



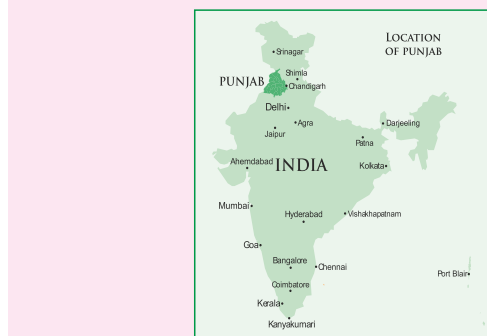
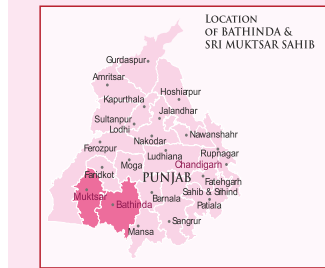
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Quick Facts:

Area	: 3385 sq km (Bathinda)
Area	: 2615 sq km (Sri Muktsar Sahib)
Temperature	: Summer - upto 39°C
	: Winter - 12°C to 20°C
Annual Rainfall	: 421 mm
Best Season	: Mid September to Mid April
STD Code	: 0164 (Bathinda)
STD Code	: 01637 (Sri Muktsar Sahib)
Language	: Punjabi, Hindi, English



Location

Bathinda is in the northwestern region of India and is a part of the Indo-Gangetic alluvial plains. The geographic co-ordinates of Bathinda are 74°57' East and 30°12' North. Bathinda is one of the oldest cities in Punjab and the current administrative headquarters of Bathinda District. Muktsar is located in the southwestern zone of Punjab.

Getting There

Bathinda and Muktsar do not have their own airport. The nearest airports are at Chandigarh and Amritsar. Bathinda and Muktsar are well linked by rail and road network, connecting them to various parts of the country. Distances: Bathinda/Muktsar Sahib to Chandigarh - 230/244km and Bathinda/Muktsar Sahib to Amritsar 185/ 165km.



Chetak Park

Introduction: Bathinda

Bathinda's glorious past is evident in its forts. Once known as Tabar-e-Hind (meaning gateway to India), the town was named after the Bhatti Rajputs who ruled Punjab in the 6th century. It was annexed by many rulers such as Jayapala, Prithviraj Chauhan, and the Sultans of the Slave Dynasty and later on by the Mughal rulers. Finally in 1754, it was conquered by the Maharaja of Patiala and was made part of the princely state of Patiala. Today it is one of the leading industrial cities of India: It is one of the biggest foodgrain and cotton markets in northern India. Together with its industrial development, Bathinda has preserved authentic Punjabi culture and traditions in its true and vibrant form.

Places to Visit in Bathinda

Qila Mubarak

The Qila Mubarak complex stands in a 10-acre plot of land in the heart of the city. It was here that Razia Sultan, the first woman to sit on the throne of Delhi, was incarcerated upon defeat. The fort contains Qila Androon (main palace), Ran Baas (guesthouse) and the Darbar Hall. This fort is also a monument of national importance, and is representative of the architecture of medieval India. Its oldest part, the Qila Androon has traces of fine wall paintings. The entrance is through an imposing gate whose architecture is a synthesis of Mughal and Rajasthani styles. The complex has 10 courtyards along the north-south axis. Each courtyard is unique in size and character, some being broad, others very small



Qila Mubarak

and still others mere slits in the fabric of the building. Though Qila Androon is a single inter-connected building, it is spoken of as a series of palaces. There is also a Gurdwara inside the premises where people from the city come for worship.

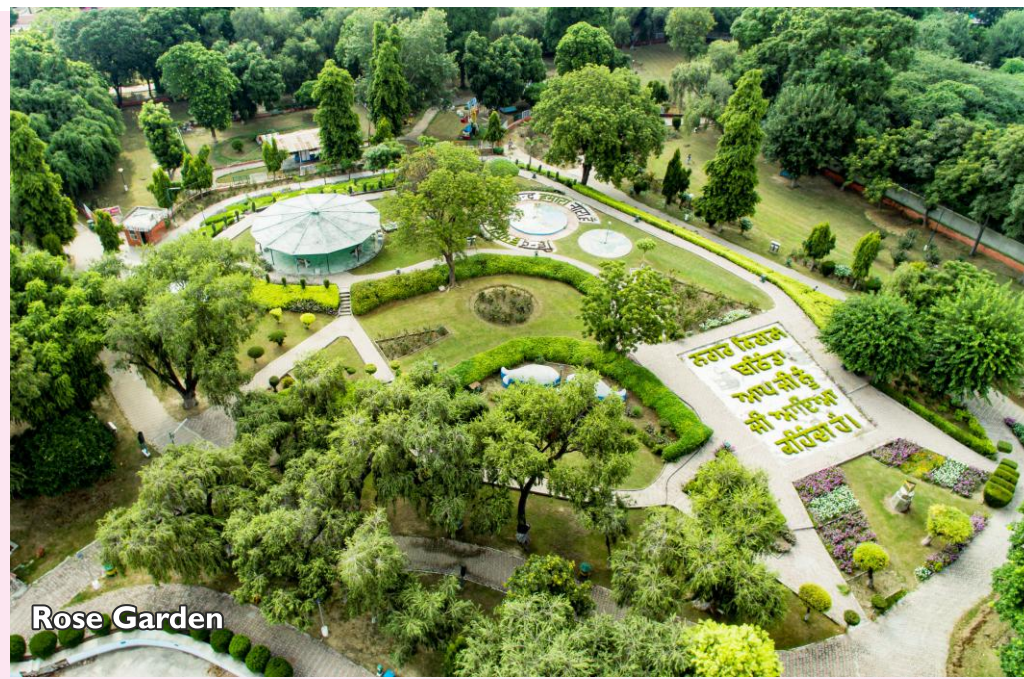
Gurdwara Tibbi Sahib

Marking the sandy mound from where Guru Gobind Singh had showered arrows on the enemy during battle, this Gurdwara was first established as a modest structure during the eighteenth century, and then reconstructed in 1843 by Sodhi Maan Singh of Maansinghwa. The present building, which came up during the 1950s, under the supervision of Baba Baghel Singh (a follower of Sant Gurmukh Singh) is a square hall with the sanctum sanctorum in the

centre. Above this is a square pavilion topped by a lotus dome and decorative marble kiosks at the corners. The entire wall surface including the dome is lined with white marble. The floor in and around the hall is also paved with marble.

Gurdwara Rakabsar Sahib

Gurdwara Rakabsar Sahib located at 200 meters east of Gurdwara Tibbi Sahib, was constructed by Baba Baghel Singh during 1950. The control of Sri Darbar Sahib and other shrines in Sri Muktsar Sahib was initially in the hands of hereditary mahants or priests but was later passed on to the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee in February 1923. The major annual celebration is on the Maghi day (mid January), when vast numbers of devotees throng the premises from all over for ablutions in the holy pool and other rituals.



Rose Garden

Rose Garden

This garden boasts many different varieties of roses. During weekends it is popular with picnickers and nature lovers.

Gurdwara Haji Rattan

Gurdwara Haji Rattan is situated at Bathinda and is around 2 km from the city centre. The Gurdwara is named after Haji Rattan, a Muslim saint, who was highly regarded by some of the Sikh Gurus (Guru Nanak Dev ji, Guru Hargobind Singh ji and Guru Gobind Singh ji), who visited the place during their lifetime. The tomb of Haji Rattan and a mosque lies next to the Gurdwara. People belonging to both Sikh and Muslim communities throng these places on auspicious occasions to celebrate their festivals.



Gurdwara Haji Rattan

Bahia Fort

The Fort built in 1930, belonged to a group of 22 villages, so it is called Bahia Fort. It was the official residence of the armed forces of Maharaja Bhupinder Singh of Patiala State. It has now been converted into a four star hotel.

Bhagwati Mandir

The temple in Maisar khana is dedicated to goddess Durga. According to legend, a devotee, unable to undertake the long trek to the Jwala Devi temple in Himachal Pradesh, underwent a long penance to invoke Goddess Durga's blessings here. Pleased with piety, the goddess granted the devotee darshan twice a year at this place which is now considered as a sacred place. To commemorate the event, two grand melas (fairs) are held here every year.



Bhagwati Mandir

Bathinda Lake

Boating at Bathinda Lakes (thermal lakes) is a pleasure. One can enjoy boat rides on Kashmir-style shikaras here.



Takhat Sri Damdama Sahib

Takhat Sri Damdama Sahib, Talwandi Sabo, Bhatinda, is one of the five Takhats of the Sikhs. This place owes its importance as the literary work of Guru Gobind Singh ji was done here during his stay in 1706. It was at Damdama Sahib that Guru Gobind Singh ji prepared the revised and authentic version of the Adi Granth which is now honoured by the Sikhs as Guru Granth Sahib ji. A large number of new converts joined the fold of the Khalsa here. Guru ji arrived at Talwandi Sabo in 1705. The small elevated piece of land is considered pious because of this and is now famous as Damdama Sahib. From Damdama Sahib Guru ji released orders (Hukamnama) for Sikh disciples and declared this sacred place as a Takhat. According to Dr. Trump's writings in 1706, Guru ji baptised around 1.2 lacs devotees on the occasion of Baisakhi Jor Mela. Maintaining the same custom, every year Baisakhi's festival is celebrated here with great fervour and lacs of devotees come here to get Guru ji blessings even today.



Gurdwara Laxhi Jungle

This Gurdwara is situated at a distance of 15 km from Bathinda. The first Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji visited this place and recited holy 'japji sahib'. The sixth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib ji also visited this place, while on his way from Delhi to Lahore. The seventh Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Har Rai ji visited this place during his journeys. The tenth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji visited this place and blessed this place as 'place of liberation'.



Gurdwara Laxhi Jungle



Mazaar Pir Baba Haji Rattan

Bir Talab Zoo & Deer Park

The Mini Zoo (Deer Park) is situated approximately 5 km from Bathinda City. It is located in the Bir Talab forest area. The wildlife species that may be spotted here are Black Buck, Sambar Deer, and various kinds of bird species including Bonnet Macaque, Red Munia, Parrots, White Sparrow and Indian Peafowl.



Deer Park

Introduction: Sri Muktsar Sahib

Sri Muktsar Sahib, the district headquarters of Sri Muktsar Sahib District, is a historic city, intimately connected with the Sikh religion. Guru Gobind Singh ji fought his last battle here against the Mughals in 1705 A.D. Muktsar Sahib, literally means "pool of liberation". The forty Sikh warriors who fought to death here against the Mughal Empire more than three centuries ago are remembered through a grand commemoration called "Maghi Mela" held here every January. The Mela attracts thousands of devotees from all over the world. During the 1740s some Sikh families settled here and a town named "Khidrana di Dhab" developed at the site of the battlefield. Later it took the name Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Places to Visit Sri Muktsar Sahib

Sri Darbar Sahib

The principal shrine at Sri Muktsar Sahib is on the western bank of the Sarovar and was the first to be established by the first few Sikh families who settled here around 1740. Additions to the building were carried out later by Bhai Desu Singh and Bhai Lal Singh, chiefs of Kaithal, and later by Sardar Hari Singh Nalwa (one of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's generals). During the 1930s Sant Gurmukh Singh Kar Sewawale and Sant Sadhu Singh renovated the building. They marble-panelled its walls, added decorative domes on the top and paved the floor in and around the shrine with marble. This edifice was, however, pulled down for reconstruction in 1980. A high tower and flag-post close to the Darbar Sahib were raised by Maharaja Hira Singh of Nabha. An old "Vann tree" believed to have been in existence since before the battle of Sri Muktsar Sahib still stands between the Diwan Asthan and the Nishan Sahib.

Gurdwara Shahidganj Sahib

Gurdwara Shahidganj Sahib is the place where the bodies of martyrs who sacrificed their lives fighting against the Mughal army were cremated by Guru Gobind Singh ji. It was first built in 1870 by Raja Wazir Singh of Faridkot. The new building, a rectangular domed hall, was reconstructed during 1980.



Gurdwara Shahidganj Sahib

Gurdwara Tambu Sahib

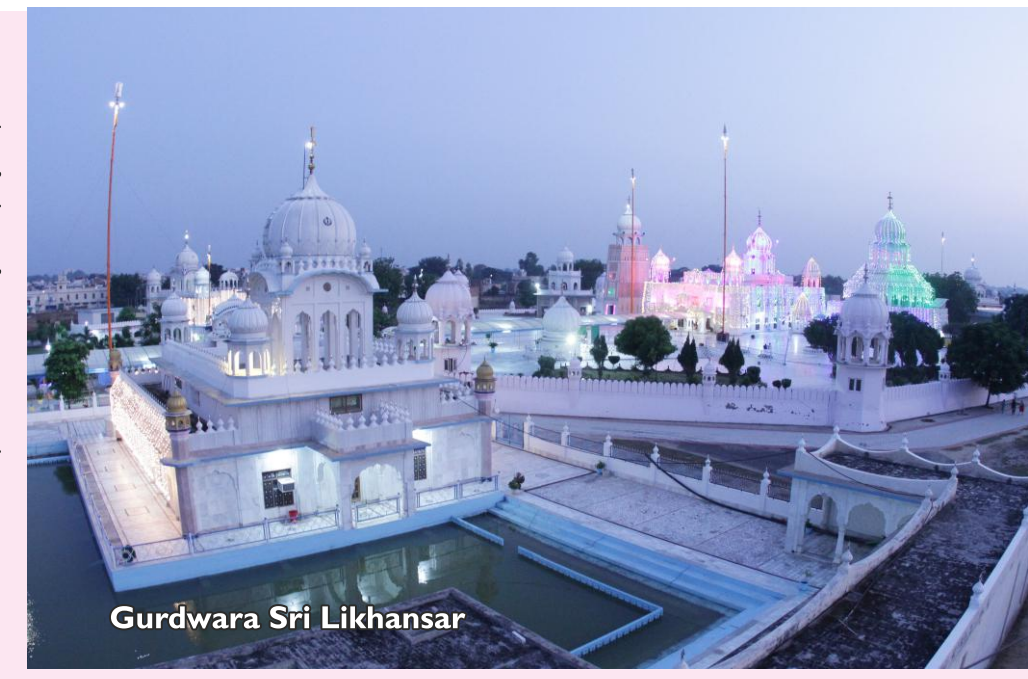
This shrine is near the southeastern corner of the sarovar. It marks the spot where the Muktsar took position behind trees and shrubs which they camouflaged to look like tents (tambu, in Punjabi). The present building, constructed during the 1980s, replaced the old one built at the initiative of Maharaja Mohinder Singh of Patiala. It comprises of a domed hall, with a high ceiling gallery at mid height and the sanctum sanctorum in the centre.

Mukt-e-Minar

Mukt-e-Minar is another attraction of the city. It is situated near the district administrative complex. It has beautiful gardens with a Minar (tower) depicting the Khanda Sahib. The Mukt-e-Minar consists of a steel coated concrete structure. It was built to commemorate 300 years of the Martyrdom of the chali Mukte (40 Martyrs). There is also an open air theatre here.



Gurdwara Sri Tuti Gandhi Sahib



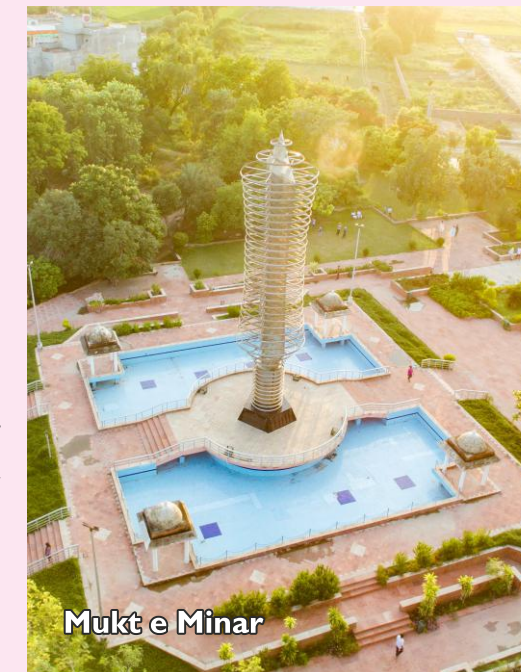
Gurdwara Sri Likhansar



Sri Darbar Sahib Muktsar

Hotel

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Mukt e Minar

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Angooran Wali Maseet

There is a beautiful old mosque called Angooran Wali Maseet situated near the Railway Station at Sri Muktsar Sahib.

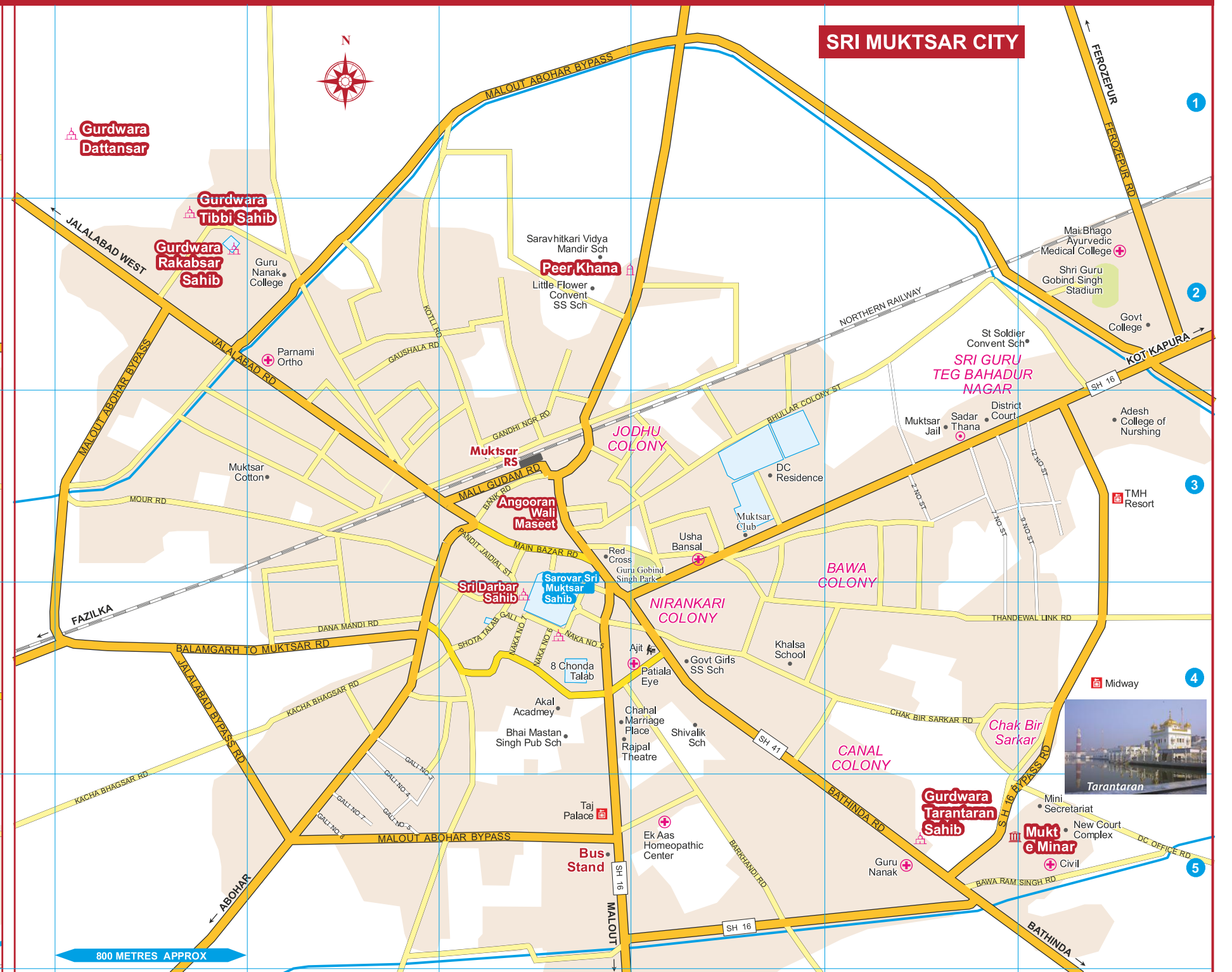
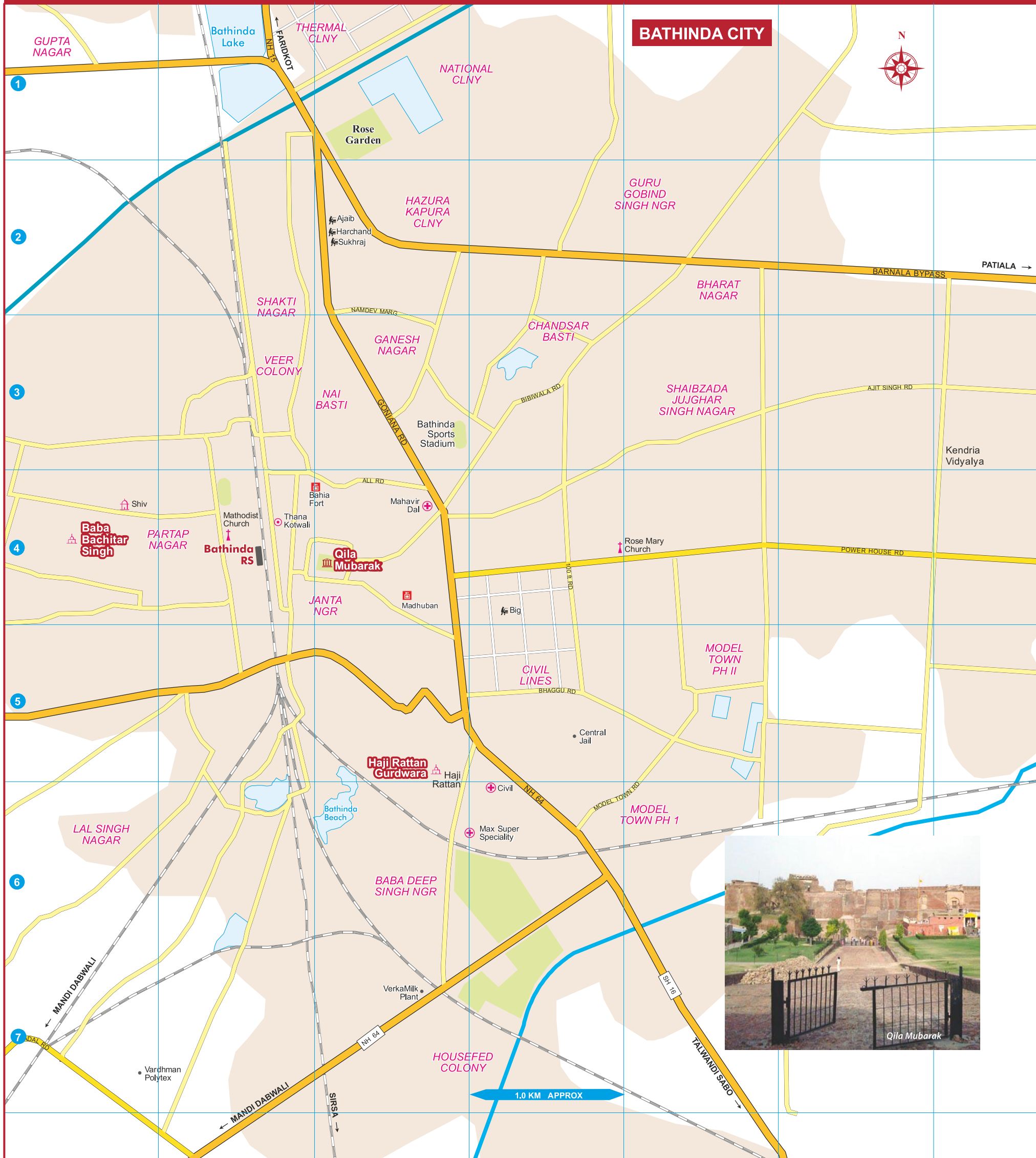
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Bathinda - Sri Muktsar

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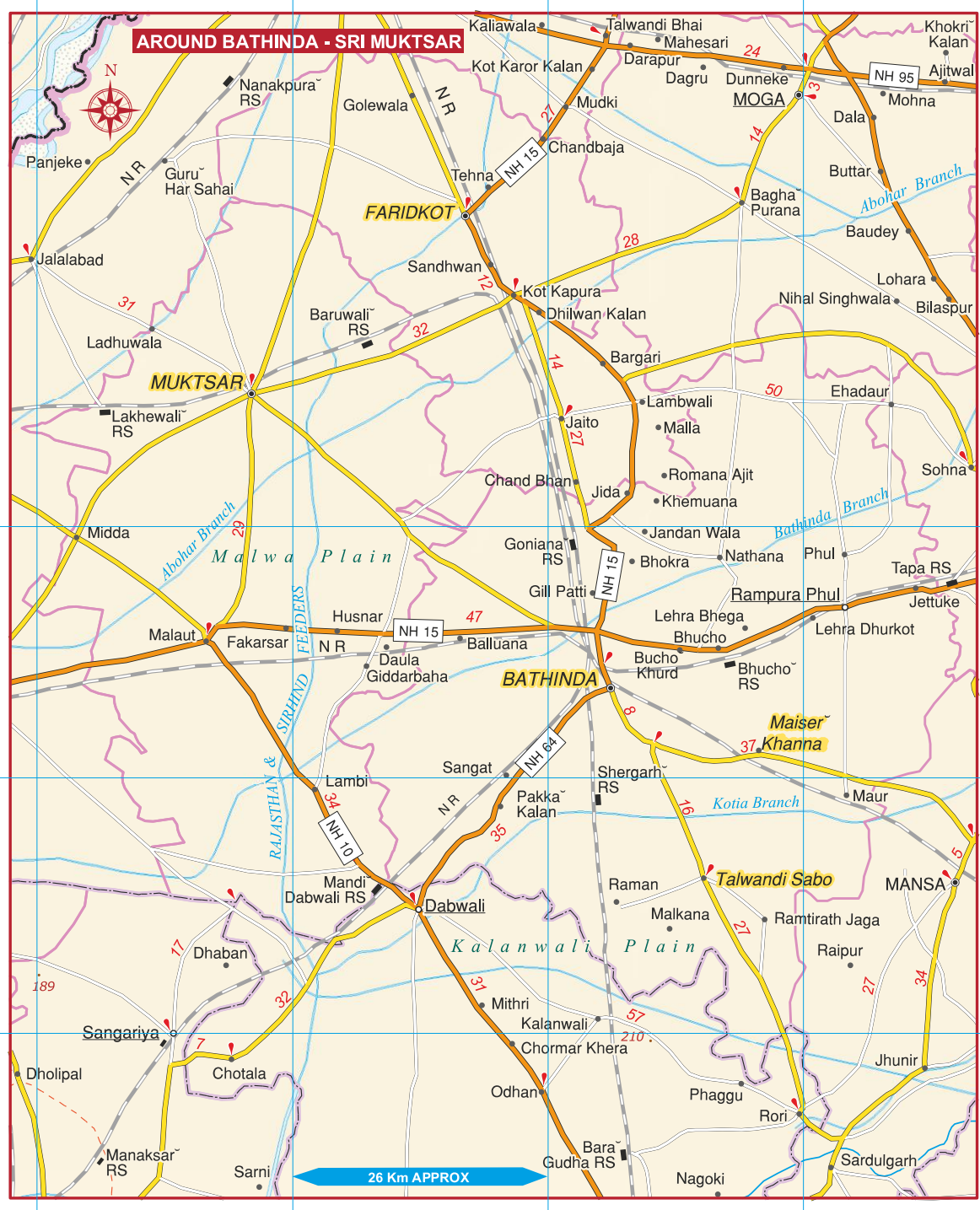


LEGEND

TRANSPORTATION	NOMENCLATURE	SPECIAL SYMBOLS
Arterial Road	NAMES	Airport
Distance in Kms	BAWA COLONY Locality/Colony	Bank
Main Road	Chak Bir Sarkar Town / Village	Cinema
Other Roads	Qila Mubarak Point of Tourist Interest	Fort
Railway Line with Station	Muksar Club Other	Historical Building
PLACES OF WORSHIP	WATER FEATURES	Hospital
Church	Canal	Hotel
Gurdwara	Waterbody	Petrol Pump
Mosque	VEGETATION	Police Station
Temple	Wooded Area	Post Office
BUILT-UP AREA	Park and Garden	Restaurant
Built-up Area	ABBREVIATIONS	Tomb
	Engg : Engineering	Pub : Public
	HPO : Head Post Office	RS : Railway Station
	Lib : Library	Sch : School
	NH : National Highway	Sr Sec : Senior Secondary

USEFUL PHRASES

ENGLISH	PUNJABI
greetings	sat sri akal
yes	haan
no	naan
thank you	dhanyavaad
time	taime
money	paisa
day	din
night	raat
morning	savera/tadke
evening	tarkala
afternoon	duphar
today	ajj
tomorrow	kal
food	khana
water	pani
girl	kudi
boy	munda
what	ki
where	kithe
who	kaun
why	kyon



POINTS OF INTEREST

- CHURCHES**
 - Methodist Church B4
 - Rose Mary Church D4
- CINEMAS**
 - Ajaib C2
 - Ajit L4
 - Big D4
 - Harchand C2
 - Rajpal Theatre K4
 - Sukhranj C2
- GURDWARAS**
 - Dattansar H1
 - Haji Ratan Gurdwara C5
 - Rakabsar Sahib H2
 - Sarovar Sri Tuti Gandhi Sahab K4
 - Tarantaran Sahib M5
 - Tibbi Sahib H2
- HISTORICAL PLACES**
 - Mukte Minar M5
 - Peer khana K2
- MOSQUE**
 - Angooran Wali Maseet K3
- OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST**
 - Bus Stand - Muktsar K5
 - Sadar Thana M3
- PARKS & GARDEN**
 - Guru Gobind Singh Park L3
 - Rose Garden C1
- TEMPLE**
 - Baba Bachitar Singh A4
- TOMB**
 - Peer Khana L2
- STADIUMS**
 - Bathinda Sports Stadium C3
 - Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Singh Stadium N2

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 - Baba Deep Singh Nagar C6
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 - Chak Bir Sarkar M4
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 - Civil Lines D5
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 - Hazura Kapura Colony C2
 - Housefold Colony C7
 - Janta Nagar C4
 - Jodhu Colony K3
 - Lal Singh Nagar A6
 - Model Town E5 E6
 - Nai Basti C3
 - National Colony C1
 - Nirankari Colony L4
 - Partap Nagar B4
 - Shakti Nagar B2
 - Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar M2
 - Veer Colony B3
- RAILWAY STATIONS**
 - Bathinda RS B4
 - Muksar RS K3