

Religious Places In Chandigarh

Religious Places In Chandigarh In addition to the various tourist spots, Chandigarh has lots to offer to the people seeking religious visits. Right from temples to the gurdwaras, the religious places in the city offer a wide variety. In fact, it has a plethora of worship places not only within, but also near its bounds. For instance, there is Chandi Mandir, after which Chandigarh has been named. Then, there is Nada Sahib Gurdwara, which witnesses a huge rush of devotees - Sikhs, Hindus, Jains, and so on, every Sunday. In case you want to know more about the places of worship in Chandigarh, the list given below will serve your needs perfectly.

Places Of Worship In Chandigarh

Chandi Mandir

Chandi Mandir is a very famous temple located at a distance of 15 km from Chandigarh. It is dedicated to the Goddess Chandi, the Goddess of Power. The temple is basically a Siddh Peeth, which is believed to grant one's wishes. Chandi Mandir temple is visited throughout the year by devotees, especially during the Navratri festival.

Mata Mansa Devi Temple

As the name indicates, this temple is dedicated to Goddess Mansa Devi. It is located about 8 km from Chandigarh. According to a very popular Hindu mythology, the head of Devi Sati had fallen in this place. Mansa Devi temple has two sanctums. The main sanctum was constructed in the year 1815 AD, by the ruler of Mani Majra. Later, the Maharaja of Patiala constructed a new sanctuary, close to the Main Temple. There is a beautiful garden adjoining the temple, which is full of sacred plants. During Navratri, fairs are organized in the area surrounding Mansa Devi Temple.

Nada Sahib Gurdwara

Nada Sahib Gurdwara is one of the most visited pilgrimage centers near Chandigarh. Located 15 km from the city, it is situated in the Panchkula district of Punjab, on the banks of river Ghagar. The gurdwara marks the halting place of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and his Sikh warriors, on their way back from the battle with the Mughals. Nadu Shah, an ardent devotee of Guru Gobind Singh, gave a hearty warm welcome to Guru Ji and his followers. Guru Gobind Singh was extremely happy with his service and blessed him. He also proclaimed that the gurdwara in that place shall be named after Nadu Shah. Devotees flock into this Gurdwara on the full moon day (purnima) of every month.

Amb Sahib Gurdwara

Amb Sahib Gurdwara is located in Phase 7, of the Mohali district near Chandigarh. It is believed that in 1659, Guru Har Rai, the seventh Guru of Sikhs, visited the place to meet his disciple, Bhai Kooram. The most striking aspect of this gurdwara is that it has a mango tree that yields fruit even in the winter season, as commanded by the guru. These mangoes are distributed as 'prasad' among devotees. A fair is held here in the memory of the Guru, on the occasion of Sakrant, which falls in the month of January.

Gurdwara Baoli Sahib

Gurdwara Baoli Sahib, located in the Zirakpur-Kalka Highway, is about 10 km from Chandigarh. As per a popular legend, a descendant of Baba Gurditta Ji used to reside in the Dhakauli village near Zirakpur. Impressed by his sincere meditation, Guru Gobind Singh Ji visited the village. The devotee prayed him to restore the water supply of the place. Guru could not deny the prayer of such an ardent devotee and shot an arrow into the ground. Consequently, a baoli (shallow well) sprang up from the place. Later, a Gurdwara was constructed around the place and came to be known as Gurdwara Baoli Sahib. Every Amavas, worshippers flock to the place, to take a holy dip in the waters of the baoli.

Gurdwara Koohini Sahib

Originally called Gurdwara Bageecha Sahib, Gurdwara Koohni Sahib is located on the Chandigarh-Mansa Devi road. As per the legend, Guru Gobind Singh Ji stayed here for a week, along with his followers. The gurdwara gets its name from the fact that Guru Ji rested on his elbow (koohni in Punjabi) throughout his stay.

Gurdwara Nabha Sahib

Gurdwara Nabha Sahib is located on the Patiala road, 15 km from Chandigarh. It is said that after the execution of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib in Delhi, Bhai Jaita picked up the body of the Guru and took it for cremation at Anandpur Sahib. A Muslim saint named Dargahi Shah Faqir requested Bhai Jaita to keep the mortal remains of the Guru in the Gurdwara, to be paid homage by the people. The Samadhi of the Faqir is in the vicinity of the Gurdwara, where people gather and pay their homage to him. On 21-22 September every year, a grand fair called Jor Mela is organized at the Gurdwara.