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INTRODUCTION

If Kerala is 'God's own Country', then Chandigarh is a city of 'People's own Paradise'. A city that restores its traditional essence, despite of its variegated modern facades. Built in the tradition of historic "new towns" of India like Mandu, Fatehpur Sikri and Jaipur, Chandigarh too is an act of the faith and daring.

As the capital of the states of Punjab, Haryana, the Union Territory of Chandigarh is a prestigious city. The face of modern India, Chandigarh, is the manifestation of a dream that Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru envisaged and Le Corbusier executed.

Greenery, serenity and cleanliness of a city are three major aspects that makes this city as the 'City Beautiful'. Chandigarh is a rare epitome of modernization co-existing with nature's preservation. It is here that the trees and plants are as much a part of the construction plans as the buildings and the roads.

TOURISM: CHANDIGARH (UT)



World Tourism Day



The UNWTO – United Nations World Tour Organization has been celebrating World Tourism Day since 1980. The day was chosen because on this day, the UNWTO Statues were adopted.

India has been chosen as the host country to celebrate World Tourism Day 2019 on the theme '**Tourism and Jobs: A better future for all**'. Celebrated every September 27 around the world, the purpose of World Tourism Day is to foster awareness among the international community on the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value.

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The event seeks to address global challenges outlined in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and highlight the contribution the tourism sector can make in reaching these goals.

The focus of UNWTO in 2019 is on education, skills and jobs. According to UNWTO, Tourism generates 10% of world jobs. Creating equitable employment is important to achieve social inclusion, peace and security.



Famous Tourist Spots in Chandigarh

Famous Tourist Spots in Chandigarh	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
Kansal & Nepli Forests Reserve	Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary Adjoining Sukhna Lake
Rajiv Gandhi Chandigarh Technology Park	Chandigarh-Manimajra Road
Le Corbusier Centre	Sector-19
Nagar Van (City Forest)	Sector-1
Butterfly Park	Sector-26



Tourist Museums in Chandigarh

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



Eco-Initiatives taken by Chandigarh Administration

Nature & Wildlife Awareness Trek

Nature Treks are organized every month by Forest Department at Nepli Forest in which upto 500 number of citizens participate. During the trek, the visitors are educated regarding the importance of nature and nature conservation. All logistics arrangement is done by the department for smooth conduct of trekking. The happy trail is regulated without any cost to the active enthusiasts.



Nature Bird Walk

Nature Bird Walk is conducted on a monthly basis, initiated from the month of August, 2018. Nature Bird Walk is conducted every month on either Saturday/Sunday, except in the month of July and August due to Rainy Season. This is in association with Chandigarh Bird Club as per Calendar on website in Nagar Van (City Forests) behind Sukhna Lake, to create awareness about the different species of birds amongst the general public.



Management of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary and Sukhna Catchment

Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary and Sukhna catchment is managed by taking up soil and moisture conservation activities to check siltation of Sukhna lake. Plantation has been done in the catchment to arrest soil erosion and eventually checking siltation of Sukhna lake. The whole area of 26 km2 of Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary has been developed well for wildlife conservation.



Vanmahotsava

Vanmahotsava is celebrated every year during 1st week of July to create awareness among the local people, students, officers and employees of Chandigarh Administration about the importance of tree plantation. The Department of Forest & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh has started the initiative- 'Forest Department at your Door Steps' on the occasion of 'Van Mahotsav-2019'. This scheme of free distribution of plants/saplings to general public without any formal application, thereby easing the governance in forest. A Vehicle was designed for free distribution of these saplings. One can receive up to 05 plants from the department without any charges through this moving vehicle.



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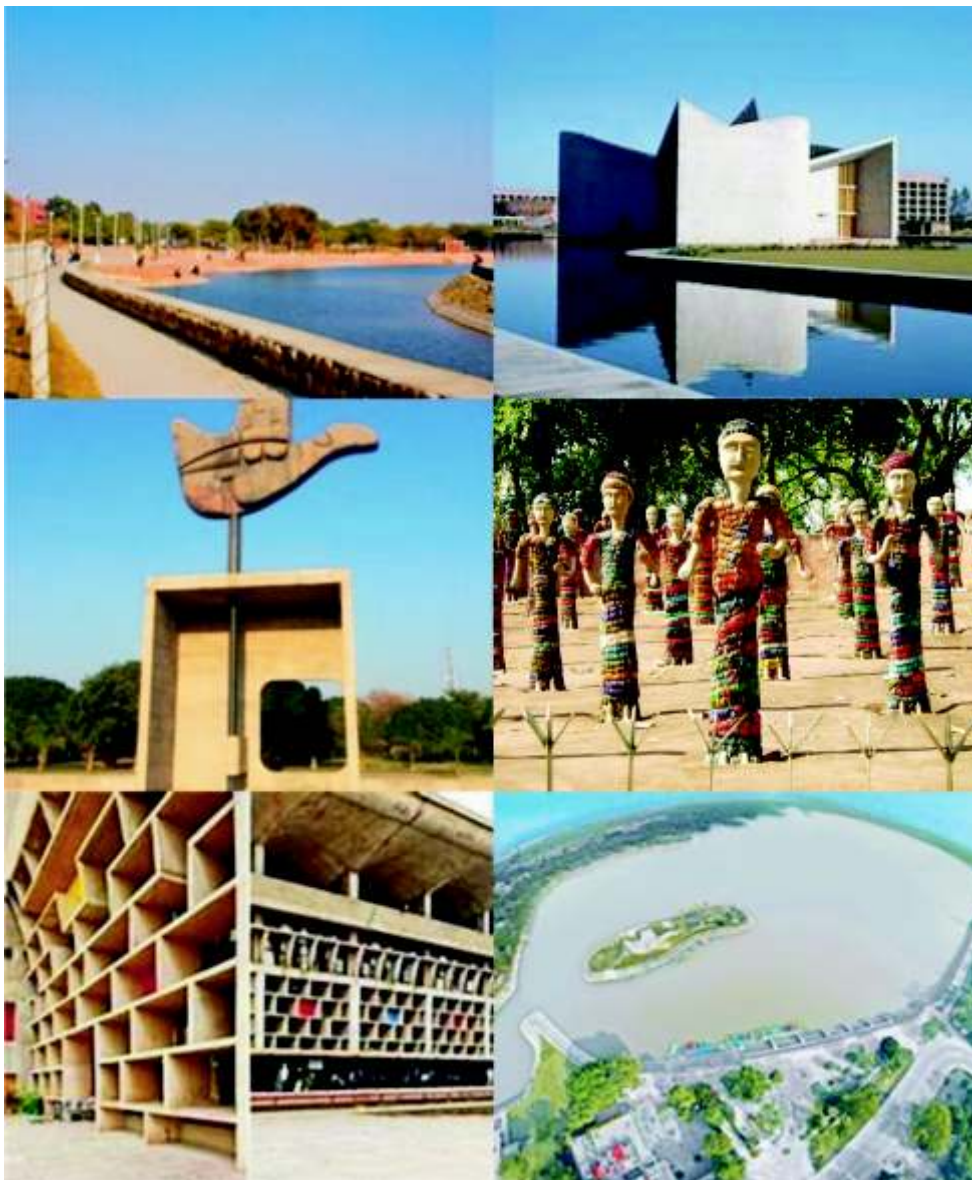
Tourist Inflow in Chandigarh

Year	No. of Domestic Tourists	No. of International Tourists
2014	1061419	28365
2015	1073842	29538
2016	1182504	31549
2017	1425781	32762
2018	1538796	39681

Source: Tourist Officer, Tourism Deptt. Chandigarh Administration.



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As Chandigarh is more of a transit destination for tourists worldwide going to the hill stations like Kasauli, Dagshai, Rajgarh etc. The number of national and international tourists have increased over the past few years. Owing to its rich architectural touch, cleanliness and historical background, Chandigarh is a perfect city to spend time with friends and family, away from the daily hustle bustle of life.



Sustainable Tourism in Chandigarh

Sustainable tourism is a derivative concept of sustainable development which attempts to make a low impact on the environment and local culture, while helping to generate income, employment and conservation of local ecosystems. It means to inculcate the balancing of social, economic and environmental goals.

It covers the issue of increasing public awareness on tourism with a special focus on sustainable tourism development, cleanliness of sites and cordial behavior by the local population towards the tourists.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

BUY LOCAL

RESPECT LOCAL CULTURE

SAVE ENERGY

PROTECT HERITAGE





Protect Heritage

Heritage Buildings in Chandigarh



Chandigarh Capitol Complex located in sector 1 of Chandigarh city is a government compound designed by the architect Le Corbusier. It is considered as one of the UNESCO world heritage site. In addition to it, 'The Old Architects' Office, Capitol Complex Sector 1, Government Museum & Art Gallery Campus Sector 10, Administrative Complex Panjab University, Gandhi Bhawan Panjab University, Government College of Architecture Sector -12, Government Model Senior Secondary School Sector-10 are of the many World Heritage buildings of Chandigarh.

Heritage Trees in Chandigarh

A heritage tree is typically a large, individual tree with unique value, which is considered irreplaceable. The major criteria for heritage tree designation are age, rarity, and size, as well as aesthetic, botanical, ecological, and historical value.

In Chandigarh, there are total of 31 heritage trees at different locations. The department of Tourism, UT Chandigarh has organized a Heritage walk along trees in order to educate and sensitize people towards Heritage Trees of the city. It has also been stated that the departments on whose premises these Heritage trees are standing shall be responsible for its protection, preservation and conservation in coordination with Department of Forest & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh.





Save Energy

The Public Bike Sharing System is being implemented by the Chandigarh Smart City Ltd. which shall promote cycling in Chandigarh as means of transport. Besides, Engineering Department has set up target to complete 180 Km of cycle track by the end of 2019.

CTU buses are checked for Air Pollution at regular interval of time and Pollution Under Control Certificate got issued from authorized Pollution Checking Centres (by STA/UT) for all buses.



Respect Culture

It is crucial to respect the local culture to promote sustainable tourism. By doing so only, a mutual exchange of knowledge that is detrimental to improve the overall environment can occur successfully. A healthy environment is based on exchange of ideas amongst people across the world with mutual understanding and respect for traditional knowledge.

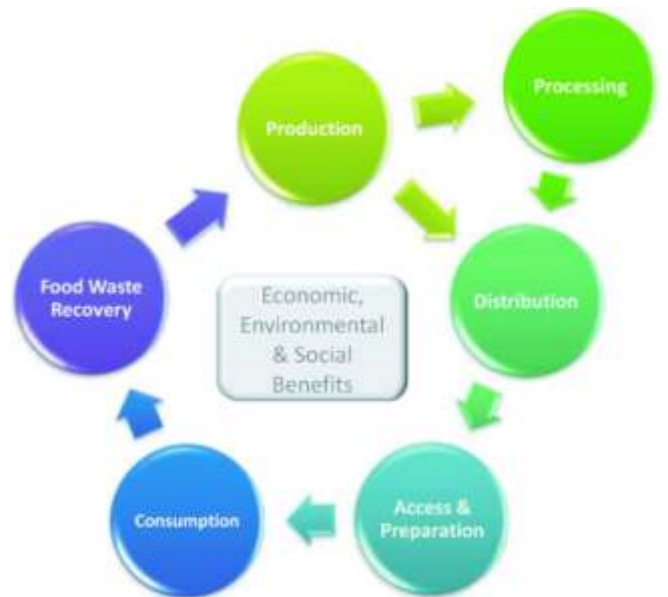


Buy Local

Buying local is a sustainable approach. Buying from an independent, locally owned business, rather than a nationally owned business, a significantly greater portion of your money is then used to make purchases from other local businesses, service providers, and farms — further strengthening the economic base of our whole community.



Locally owned business makes more local purchases requiring less transportation and set up in town or city centres which generally means less sprawl, congestion, habitat loss and pollution. For instance, buying fruits and vegetables from Apni Mandis should be encouraged to promote the ideals of sustainable tourism.



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Promotion of Tourism & Entertainment

✍ To promote tourist/visitor arrivals in Chandigarh UT, in accordance with the national level plans for promotion of tourism and Chandigarh Administration's policies

✍ To organize, support, manage, promote and publicize all such events and activities that entertain the general public through both modern and traditional activities/events in a manner that is sustainable and reflective of Indian and foreign culture

✍ To organize, promote and support such events and activities which provide to the people of Chandigarh and of the region, exposure to cross-cultural entertainment international individuals or groups.

**Eco-Tourism- Adopt Today**

The three common concepts within eco-tourism are natural-based, educational, and sustainable (which includes economic and social criteria). Compared to conventional tourism, eco-tourism requires less tourism infrastructure facilities and services as eco tourists demand less accommodation and material comforts

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