

# Chandigarh

## EXPERIENCE THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

### EXPERIENCE OF THE MONTH

#### CAPITOL COMPLEX- THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

##### Welcome to the Capitol Complex: A UNESCO World Heritage Site

Experience one of the most monumental architectural compositions of modern architecture by Le Corbusier. Set against the unique geopolitical and cultural backdrop of the Shivalik Hills, the Capitol Complex is strategically located at the geographic and topographic "head" of the city. This focal point of the city, both visually and symbolically, is considered the most representative of Le Corbusier's work, embodying the spirit of exaltation, power, and permanence experienced by Indians upon acquiring self-government after a long, bitter struggle for freedom.

The complex, designed as a great pedestrian plaza with motorized traffic confined to sunken trenches, is planned on a cross axis with the Assembly (Legislation), the Secretariat (Administration), and the High Court (Judiciary) as its major components. The linear façade of the Secretariat marks the edges of the Complex on the left side, while the Assembly and the High Court face each other across a 450-meter esplanade featuring monuments that symbolize Le Corbusier's theories of city planning. These include the Open Hand Monument, conveying "open to give, open to receive," the Martyr's Memorial, a tribute to the martyrs of the Punjab partition, and the Tower of Shadows, demonstrating Corbusier's theories of sun control. An additional important component, the Museum of Knowledge, is yet to be built.

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### Major Attractions:

#### 3 Concrete Buildings:

- The Assembly: A key pillar of democracy.
- The Secretariat: Another cornerstone of the governmental structure.
- The High Court: Features the High Court Museum, adding a historical dimension to your visit.

#### The Assembly

The Assembly building, completed in 1962, was conceived as a horizontal rectilinear structure square in plan with a monumental portico facing the main plaza. The two legislative chambers were conceived as free-standing, curvilinear forms enclosed within a rectilinear shell, carrying on one side the entrance portico and on the opposite side a band of offices. Sun protection louvers 'brise soleil' have been provided on lateral walls for protecting glazings against the sun. The two legislative chambers are surrounded by a space 'forum' which serves for circulation as well as informal meetings.

The most impressive part of the Assembly is the Assembly Chamber (Punjab Assembly), which is crowned by a massive hyperbolic tower, extending above the roofline and providing a sculptural and dramatic look against the backdrop of distant hills. At 128 ft. in diameter at the base, the Assembly chamber rises to 124 ft. at its highest point. This building expresses the versatility and plasticity of concrete as a building material. Similarly, the smaller Council Chamber (Haryana Assembly), conceived in a rectilinear frame, is crowned by a pyramidal roof, provided with a north light.

Overall, the Assembly building, with its dramatic skyline, is one of the most visually appealing aspects of the Capitol Complex and is an attempt to give an architectural setting of monumental dignity to the functions of the government.

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### The Secretariat

The Secretariat building is a long, horizontal concrete slab form, 254 meters long and 42 meters high, marking the edge of the Capitol Complex on the left side. The building is composed of six eight-storeyed blocks separated by expansion joints and bears a close resemblance to the Marseilles apartment block, one of Corbusier's earlier projects.

The facade of the building gives a sculptural appearance with exposed concrete ramps, perforated with small square windows dominating the front and rear views. The building façade is provided with projections for sun control.

The Secretariat building helps in defining the space of the Capitol Complex. It emphasizes a sense of hierarchy of facades and, by its sheer cliff-like size and volume, completes the vista through the distant mountains, where the eye is led onwards to the smaller, more significant buildings and spaces beyond.

### The High Court

The High Court building is L-shaped in plan, with the long façade facing the Capitol Plaza. The building has a rectilinear frame with eight courtrooms located on the main façade, separated from the larger 'Chief Justice' Court by a monumental, pillared entrance extending to the full height of the entrance. This massive entrance bears a close resemblance to the Buland Darwaza of Fatehpur Sikri.

The small courts are 8x8x12 meters. The dimensions of the overall design were governed by the Modulor, combined with triangular regulating lines.

The design of the High Court is an embodiment of climate-responsive architecture as conceived by Corbusier for the new city. It was planned so that the design would permit the government to function throughout the year, furnishing protection from the sun and monsoon rains. Accordingly, a double roof was provided, with the upper roof placed over the lower roof in the manner of a parasol, shading the lower roof. The space between the two roofs is left open to enable air currents to move. The parasol roof slopes towards the center in the form of a row of arches.

When completed in 1956, the High Court building proved to be insufficient in space. Therefore, an extension (annex) was proposed and completed in 1962, providing additional courtroom spaces. This is a brick structure consisting of a group of blocks receding to the rear of the High Court block, neither asserting visually nor disrupting the existing layout plan.

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### High Court Museum

Established in 2006, the High Court Museum is a must-visit destination for history enthusiasts and curious minds. This marvelous exhibition offers a unique perspective on the historical development of the Punjab & Haryana High Court, shedding light on the legal journey that has shaped modern India.

### What to Expect:

- **Historical Insights:** The museum provides an in-depth look into the workings of the High Court and the social and political affairs it has influenced over the years.
- **Landmark Judgments:** Explore significant legal cases, including records of the Bhagat Singh trial in Lahore, the creation of the post of Chief Justice, and the arrests of Dr. Kitchlew and Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.
- **Unique Exhibits:** Marvel at showcase items such as Nathuram Godse's handcuffs, a copy of the original Constitution of India signed by the Constituent Committee, and a fascinating collection of old stamps from that era.

### Step Back in Time:

- **Recreated Courtroom:** Experience history firsthand in a meticulously recreated old courtroom, complete with period-appropriate equipment like stamps, heaters, sofas, pen stands, typewriters, and calendars.
- **Major Attractions:** Don't miss the collection of stamps and seals used in the High Court, a recreated mini courtroom, and an intriguing display of court weapons.

### Why Visit?

This exhibition is a modest yet profound effort to recount and recapitulate the historical background of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana. Visitors will leave with a deeper appreciation for the journey the High Court has undertaken to reach its current status.

**Plan Your Visit:** Come and enlighten yourself with the rich history and heritage preserved within the walls of the High Court Museum. It's an educational & inspiring experience.

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### 4 Monuments:

- **The Open Hand Monument:** Embrace the philosophy of “open to give, open to receive.” This official emblem of the city symbolizes peace and reconciliation.
- **The Tower of Shadows:** Delve into Le Corbusier’s fascination with the sun’s influence on daily life and the architectural challenges posed by Chandigarh’s complex climate.
- **Geometric Hill:** Admire this huge earth-titled hill with its lower half in concrete relief work and a grass-covered top. The relief represents Corbusier’s diagram of the daily balance of light and darkness, which he believed “rules man’s activity.”
- **The Martyr’s Memorial:** Pay homage to the martyrs of the Punjab partition. This memorial features a square enclosure with one side elongated into a ramp.

Visit the Capitol Complex and explore these incredible architectural masterpieces that highlight the visionary work of Le Corbusier.



Open Hand Monument



Tower of Shadows



Geometric Hill



Martyr's Memorial

Sector 1 | Visit Duration: 120 Mins | Entry Fee: Free (Any Government Issued id required) | Open: Monday to Friday (Tour Start Timing: 10 am, 12 pm, and 3 pm) with inside view | Saturday to Sunday (Tour Start Timing: 10 am, 12 pm, and 3 pm, view from outside only).

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## GANDHI BHAWAN, PUNJAB UNIVERSITY

### Visit Gandhi Bhawan: A Landmark of Chandigarh

Gandhi Bhawan, a major landmark in the city of Chandigarh, India. This unique center is dedicated to the study of the words and works of Mohandas K. Gandhi. Designed by renowned architect Pierre Jeanneret in collaboration with B.P. Mathur, Gandhi Bhawan is an architectural marvel you shouldn't miss.

### Architectural Highlights

**Location:** Punjab University, Sector 14, Chandigarh

**Design:** Gandhi Bhawan is an auditorium hall uniquely positioned in the middle of a serene pond. As you enter, you'll be greeted by a mural created by the architect, with the profound words "Truth is God" prominently displayed.

**Library:** The building houses a substantial collection of books on Mohandas Gandhi, making it a vital resource for scholars and enthusiasts alike.

**Design Elements:** The structure features a three-part, pinwheel plan with abstract sculptural qualities and fluid planes, reflecting the modern vision of the International Style. The merging of sharp, brusque angles with lyrical curves echoes the linear tensions of the ancient Sanskrit alphabet. The pools surrounding the building evoke the serene ambiance of Mughal tombs and Hindu temple bathing pools, although the abstract style avoids specific religious connotations.

### A Tribute to Simplicity and Purity

Gandhi Bhawan, often described as lotus-shaped, represents the simplicity and purity advocated by Mahatma Gandhi. The building is a testament to Jeanneret's design prowess and serves as a benchmark in the technological, formal, and aesthetic spirit of modern architecture in Chandigarh.

### Nearby Attractions

While visiting Gandhi Bhawan, be sure to explore other outstanding examples of modern architecture in the vicinity:

- **Art Gallery:** Home to various exhibitions and collections.
- **Students' Centre:** A hub of student activities and events.
- **Administrative Building:** An architectural gem in its own right.

### Plan Your Visit

A must-visit for lovers of architecture and history, Gandhi Bhawan offers a serene and intellectually enriching experience. Don't miss this iconic landmark on your trip to Chandigarh.



Sector 14 | Visit Duration: 90 Mins | Entry Fee: Free | Open: Monday to Friday (09 am to 5 pm) | Saturday to Sunday (From 09 am to 5 pm, view from outside only).

# EVENTS OF THE MONTH

## SHAM-E-GHAZAL PERFORMANCE LIVE

»»» 07th September, 2024

The Sham-e-Ghazal Performance Live was a mesmerizing success on 7th September 2024. Our community gathered at Sector 17 Plaza, Chandigarh, for an enchanting evening of "Sham-e-Ghazal," celebrating the rich tradition of Punjabi and Urdu poetry through soulful Ghazal performances.

The event featured captivating renditions by talented artists who honored the works of legendary poets, accompanied by live traditional music.

Organized as part of weekend tourism in Chandigarh by the Department of Tourism, Chandigarh Administration, the event was one of many aimed at promoting cultural tourism in the City Beautiful, Chandigarh. The department organizes various events, activities, dance performances, live band performances, and more on weekends to provide a platform for artists to showcase the diverse cultural heritage of India. Tourists and visitors enjoyed the event with their friends and family. Thus, tourists, visitors, local residents, and students all spent a delightful evening at Sector 17 Plaza.

Time : 7:00 PM to 9: 00 PM

Venue : Plaza, Sector 17



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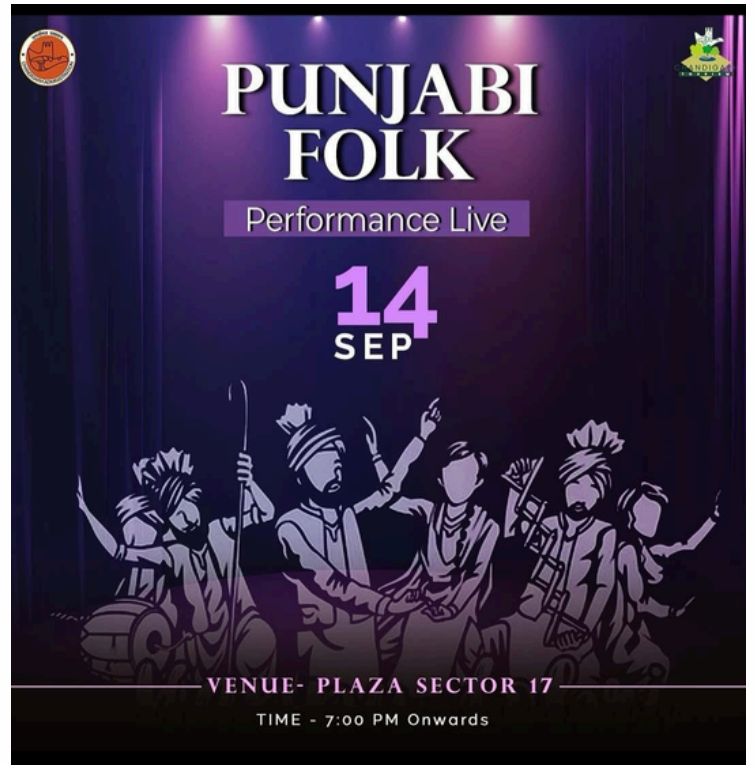
## PUNJABI FOLK LIVE PERFORMANCE

➤➤➤ 14 th September, 2024

The Punjabi Folk Live Performance was a huge success. Our community came together on 14th September 2024 at Sector 17 Plaza, Chandigarh for an exciting evening that celebrated the lively traditions of Punjab. The event had energetic Bhangra and beautiful Giddha dances, along with music played on traditional instruments like the dhol and tumbi. Male and female young Punjabi singers also participated, adding their soulful voices to the mix. The audience eagerly joined in the dancing and singing, adding to the fun atmosphere.

This event was part of weekend tourism in Chandigarh, organized by the Department of Tourism, Chandigarh Administration. They set up various events, activities, dance shows, live bands, and more on weekends to boost tourism in Chandigarh. This gave many artists a chance to show off the different cultural colors of India. Tourists and visitors had a great time at the event with their friends and family. As a result, tourists, visitors, local residents, and students spent their evening at Sector 17 Plaza.

Time : 7:00 PM to 9: 00 PM  
Venue : Plaza, Sector 17





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## BOLLYWOOD MUSICAL BAND PERFORMANCE LIVE

»»» 21 th September, 2024

The Bollywood Musical Band Performance Live was a spectacular event that left the audience spellbound. The audience experienced the magic of Bollywood with a live musical band performance that transported them straight to the heart of India. It was an evening filled with electrifying music, dynamic dance routines, and a mix of classic and contemporary Bollywood hits. The talented musicians and dancers captivated the audience with their energy and passion, creating a vibrant and unforgettable atmosphere. It was an exciting event that proved to be a feast for the senses.

As part of weekend tourism to promote tourism in Chandigarh, the event was organized by the Department of Tourism, Chandigarh Administration.

The department organized various events, activities, dance performances, and live band performances on weekends to promote cultural tourism in the City Beautiful, Chandigarh, providing a platform for various artists to showcase the different colors of India through their cultural performances. Local citizens, students, tourists, and visitors enjoyed the event along with their friends and family members, spending quality time in Sector 17 Plaza in the evening.

Time : 7:00 PM to 9: 00 PM

Venue : Plaza, Sector 17



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## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION, DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

➤➤➤ 24 to 29th September, 2024

The Tourism Department, Chandigarh Administration, organized a “Photography Competition” with the theme “Tourism & Peace” as part of the celebration of World Tourism Day—a week-long celebration held from 24th to 29th September, 2024.

Participation was open to all, irrespective of any specific category. The size of the entries was prescribed to be 12”x18” and had to be submitted without mounting, in hard as well as soft form, in high resolution, at the office of the Tourism Department, Chandigarh. Each participant could submit a maximum of four (4) entries. The last date for submission of photographs was 13th September, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. at the office of the Director of Tourism, 4th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, Sector 19 B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

The prize money for the winners was as follows:

- First prize: Rs. 8,000/-
- Second prize: Rs. 6,000/-
- Third prize: Rs. 4,000/-
- Five consolation prizes: Rs. 1,000/- each

The exhibition of the shortlisted entries was displayed at Sector 17, Underpass, from 24th September, 2024, from 05:00 p.m. to 29th September, 2024, till 10:00 p.m. The result of the competition was announced during the inauguration of the exhibition on 24th September, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Further, the Department of Tourism, Chandigarh, had full authority to use photographs of the participants anywhere for the promotion of the City Beautiful without giving credit to any photograph.

Time and Date for result Announcement: 24th Sep. 2024, 5:00 PM

Venue : Plaza, Sector 17

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## WORLD TOURISM DAY 2024

➤➤➤ 24 to 29th September, 2024

From September 24th to 29th, the Department of Tourism under the Chandigarh Administration successfully commemorated "World Tourism Day" with a week of festivities centered on the theme "Tourism and Peace." The objective was to raise awareness about the importance of tourism and to engage both tourists and locals in the celebrations.

The department hosted a variety of activities, which included a Photography Competition, Morning Raga at Sukhna Lake, tourism-related activities (Tourism Quiz) at the Government Museum & Art Gallery, a Painting Competition at the Pierre Jeanneret Museum, a Run for Tourism and Peace from Sukhna Lake to Capitol Complex, a Hop-on Hop-off city beautiful tour on 27.09.2024, a Punjabi Music Evening by Mr Preet Harpal on 28.09.2024 at New Lake Sector 42, a Gaddiyali Folk Performance (native band of J&K) at Sector 17 Plaza on 28.09.2024, and a Bollywood Musical Evening by Ms Akriti Kakar on 29.09.2024 at Sector 17 Plaza.

The events saw a significant turnout, with thousands of people participated enthusiastically at the various venues. Students, and residents joined in with great enthusiasm and a strong sense of team spirit.



Incredible India  
**CHANDIGARH TOURISM**  
celebrates  
**WORLD TOURISM DAY 2024 | TOURISM AND PEACE**

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE		
DATE & TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   05:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m.	Photography Exhibition	Underpass, Sector 17
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   06:30 a.m. onwards	Morning Raga	Sukhna Lake
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   09:00 p.m. onwards	Tourism Quiz	Govt. Museum & Art Gallery
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   11:00 a.m. onwards	Painting Competition	Pierre Jeanneret Museum
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   07:00 a.m. onwards	Run for Tourism & Peace	Sukhna Lake Light Point to Tourist Information Centre, Capitol Complex
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Hop on Hop off Tour of the City Beautiful	Capitol Complex
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   06:00 p.m. onwards	Punjabi Musical Evening by Preet Harpal	New Lake, Sector 42, Chandigarh
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   07:00 p.m. onwards	Gaddiyali Folk Performance Live (Jammu & Kashmir)	Plaza, Sector 17, Chandigarh
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   06:00 p.m. onwards	Bollywood Musical Evening by Akriti Kakar	Plaza, Sector 17, Chandigarh

**PUNJABI & BOLLYWOOD Musical evening**

LIVE PERFORMANCE BY PREET HARPAL 28-09-2024 06:00PM ONWARDS

LIVE PERFORMANCE BY AKRITI KAKAR 29-09-2024 06:00PM ONWARDS

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# UPCOMING EVENT

## OCTOBER MONTH

### Chandigarh Carnival, 2024

➤➤➤ From 25th to 27th October 2024



Previous Years Carnival Event Photos

This year, the vibrant city of Chandigarh will come alive as the much-awaited Chandigarh Carnival 2024 unfolds its grandeur at Leisure Valley. The inauguration ceremony will be graced by the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, as the Chief Guest, along with the Guest of Honour, Member of Parliament, Shri Manish Tewari. The Administrator will set the tone for the Carnival by flagging off floats and officially declaring it open. The Chief Guest will immerse themselves in the festive spirit, exploring vibrant exhibition stalls, interacting with artists from various cities, and marveling at the display of vintage cars in the courtyard of the Govt. Museum & Art Gallery. Parallel to the main event, an insightful session anchored by an expert will unfold in the auditorium of the Govt. Museum & Art Centre, shedding light on the unexplored wonders of Chandigarh wildlife. This session will continue on October 27, 2024. Accompanying the Hon'ble Governor will be the Adviser to the Administrator, Shri Rajeev Verma, IAS, the Mayor of Chandigarh, Shri Kuldeep Kumar, the Secretary of Tourism, the Director of Tourism, along with other esteemed officers and dignitaries. The evening of October 25th will promise a scintillating live performance by a renowned singer, followed by a Punjabi performance on October 26, 2024.

**Date:**

25 Oct 2024 - 27 Oct 2024

**Time:**

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

**Ticket Information:**

Free

# UPCOMING EVENT

## OCTOBER MONTH

### National Unity Day, 2024

➤➤➤ 31st October 2024



Previous Years National Unity Day Event Photos

National Unity Day, celebrated by the Department of Tourism, Chandigarh, every year, will honor the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, on October 31, 2024. Known as the "Iron Man of India," Patel will be recognized for his pivotal role in unifying the country post-independence. The Department of Tourism will organize a run to commemorate his legacy. The day will aim to promote national integrity, foster unity among citizens, and remind people of Patel's contributions to India's political and social fabric. The celebrations will reflect Chandigarh's commitment to preserving the spirit of unity and patriotism.

**Date:**

31 Oct 2024

**Ticket Information:**

Free

# CHANDIGARH HIGHLIGHTS

## TOURIST TESTIMONIAL



My friends and I visited the Capitol Complex in Chandigarh, and it was a fantastic learning experience. The Capitol Complex is truly unique in the world and proudly holds the status of a World Heritage Site. The architectural structures are distinctive and impressive, with the campus featuring the High Court of both Haryana and Punjab, the Assemblies of Haryana and Punjab, as well as the Secretariats of the two states. Additionally, there is ample space for parking, making our visit even more convenient.

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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