**Chandigarh**

**Chandigarh Airport (IXC)**

Chandigarh is the joint capital of the states of Haryana and Punjab. It is also one of the most preferred tourist destinations in Northern India. Chandigarh Airport is today largely a domestic terminal with connecting flights to major cities of India. The airport is located approximately 12 km east of Sec. 17 bus stand in Chandigarh. The international wing of the airport at Mohali, was completed in July 2015 and is awaiting inauguration. International flight operations are set to commence thereafter.

**Flight Information**

Different domestic flights ply between Chandigarh and metropolitan cities in the country. Domestic airlines that have operate flight services to and from Chandigarh airport include Jet Airways, JetLite, SpiceJet and GoAir. The most frequent flying destinations from Chandigarh are Mumbai and Bangalore with 43 and 28 weekly flights respectively.

**Terminals**

Chandigarh Airport, as of August 2015, has a fully functional domestic terminal. However, when the new international terminal at Jheourheri village, Mohali becomes operational it will take over domestic as well as international flights. This plan is proposed to become functional by end of August 2015. The new international terminal has not been named as yet with both Haryana and Punjab in a dispute over the proposed name for the airport. The new terminal is expected to cater to close range international destinations upon commencement. A runway upgrade to accommodate wide bodied aircraft to and from far-off destinations is likely to happen by January 2017.

**Traveling in and around**

Chandigarh Airport is located at an approximate distance of 19 km from the city's bus stand and is well connected by taxis and buses. Also, the city railway station is 13 km away from the airport and is also well connected by road. Several connectivity options are proposed between the city and the new terminal by means of road (National Highway), Airport Aerocity Road for access near the Railway Station and an underground tunnel across the runway between the two terminals (yet to be approved).

**Services and Facilities**

Chandigarh Airport provides baggage services for passengers at the airport, at no extra cost. There are efficient services offered to the elderly and the physically disabled to help make their journeys pleasant and hassle-free. The new international terminal, however, has an extensive range of facilities that includes 4 aerobridges, 48 check-in counters, escalators and lifts, parking bays, air-conditioned lounges, restaurants, Wi-Fi and automated parking spaces for over 500 vehicles.

**Things to Do**

Waiting at the airport for your flight may not always be a pleasant thing to do. Chandigarh Airport offers plenty of shopping and dining options. You can choose from a range of stationery, jewelry and magazines as well as indulge in some retail therapy at duty-free stores here. The eateries at the airport offer quick and delicious food at reasonable prices. The options are set to expand further when the international terminal commences operations.

**Hotels**

Chandigarh has many five-star as well as bed and breakfast options to suit every traveler's budget. JW Marriott, Lemon Tree Hotel and The Lalit are choices for those looking for five star accommodation. Chandigarh also has more pocket friendly stay options such as Hotel White Palace, Hotel City Plaza and Hotel Diamond Plaza.

**Helpful Tips**

Chandigarh occasionally experiences dense fog and severe climatic conditions due to which flights may be rescheduled or cancelled. Hence, it is necessary to check for flight schedules or plan your travel as per the weather conditions.

**Nearby Attractions**

There are many places to visit and things to do in Chandigarh. The top attractions in the city and places of must-visit are the Rock Gardens, Sukhna Lake, Timber Trail and the Chandigarh Rose Garden.