

# Chandigarh

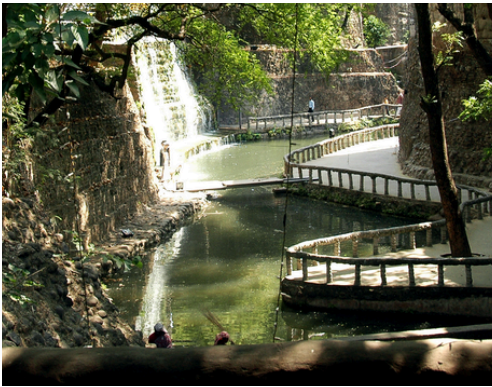
## EXPERIENCE THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

### EXPERIENCE OF THE MONTH

#### THE ROCK GARDEN OF CHANDIGARH

The Rock Garden of Chandigarh, also known as Nek Chand's Rock Garden, is a unique sculpture garden in Chandigarh, India. Founded by Nek Chand, a government official, who began secretly creating the garden in 1957, it now spans approximately 40 acres (161,874.25 m<sup>2</sup>). This eco-friendly marvel is constructed entirely from industrial and home waste, as well as discarded items. The garden is celebrated for its intricate sculptures made from recycled ceramics and other materials like bangles, ceramic pots, tiles, bottles, and electrical waste. It skillfully blends landscape, architecture, sculpture, and mythology, resembling a fantasy lost kingdom with 14 distinct chambers, including a forecourt.

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### Major Attractions:

- **Phase 1:** Features sculptures of humans and animals created from toilet fixtures, broken glass pieces, and broken tiles.
- **Phase 2:** Depicts a small traditional Indian village with beautifully carved huts, temples, and pathways.
- **Phase 3:** Inspired by Roman architecture and includes swings for visitor enjoyment, a waterfall, aquariums with various fishes, and an open-air theatre with stair seating.
- **Additional Attractions:** Laughing mirror display, camel and train rides, a dolls museum, a souvenir shop, and a food court.

### Special Events:

The Rock Garden hosts the Teej festival, during which it takes on a festive atmosphere and becomes a special attraction for tourists.

### Visitor Tips:

- **Best Time to Visit:** Early morning or late afternoon to avoid the midday heat.
- **Facilities:** Restrooms, food court, and souvenir shop available on-site.
- **Accessibility:** Suitable for visitors of all ages; however, some pathways may be uneven.

Experience the magic of recycled art and the vision of Nek Chand at this one-of-a-kind attraction in Chandigarh.

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Sector 1 | Visit Duration: 120 Mins | Open: All Days, From 09 am to 07 pm | Entry Fees: INR 30 (Adult) and INR 10 (Children upto 12 years)



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## WEEKEND TOURISM IN CHANDIGARH BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

These events were organized as part of weekend tourism in Chandigarh by the Department of Tourism, Chandigarh Administration, to promote Chandigarh as a tourist destination. The department organizes events, activities, dance performances, live band performances, etc., on the first four Saturdays or Sundays of each month to promote cultural tourism in the City Beautiful, Chandigarh. This provides a platform for various artists to showcase the different colors of India through their cultural performances.

The event featured captivating renditions by talented artists who honored the works of legendary poets, accompanied by live traditional music and male and female dancers. The Department of Tourism and our volunteers for making that evening of cultural immersion and musical enchantment a resounding success.

Tourists and visitors enjoyed the event along with their friends and family members. Consequently, local residents, students, and visitors spent their evening in Sector 17 Plaza.

For more updated information, you can visit Chandigarh's official website, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

Time : 7:00 PM to 9: 00 PM

Venue : Plaza, Sector 17





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## VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2024: CHANDIGARH'S DESTINATION

➤➤➤ **Start Date : 7th March, 2024,**  
**End Date : 15th October, 2024**

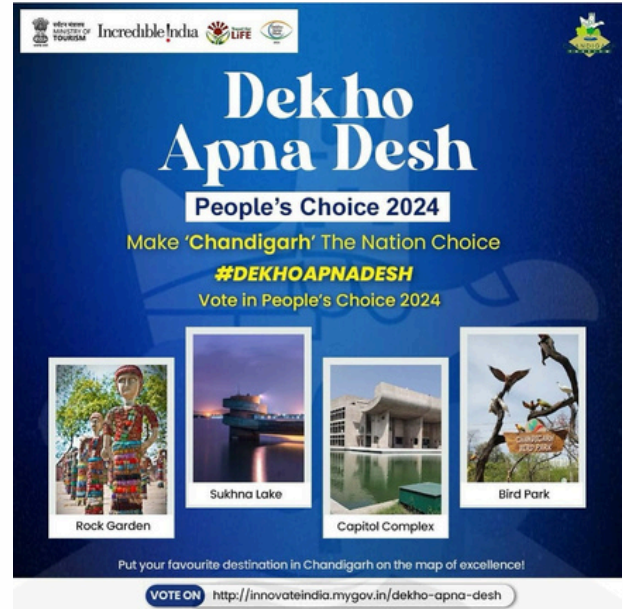
The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, invited participation in Dekho Apna Desh, People's Choice 2024. This initiative allowed people to vote for their favorite tourist attractions, helping the Ministry identify and develop destinations for Viksit Bharat@2047. Participants could choose from five categories: Spiritual, Cultural & Heritage, Nature & Wildlife, Adventure, and Other. Voting was open from 7th March 2024 to 15th October 2024.

To vote, participants had to register online using an OTP sent to their mobile number or email ID. They needed to select at least one attraction they had visited and one they wished to visit in the future. Votes were submitted through an online form where participants could choose up to three attractions in each category.

Upon submission, participants received a certificate of participation, shareable on social media. The attractions with the highest votes were to be developed further by the Ministry, with the final decision resting with the Ministry. No appeals were entertained.

A potential lucky draw could have rewarded participants with a trip to an incredible site in India. Winners had to comply with the rules and provide necessary documents. The Ministry's decisions on the lucky draw and winners were final.

Eligibility criteria included residency in India or abroad, with Indian participants needing a mobile number and international participants needing an email ID. Each participant could vote only once. Participants had to provide accurate information and follow the terms and conditions. The Ministry reserved the right to disqualify any participant violating the rules. Changes to terms and conditions could have occurred at the Ministry's discretion.





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## Chandigarh Carnival, 2024

»»» From 25th to 27th October 2024



The Chandigarh Carnival was a cultural festival celebrated in the city of Chandigarh, India. While it did not have a long-standing historical background compared to some traditional festivals, it became an important event in the city's cultural calendar. The festival was initiated to celebrate the spirit and vibrancy of Chandigarh, showcasing its diverse culture, arts, and traditions.

The event typically included a variety of activities such as music and dance performances, art exhibitions, food stalls, and various other entertainment options. It aimed to bring together people from different walks of life to celebrate the city's unique identity and cultural heritage. The Chandigarh Carnival was organized once a year by the Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with various cultural organizations. It served as a platform to promote local artists and performers while also attracting tourists to the city. The Chandigarh Carnival was known for its lively atmosphere and community participation, reflecting the cosmopolitan nature of Chandigarh.

This year, the vibrant city of Chandigarh came alive as the much-awaited Chandigarh Carnival 2024 unfolded its grandeur at Leisure Valley. Guests immersed themselves in the festive spirit, explored vibrant exhibition stalls, and interacted with artists from various cities.

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The evening of October 25th promised a scintillating live performance by a renowned singer, followed by a Punjabi performance on October 26, 2024. The Chandigarh Carnival was an annual cultural tourism event organized by the Chandigarh Administration. As part of the event, the department organized various fun and flora activities, including music and dance performances, art exhibition stalls, food stalls, funfair rides, and cultural day programs. It offered three days of unlimited fun, food, shopping, and music, with three Mega Musical Nights also organized during the celebrations. The Carnival attracted locals and tourists alike, offering a platform for artists and performers to display their talents.

**Day 1 (October 25):** The carnival kicked off with a magical Sufi night featuring the renowned singer Satinder Sartaaaj. Known for his soulful voice and heart-touching lyrics, Sartaaaj performed from 7 PM at the open ground opposite the Government Museum and Art Gallery. Attendees were enchanted by his soulful melodies under the stars.

**Day 2 (October 26):** The crowd grooved with the popular band Fero Fluid as they lit up the stage with their energetic performance. This local favorite brought a mix of genres to entertain the audience, starting at 7 PM at the same venue.

**Day 3 (October 27):** The final night was a musical treat with a performance by playback singer Mohammad Irfan. Known for his melodious Bollywood hits, Mohammad Irfan's live concert in Chandigarh left the audience mesmerized. His performance began at 7 PM at the open ground opposite the Government Museum and Art Gallery.

**Date:**  
25 Oct 2024 - 27 Oct 2024  
**Time:**  
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
**Ticket Information:**  
Free



# CHANDIGARH HIGHLIGHTS

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The Chandigarh Carnival was unique and enjoyable. The festival was lively, with traditional and modern performances. The organization and variety of activities impressed me. It was worth visiting.

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I attended the Chandigarh Carnival with my family, and we had a fantastic time. The kids enjoyed the carnival rides, while the adults appreciated the cultural performances and the wide variety of food. It was a family-friendly event with something for everyone."

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## CHANDIGARH DESTINATION SNAPSHOT



### How to reach:

**Airport:** It is well-connected to the rest of the country and has direct flights to Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Bengaluru, Srinagar and other cities. Air India and indigo offer two international flights to Dubai.



**Train:** The Chandigarh railway station has good connections to the metros. It is connected to Delhi and other major cities. Vande Bharat and Shatabdi run from Chandigarh to other destinations.



**Road:** The inter-state bus terminals (ISBT) in sector 17 and in sector 43 have daily buses to the different state.



**Where to stay:** Hotel Mount View, Hotel Shivalik View, Hotel Park View, and UT-Guest-2 House are government accommodations. Additionally, many five-star, three-star, and mid-range budget options are available.



**Best time to visit Chandigarh:** Between September to April and Monsoons.



**Temperature:** Peak summers see a high of 48°C while in winters the temperature dips to 2 - 3°C.



### Destination highlights:

- Le Corbusier Center
- Capitol Complex
- Rock Garden
- Sukhna Lake
- Government Museum and Art Gallery
- National History Museum
- National Gallery of Portraits
- Chandigarh Architecture Museum
- Maison Jeanneret
- Indian Air Force Heritage Centre
- Chandigarh Bird Park
- Chandigarh War Memorial
- Rose Garden
- International Dolls Museum
- Sector 17