant



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7DAY / 6NIGHT



Day 01: Arrive Amritsar.

Visit to [Golden Temple](#). Don't miss out on shopping for some good stuff from the local markets. Stay overnight at the hotel.

Day 02: Amritsar.

Visit to the [Durgiana temple](#), morning darshan of [Golden Temple](#) and [Jallianwala Bagh](#), [Wagah](#) -the Indo-Pak Border, to witness the famous march. Visit to auspicious [Taran Taran Sahib](#), a majestic gurdwara comprising of holy water known for its healing powers, visit to religious depot of [Goindwal Sahib](#), known for providing complete liberation on recitation of Jap Ji Sahib after each stair, comprising a total of 84 stairs in all. Return back to [Amritsar](#).

Day 03: Jalandhar.

Proceed for holy & popular [Baba Bakala Sahib](#). On the way pay visit to [Pushpa Gujral Science City](#). Stay at [Jalandhar](#), followed with evening visit to divine temple of [Devi Talab Mandir](#). Then enjoy some delectable food in dinner at Haveli restaurant located in the outskirts of the city.

Day 04: Ludhiana.

Sacred visit to holy spot of Gurdwara Nanakser. Then move on for the industrial hub of Punjab, [Ludhiana](#) city, visit to pious temples of Mata Rani and Gaushala Mandir.

Day 05: Patiala.

Proceed for a tour to royal [Old Moti Bagh](#) and beautiful [Sheesh Mahal](#). Follow it up with visit to lovely spot of [Quilla Mubarak Fort](#). On returning back, explore the local markets of [Patiala](#).

Day 06: Patiala-Chandigarh.

Proceed for visit to revered Gurdwara [Dukh Niwaran Sahib](#), known for its healing holy water and also for eradication of suffering. Follow it up with holy visit to [Kali Mata Mandir](#) in [Patiala](#). Then move on for visiting sacred Gurdwara of [Fatehgarh Sahib](#) and from there proceed for [Chandigarh](#). Stay in [Chandigarh](#).

Day 07: Depart Chandigarh Proceed for [Chandigarh](#) Airport/Railway Station to catch your flight/ train for your onward journey.

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