

History

Patiala is one of the most historical districts of Punjab. It was founded by Baba Ala Singh, the founder of Phulkian State of Patiala. The city was originally known as 'Pati Ala' which means area under Raja Ala Singh, and later on came to be known as Patiala. Famous as the city of palaces, forts and gardens, the erstwhile princely State of Punjab has lost none of its age-old charm. It still retains its royal traditions seeped in its Rajput, Mughal and Punjabi influence. Art, architecture and anecdotes of Patiala depicts the rich legacy of the Maharajas. The unique Gharana style of music, culinary traditions and fine craftwork of the Patialvi culture is widely admired all over the world. The city has many attractions like Baradari Garden, Kali Devi temple, Baradari Palace and Moti Bagh Palace which now houses the National Institute of Sports. Patiala is well



Sheesh Mahal

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Sheesh Mahal in old Moti Bagh, Patiala was designed on the pattern of Shalimar garden of Lahore with terraces, fountains, channels and flower beds. It was built in 1847 by Maharaja Narendra Singh Ji, who was a patron of literature, music and fine arts a retreat for relaxation. Exotic fruit trees, water channels, elegant Mughal terraced gardens are accompanied by a marbled pavilion pathway leading to the Old Moti Bagh Palace. Sheesh Mahal displays the world's largest collection of medals and decorations. It is perhaps unmatched in the world in its richness and variety. In this collection, there are at present more than 3200 Orders, Medals and Decorations including one and the only Most Noble Order of the Garter (UK's oldest royal honor).

His son Yadavindra Singh (1938-74) was a notable diplomat and sportsman who once played cricket for India. He founded the Khalsa Defence of India League which sent thousands of Punjabis to fight for the Allies in WWII, and made a major contribution to the unity of India at partition, rescuing thousands of refugees, particularly from Bahawalpur in Pakistan.

Timing: 10.00am to 5.00pm (Closed on Monday and National Holidays)

Chandelier Gallery

The Darbar Hall in the Qila Mubarak houses an impressive collection of Chandeliers and historic arms. The Chandelier Gallery possesses one of the finest collections of chandeliers. It is also home to some beautifully painted portraits of royalty of Patiala and Britain.



Qila Mubarak

The foundation of Qila Mubarak was laid down by Baba Ala Singh, the founder of Patiala in 1764. The fort cum palace is a wonderful specimen of Sikh architecture which is inspired by Mughal and Rajput architecture. It was the official residence of the rulers of Patiala upto the middle of 19th century. In the inner portion of the fort are the palace, where the rulers and members of their families lived. The Darbar Hall in the fort was built by Maharaja Narinder Singh in 1859. The magnificence of Darbar Hall can be seen with the artistically created ceiling and a huge chandelier of Bohemian crystal. It's here that you'll find on display a collection of armour, paintings, artefacts and royal treasures including a jade dagger of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and the sword of the mighty Persian emperor Nadir Shah, who invaded India in 1739 A.D.

The murals in residential palaces of Qila are peerless works of art depicting themes from Hindu epics, made by the artists from Kangra and Rajasthan.

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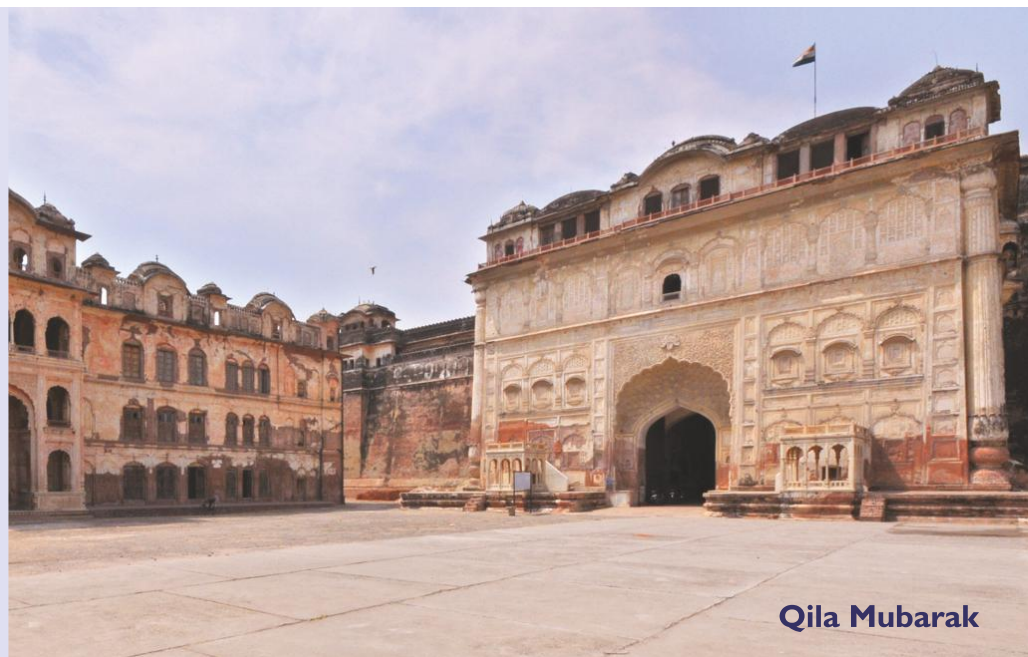
Jalau Khana & Sard Khana

A home to some unusual yet interesting artefacts, which are believed to be related to the royal family of Patiala, Jalau Khana exudes a positive vibe that takes everyone back in time. It consists of several galleries that showcases lifestyles of the Maharajas and Maharanis of Patiala and has a wonderfully decorated big central hall. Sard Khana earned its name from the impressive design of the place, which houses a wind tunnel that circulates incoming cool air to the ground floor area. Tourists from around the world travel to this place to explore the architecture of Jalau Khana and Sard Khana.

Kali Devi Temple

Built by Maharaja of Patiala in 1936, Kali Devi Temple is located on the Mall Road across the Baradari Gardens and is a spiritual destination for people of all faiths and religions. The most revered possession of the temple is the collection of manuscript leaves (patras) supposed to have been written by Rishi Vyas, the famous author of 'Mahabharata'. Maharaja Narinder Singh brought these leaves from Badri Narain Temple in Uttar Pradesh where he went on pilgrimage. People visit this temple in large numbers on every Tuesday and Saturday. Fairs are also held here during the months of April and October every year.

Timings: 5 am to 9 pm



Qila Mubarak

Shahi Samadhan (royal mausoleum)

The final resting place for the members of royal families of Patiala, Shahi Samadhan is a Royal Mausoleum, housing a beautiful memorial of Baba Ala Singh, who was the founder of the royal dynasty of Patiala, accompanied by several other members of the royal family resting under white marbled cenotaphs. Shahi Samadhan is the starting point of Patiala's Heritage Walk, serving as an appropriate introduction to the history of Patiala.



Bir Bhunerheri Wildlife Sanctuary

At around 15 km away from Patiala, Bir Bhunerheri Wildlife Sanctuary is spread over 661.66 ha of area with a number of old Sheesham and Kikkar trees, which provide good natural habitat to the wildlife present in the sanctuary. One can find Hog Deer, Blue Bull, Porcupine, Black Buck, Sambar, Jungle Cat, Jackal, Rhesus Monkey, Peafowl, Black and Grey Partridges, Dove and Spotted Owllet in this sanctuary.

Bir Moti Bagh Wildlife Sanctuary

Situated 5 km away from Patiala on Patiala-Dakala road, Bir Moti Bagh Wildlife Sanctuary is spread over 654 ha of land, where one can find Black Buck, Chital, Hog Deer, Blue Bull, Wild Boar, Jackal, Rhesus Monkey, Peafowl, Brahminy Myna, Black and Grey Partridges, and Quails. It also has a deer park inside its precincts.

Bir Gurdialpura Wildlife Sanctuary

Spread over an area of 620.53 ha, Bir Gurdialpura Wildlife Sanctuary is around 45 km away from Patiala city. It is a home to numerous wild animals such as Wild Boar, Blue Bull, Jungle Cat, Jackal, Hog Deer, Rhesus Monkey, Peafowl, Black and Grey Partridges, Dove and Potted Owllet, etc., which can be spotted during a visit to this sanctuary.

Other Wildlife Sanctuaries in Patiala include Bir Mehas Wildlife Sanctuary, Bir Dosaanj Wildlife Sanctuary and Bir Bhadson Wildlife Sanctuary.

Timings: 9.00am to 5.00pm Closed on Monday



Nabha

Hira Mahal, Nabha
The palatial residence of Sir Hira Singh witnessed the uprising of the ruler of Nabha - a lineage of Phulkian Dynasty. During his region of 40 years, the town saw a lot of development as construction of new monuments, roads, schools, hospitals and railways propelled it towards modernity. It also had a well equipped army which took part in the Second Afghan War and the Tirah Expedition. The monument is famous for its flourishing gardens and orchards. The area has recently been developed into a locality named Hira Mahal Colony.

Gurdwara Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji

The holy Gurdwara marks the visit of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji along with Mata Gujari Ji and Mata Nanaki Ji. It is said that Bhai Jhanda Ji, a local

of Rohtas village served the guru with great reverence. The news of their arrival spread all over and people crowded there to visit the great soul. They took up Sikhism and started following the norms of a Saint Soldier. Guru Teg Bahadur Ji stayed there for three days and blessed the village.

Qila Mubarak

The magnificent fort with mud walls was built about 150 years ago by Raja Hira Singh who ruled here from 1871 to 1911. Standing over a square platform with exquisite columns, arches and balconies, it houses the prestigious Nabha Foundation.



Where to Stay

Hotel

- Ajuba Residency**
Sangrur Road, near Bhakhra Canal, Patiala
Cont: 935666501, 935666502
- Clarion Inn**
Sirhind Road, Patiala
Cont: 0175-5086001, 86999-99619
- Eqbal Inn**
SSST Nagar, Near Rajpura Road, Patiala
Cont: 0175-5050700, 92166-66307
- Flyover Classic**
Near Dukhniwaran Gurdwara, Railway Station Road Patiala
Cont: 0175- 5000133, 7837370058
- Motel Sunrise**
Sirhind Road, Patiala
Cont: 99888-99164

- Mohan Continental**
Opp. Head Post Office Yadavindra Colony, Patiala
Cont: 0175-5005543, 98141-55588
- Neemrana The Baradari palace**
Near Baradari gardens, Patiala
Cont: 9781-11107, 8279754097
- Narain Continental**
Near Baradari Gardens, Patiala
Cont: 0175-5008318, 9888103491
- The Shaurya**
Secretariat Road, Dashmesh Nagar, Patiala
Cont: 0175-2351000, 98142-52355

Farm Stay

- Gary Farm (Farm House)**
Village Nanoki, P.O. Bhadson, Patiala
Cont: 98146-02562, 94174-95658
- Pind Virasat (Farm House)**
Sullar Main Road, Patiala- Sangrur Bypass, Patiala
Cont: 78888-62492



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Quick Facts:

Area	: 3222 sq km
Temperature	: Summer - upto 48°C Winter - 7°C to 19°C
Annual Rainfall	: 677 mm
Best Season	: Mid September to Mid April
STD Code	: +91-175
Language	: Punjabi, Hindi, English



Places to Visit

Old Moti Bagh Palace (NIS)

This luxurious palace with its 1000 rooms and 15 dining halls was built in 1847 in the Indo-Saracenic style to house the royal family in suitable splendour. A lush green garden with terraces and water channels enhances its beauty. Dedicated to the state after independence, the palace is now houses the Neta Ji Subhash National Institute of Sports. Asia's largest Sports Institute, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports is an academic wing of the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Spread over an area of 268 acres, it was founded on 7th May 1961 and merged with SAI in 1987. The National Institute of Sports Museum has several unique sports memorabilia, like a 'hass'

which weighs 95 kgs and was used for squats by the Great Gama. Major Dhyani Chand's gold medal from '1928 Amsterdam Olympics' and PT Usha's '1986 Seoul Asiad shoes' are also kept here.

Museum Timing 9.30am to 5.30pm Saturday & Sunday Closed

Rajindra Kothi (now Baradari Palace hotel)

Situated near the Baradari gardens, Rajindra Kothi was the residence of Maharaja Rajinder Singh Ji. It is also known as the Baradari Palace. Rajindra Kothi has been converted into a heritage hotel in 2009 which is now being run by Neemrana Hotels group. This is Punjab's first heritage hotel and a popular place for film shooting.

Mohindra Kothi (Mall Road)

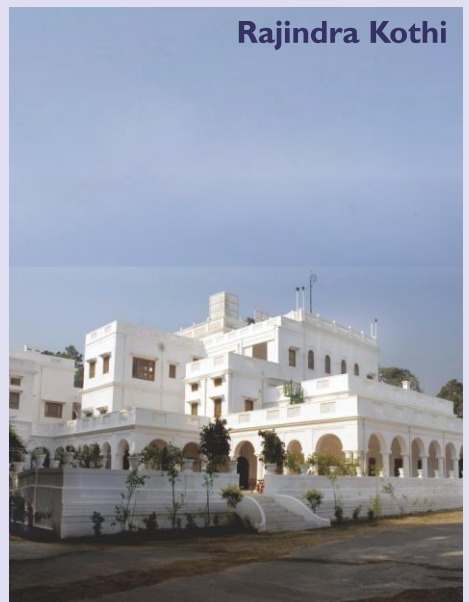
A former Royal residence, it is now under restoration/conservation. Medal gallery and coins museum is coming up in the Mohindra Kothi.

Baradari Gardens

Built in a Mughal style in 1876 by Maharaja Rajinder Singh Ji, Baradari Gardens are situated close to the Baradari Palace, outside the Sheranwala Gate. The name Baradari is formed with two Punjabi words 'Bara' which means twelve and 'Dar' which means door, hence Baradari Garden means a garden with twelve entrances or doors. The garden is decorated with rare species of trees, flowers and shrubs which Maharaja Rajinder Singh Ji brought from different places.



National Institute of Sports (Old Moti Bagh Palace)



Rajindra Kothi

Gurdwara Dukh Niwaran Sahib

A revered place in the history of Patiala, Gurdwara Sri Dukh Niwaran Sahib is believed to be the place where the ninth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, sat under a banyan tree to cure the people of Lehla village, who were suffering from a mysterious illness. 'Dukh Niwaran' the name itself has been derived from this holy act of Guru ji, which literally means 'the eradication of sufferings'. It is believed that a bath in the holy tank has the healing effect. A hukumnama (order) by Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji has also been kept here in a glass paned cabin. Tourists and devotees from all over the world visit this holy shrine, made with gleaming white marble.



Gurdwara Dukh Niwaran Sahib



Mohindra College

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Mohindra College was founded by Maharaja Mohinder Singh, who deserved much praise for his patronage of learning, works of public utility, and for taking measure connected with the improvement and general well-being of the State. Mahendra College is a government college having its breathtaking architecture. It is believed to be one of the oldest institutions in the North India region. Mohindra College was established to provide free education up to graduation level for girl students. It was inaugurated by the then Viceroy, Lord Ripon in 1884.

Punjab Archives Bhawan

Formerly the District Commissioner's Office, today, it houses archives of some very rare manuscripts. The Tourist Information Centre is also located here.

Bahadurgarh Fort

About 7 km to the north-east of Patiala, on the Chandigarh-Patiala highway, a strong fort, which was built by Nawab Sef Khan and called Sefabad after his own name is now known as Bahadurgarh Fort. It was later restructured by Maharaja Karam Singh in 1837, at an estimated cost of around 100,000 Rupees at that time. Named in honor of ninth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur, Bahadurgarh Fort is a grand Mughal-architectural piece of art. A Gurudwara is also located within its premises, where visitors pay their obeisance.



Mughal Sarai, Shambhu

Situated at distance of about 11 km from Rajpura on National Highway, the Sarai was originally built by Sher Shah Suri to provide shelter to the caravans of merchants. A typical square plan with two magnificent gates, a mosque in the center and rooms on all four sides of the courtyard, it was rebuilt in the Mughal period. The Sarai has been conserved and is a destination for the film shooting and pre-wed shoot events.

Timing : 9.00am to 5.00pm (Monday Closed)



CUISINE



Traditional Punjabi dishes, sweets, and drinks can be enjoyed around the city in restaurants, hotels and street - side

dhabas; particularly around Adalat Bazaar, Anardana Chowk and Phuwara Chowk.

Crafts and Bazaars

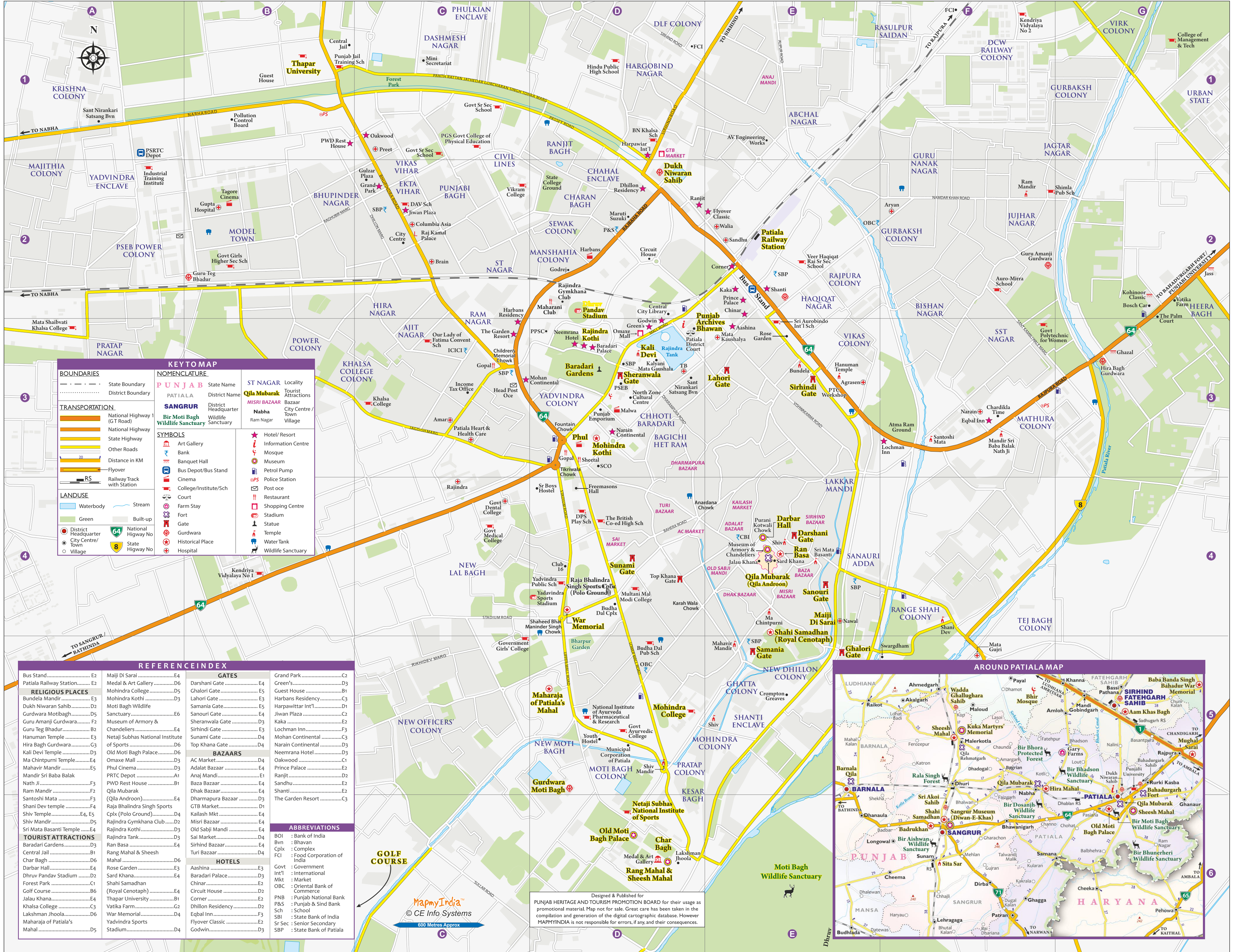
Patiala is renowned for the quality of its Juttis (intricately embroidered leather slippers), Phulkari (as style of hand embroidery) and Parandis (hair ornaments). Fine examples can be found in the narrow lanes around the Qila Mubarak, Adalat Bazaar and Dharampura Bazaar.



Phulkari Arts

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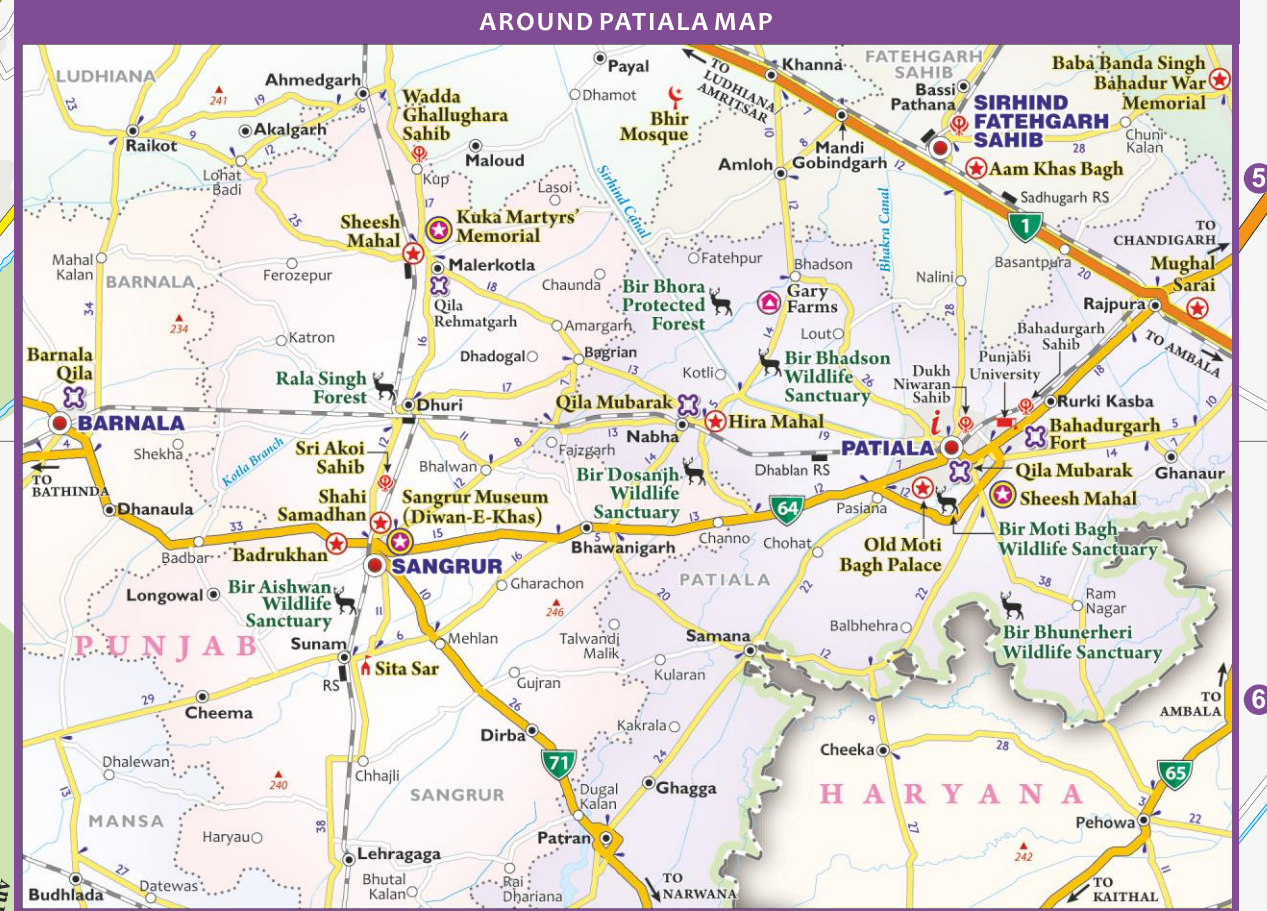


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TRANSPORTATION	SANGRUR District Name	Nabha	City Centre/Town
National Highway 1 (GT Road)	Bir Moti Bagh Wildlife Sanctuary	Ram Nagar	Village
National Highway	SYMBOLS		
State Highway	Art Gallery		
Other Roads	Bank		
Distance in KM	Banquet Hall		
Flyover	Bus Depot/Bus Stand		
Railway Track with Station	Cinema		
LANDUSE	College/Institute/Sch		
Waterbody	Court		
Stream	Farm Stay		
Green	Fort		
Build-up	Gate		
District Headquarter	Gurdwara		
City Centre/Town	Historical Place		
Village	Hospital		
	Hotel/Resort		
	Information Centre		
	Mosque		
	Museum		
	Petrol Pump		
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	ABBREVIATIONS	
	BOI : Bank of India	
	Bvn : Bhavan	
	Cplx : Complex	
	FCI : Food Corporation of India	
	Govt : Government	
	Int'l : International	
	Mkt : Market	
	OBC : Oriental Bank of Commerce	
	PNB : Punjab National Bank	
	P&S : Punjab & Sind Bank	
	Sch : School	
	SBI : State Bank of India	
	Sr Sec : Senior Secondary	
	SBP : State Bank of Patiala	



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