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Baya

Bhiwani, a city of nearly 300 temples is also known as 'mini Kashi' of India. Historically, Ain-e-Akbari also has references of Bhiwani, as one of the important centres of commerce during the Mughal period. According to another legend, the city has got its name from the name of a Queen of a Rajput King Neem, "Bhani". Bhiwani is a city and a municipal council in Bhiwani district. Many sportspersons and army soldiers hailing from this district have brought laurels to the country.

**Baya** (110 km from Delhi): Designed on a pattern reminiscent of Rajasthani haveli, this complex boasts of facilities like spacious rooms, multi-cuisine restaurant, well-stocked bar and a convention centre.

Tariff range: ₹ 1500 - 1999 + taxes

**Places of Interest in Bhiwani**

Ancient Site of Naurangabad, Prithviraj ki Kutcheri, Star Monument
Tradition meets modernity

The vibrant state of Haryana presents a vivid kaleidoscope of diverse landscapes, showcasing magnificent archaeology, and celebrating art and culture. A state that has transcended on a journey and preserved the best of both the worlds... here lies the confluence of history with myth, the footprints of the bygone eras and a futuristic vision. True to its name, Haryana, which literally means 'abode of God', has some of the famous pilgrimages in Kurukshetra, Jyotisar, Thanesar, Pehowa and Panchkula. It has scaled new heights with the progressive industrial towns like Faridabad, Gurgaon and Manesar.

The Tourism department of the state has put in its best to uphold this treasure trove by setting up exemplary complexes on the highways across the state that have top-class facilities to offer. The department of Tourism came into existence with the formation of the state of Haryana in 1966. The department gets financial assistance from Government of India and is responsible for concept planning, setting up the infrastructure and policy decisions. The Haryana Tourism Corporation (HTC) that was constituted in 1974, on the other hand, is responsible for maintenance and operation of these complexes.

Haryana could well be called a perfect vacation land: The 42 bird-named Complexes of Haryana Tourism are built on the national highways that pass through the State. They also await the Tourists at district headquarter towns and places of tourist interest. At the Complexes of Haryana Tourism, you are in harmony with Nature. The Complexes have picturesque landscaping, motels, guest rooms, restaurant, bar aided with a smiling service. Some of them even have health club and billiards facilities, and are adjoining heritage sites, beautiful lakes, bird sanctuary and golf course -- simply adding to the charm of the place. The fairs and festivals organised by Haryana Tourism further conforms to the unique identity of the State.
Ambala has an interesting history and is a place of religious relevance. It was supposedly founded by Amba Raiput during the 14th century AD. Another version is that the name is a corruption of Amba Wala (mango-producing) village or maybe it has been named after goddess Bhawani Amba whose temple exists in the city.

It is divided into two parts: Ambala Cantt (cantonment) and Ambala City. Tourists visiting Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh and Jammu & Kashmir have to pass through Ambala.

**Kingfisher** (55 km from Chandigarh): Just the right place to halt and relax. The coffee shop, restaurant, bar and multipurpose hall make it a delightful place for visitors. Comfortable rooms and suites provide all kinds of conveniences.

**Tariff range:** ₹ 1500 - 3100+taxes

**Places of Interest in Ambala**

Bhawani Amba Temple, European Cemetery, Muslim Shrines of Lakh Shah and Taqwal Shah, Sis Ganj Gurudawara, Kali Mata Temple, Shiv Mandir, St. Paul's Church, Gurudawara Panjokhara Sahib, Gurdwara Lakhnaur Sahib, Gurudwara Badshahi Bagh, Gurudawara Manji Sahib, Holy Redeemer Church
Badkhal

Badkhal (32 km from Delhi): Badkhal has a hint of history. The area was once ruled by Tomar chieftains. There is a manmade embankment surrounded by Aravalli hills. A best bet for weekend sojourn, where one can be at one's own pace in the landscaped gardens with magnificent flowers in full bloom, listen to soothing tweets of birds and take in the delicate aroma in every breath.

The best of cuisines and drinks are served in the two restro-bars: Mayur and Grey Falcon. The Minivet Huts have two bedrooms in a hut along with dining and drawing room. There are rooms with modern facilities in the motel too. The health-conscious can go for a swim or exercise in the gym. The green lawns and flowerbeds lend a dash of colour to this place. The outer structure of the Complex is unique while the guests are fascinated by elegant lobby area. A well-furnished conference hall is a perfect venue for hosting meetings and events.

Tariff range: ₹1800 - 6000+taxes
Magpie

Faridabad is about 25 km from Delhi and is situated on the Delhi-Agra-Gwalior highway. It was founded in 1607 A.D. by Sheikh Farid, treasurer of Jahangir, with the objective of protecting the highway, which passed through the town. It is one of the satellite towns of Haryana adjoining Delhi.

**Magpie Tourist Complex** (30 km from Delhi): The motel wing of the Complex has 32 designer guest rooms, multi-cuisine restaurant and a well-stocked bar. The silver jubilee convention hall is an ideal place for organising conferences, business meetings and weddings.

Tariff range: ₹1999-3500+taxes

**Places of Interest in Faridabad**
Anandpur Bandh (Dam), Surajkund (a masonry tank), Gymkhana Club, Mughal Bridge, Rose Garden, Nahar Singh Palace
Aravalli Golf Course (30 km from Delhi): This is a beautifully laid-out 18-hole golf course with luxurious rooms, a clubhouse and a conference hall. The clubhouse has a restaurant and a bar to relish a delicious fare.

It derives its nomenclature from the Aravallis—a lofty mountain range running across the state of Haryana. It was the first golf course to be set in Faridabad. The building of the course has been planned by famous architect Joseph Allan Stein of USA and the course was planned by eminent golf course designer Stephen Kay. The golf course has had the distinction of holding annual golf tournaments in which a wide range of amateur and professional golfers take part. The idyllic and tranquil environs of the course promise an absolutely relaxing and rejuvenating stay at this golf resort. This place spells bliss for vacationers and especially foreign tourists who can enjoy the gentleman's game in complete harmony with nature.

Tariff range: ₹ 1800 -2200 + taxes
Raja Nahar Singh Palace

Raja Nahar Singh Palace, Ballabgarh (15 km from South Delhi): It is a heritage property, which has been renovated and converted into a motel-cum-restaurant. The facilities here include guest rooms, restaurant, bar, lounge, while the period style courtyard and gardens are ideal to host grand weddings.

The historical palace of Raja Nahar Singh also known as Ballabgarh Fort Palace, is situated in the heart of the town of Ballabgarh, 15 km from South Delhi on Delhi-Agra highway. The palace dates back to the 18th century. It has been restored with the help of a team of experts. It is beautified with antiques, relics, stone jallies and intricately carved arches that take one back to the bygone era. It gives you an exalted status as you pass by the mighty splendid gate. The palace and its surroundings are also a favourite shooting spot for tele-serials.

So come and soak in the regal charm of this place.

Tariff range: ₹ 1800-2200+taxes
Lake View Huts

**Lake View Huts Resort:** Set amidst a green belt, the Resort has rooms with a designer touch and modern amenities. The restaurant rustles up an array of signature dishes.

When in Surajkund, Lake View Huts Resort is a must-visit. Different varieties of trees and plants accentuate the appearance of the resort and also perk up the mood of the onlookers. Tiled pathways, gazebo and comfortable seating areas spread across the green belt further lend to the relaxing appeal of the place.

The chiselled rocks embedded on landscaped greens offer a picturesque vista from the deluxe rooms of the Resort. An ideal sojourn for a family weekend or a corporate outing, Lake View Huts Resort, has all the makings of a cool holiday destination.

In the summer evenings or winter afternoons, sitting in the gazebo amidst the chirping of birds and sipping tea or savouring hot meals indeed refreshes you to the core.

Tariff: ₹1999+taxes
Hotel Rajhans

**Surajkund:** Surajkund (literal meaning is 'Lake of the Sun') is an artificial Kund ('Kund' means lake or reservoir) built in the backdrop of the Aravalli hills with an amphitheatre shaped embankment constructed in semicircular form. It is said to have been built by the Tomar king Suraj Pal of Tomar dynasty in the 10th century. Tomar was a sun worshipper and he had therefore built a Sun temple on its western bank. Many Tourist Complexes have developed around the Sunpool, a protected monument.

**Hotel Rajhans:** Situated at a stone’s throw from the venue of the Surajkund International Crafts Mela, Hotel Rajhans offers state-of-the-art facilities at par with a 5-star attraction. There are beautifully decorated rooms, spacious lobby, restaurant, coffee shop and health club in the hotel. The Convention Centre building adjoining the hotel has a convention hall (capacity of 600 persons) and a conference hall.

Tariff range: ₹3000 - 14500+taxes
Hermitage

**Hermitage Huts:** These are a cluster of unique-looking huts, where vacationers can revel at ease. The multi-cuisine restaurant, bar and conference block make the Complex complete.

The interiors of the bedrooms are eye-pleasing and they are equipped with modern amenities. The huts face a well-maintained garden. A nice place to capture the charm of nature. It caters to the budget-traveller's pocket. Celebrations come alive at this place, which is a good venue for hosting marriages. The multi-cuisine restaurant is a spacious one and serves a variety of mouth-watering dishes. Raise a toast for all good times at the well-stocked bar. The conference hall is fully geared up to fulfill all the needs of a new-age convention, summit or meeting.

An ideal place for friends and families to get together and enjoy each other's company.

Tariff range: ₹1500 - 2200+taxes
Sunbird

Sunbird Tourist resort has top-of-the-line suites and guest rooms, and an air-conditioned stylish conference hall. The restro-bar lies alongside that serves a delicious spread and heady drinks.

What makes the Resort special is its silent, august and serene environs. Cosmopolitan memories of Delhi fade away at this picturesque resort in Surajkund. The sprawling hectares are decorated with trees and greens that usher in a suburban charm. An ancient Sunpool is situated nearby, which dates back to the 10 century A.D. A number of tourist attractions have developed around this Sunpool like Hotel Rajhans, the Surajkund Mela grounds, a Hermitage settlement, picnic hides and a golfing green. The other main attractions of Surajkund lie in the vicinity too.

A great weekend getaway for tourists looking for complete relaxation in pristine clean surroundings! It is much-recommended for a mid-budget traveller. The Resort also has ample parking space.

Tariff range: ₹1999 - 5000 + taxes
**Barbet**

**Barbet**, Sohna (56 km from Delhi on Delhi-Alwar highway): A picturesque location teamed up with bouquet of facilities comprising elegant rooms and suites, restaurant and bar make this Complex a popular one.

Set amidst the Aravalli hills, Barbet Tourist Complex is a place that can surely rejuvenate the weary bodies and infuse new vigour among those looking to recharge their jaded minds and frames.

This Complex is built on an elevated surface - it overlooks the Sohna town - a panoramic view of the town is a sight to behold! A variety of flowery trees, plants and shrubs adorn the pathways that lead to the Complex. The rooms and suites wear an elegant look and render every kind of facility one could ask for.

A fantastic location of the Complex and a bouquet of conveniences that it delivers make it undoubtedly a famous sightseeing spot of Gurgaon.

Tariff range: ₹1500 - 3000+taxes
Papiha

Founded by Firoz Shah Tughlaq in the 14th century, Fatehabad was named after his son Fateh Khan. Fatehabad district has been carved out of Hisar district and is about 221 km from Delhi. This area was probably included in the kingdom of Pandavas, besides all prominent dynasties have left behind their impressions, which is why, Fatehabad is famous for its monuments. Interestingly, relics of Indus Valley civilization (Harappan era) have been also found during excavations conducted here.

Papiha (210 km from Delhi)
This Tourist Complex is surrounded by lush greens and offers a serene environment. The comfy rooms are attached with ultra-modern bathrooms. A separate bar and a restaurant rustle up best of food and drinks respectively, for people to enjoy.
Tariff: ₹1500 + taxes

Places of Interest in Fatehabad
Ancient Site of Banawali, Ancient Site of Bhirrana, Ancient Site of Kunal, Ashok Pillar, Humayun’s Mosque, Lat of Feroz Shah
Gurgaon, the second largest city in Haryana, located on NH-8, is one of the most important industrial and financial hubs of the nation. Gurgaon is also known as 'Guru Gram' or 'Guru Gaon', which was named after revered teacher Dronacharya of epic Mahabharata. The modern facilities and planned infrastructure have contributed to the commercial development of Gurgaon.

**Shama** (32 km from Delhi): The Complex offers spacious rooms with modern bathrooms. A restaurant and a bar designed in an ethnic style serve choicest of dishes and drinks. The well-manicured lawns are a visual treat.

It is a popular place among the residents of this town, who frequent it every now and then. Barely an hour’s drive from south-west Delhi, this property is a good option for those wish to spend a quiet day away from cacophony of the big city.

Tariff range: ₹ 1999 - 2200 +taxes
Saras, Damdama (64 km from Delhi, 10 km away on Delhi-Alwar highway): Be one with nature at this Complex that has deluxe rooms, a fine dining restaurant and a bar. Adjoining the Complex is Damdama Lake, where one can indulge in adventure activities like boating, canoeing, kayaking and trekking.

Each of the rooms has a separate balcony facing the lake, you can choose any depending on your budget and taste. Enjoy the environs of the lake along with its exotic bird life.

This is place that is so quiet that the only sound you hear is of your breath and chirping of birds. It is one of the most fascinating picnic spots, close to urban centre for weekend getaway.

Late summers and monsoons are a good time to visit Damdama. There is a hillock at the far end of the lake. Spend quality time here and forget the world.

Tariff : ₹ 1800 + taxes
Gauriyya

Jhajjar district was carved out of Rohtak district. The district headquarter is situated in its namesake, Jhajjar town at a distance of about 65 km from Delhi. Other towns in the district are Bahadurgarh and Beri. Bahadurgarh was founded by Rath Jats, it is situated 29 km from Delhi and had developed into an important of industrial centre. The industrial belt around Delhi includes Bahadurgarh, also known as 'Gateway of Haryana', is both a city and a municipal council located in Jhajjar district.

Gauriyya, Bahadurgarh (35 km from Delhi): The Complex is spread in a vast area and offers adequate facilities to make this is a perfect stopover for highway travellers. The Complex has attractive rooms, restaurant and conference hall among other facilities. Lush greens adorn the Complex. This is the place for tourists of all kinds, be it those looking to strike a business deal or the leisure-seeking ones.

Tariff range: ₹1800-1999+taxes

Places of Interest in Jhajjar
Bua Wala Talab, Group of Tombs and Mosques, Gurukul, Jhajjar Museum, Pandva's Bhimeshwari Goddess Temple
Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary (56 km from Delhi on Delhi-Alwar highway): Lush lawns, shrubs and clusters of bougainvillea adorn the Park. The Tourist Complex built in the Park has elegant rooms equipped with all modern amenities, a restaurant and a bar.

Sultanpur National Park is located 15 km from Gurgaon on Gurgaon-Farukh Nagar road. Keeping in view Sultanpur's potential, the Park was declared a bird sanctuary in 1971, and was upgraded to the status of National Park in 1991 by the Haryana government. The government carried out a number of development works.

To facilitate bird watching, there are four watch towers (machaans) located at different points. The Park has ample parking space besides essential facilities like toilets and drinking water. Tariff range: ₹1500 - 2500+taxes

Places of Interest in Gurgaon
Baoli Ghaus Ali Shah, Kingdom of Dreams, Mosque & Sarai of Ala Vardi Khan, Sheetala Devi Temple, Shish Mahal
Blue Bird

Hisar is situated 164 km west of Delhi on the National Highway No.10. The city of Hisar was founded by a Muslim ruler, Firozshah Tughlaq in 1354 A.D. The remains of pre-Harappan settlements were found here. In early 1960's, an Agriculture University was setup here. The government's industrial policy has attracted many entrepreneurs to Hisar.

Blue Bird (160 km from Delhi on Delhi-Fazilka highway): Green lawns, water body and open spaces make this a delightful Complex. Stay in the luxurious rooms and enjoy a variety of dishes and drinks in the restaurant and the bar respectively. There is a conference hall too.

It serves the highway traveller and the residents of the adjoining towns, who look forward to visit this Complex. The grand lobby of the Complex wears an ethnic look with wooden jharokhas supported by pillars. So come spend some splendid moments taking a break from a monotonous routine.

Tariff range: ₹ 1800 - 2200+taxes
Flamingo (160 km from Delhi): This Complex provides best amenities for tourists looking for a comfortable stay. Elegant rooms, restaurant, bar and mini-conference hall simply meet every need of a tourist.

So, here is a place that caters to the needs of all kinds of visitors looking for a good place to stay, eat and unwind. It is ideally located within the city limits, making it so very suitable for every tourist. The guest rooms are equipped with best of facilities and those in a hurry can make a stopover for a quick meal at the restaurant or relax in the cosy bar over a drink.

Tariff: ₹ 1800+taxes

Places of Interest in Hisar
Ancient Gumbad, Ancient Site of Agroha, Ancient Site of Rakhigarhi, Barsi Gate, Durgah Char Qutab, Feroz Shah's Palace & Tahakhanas, Fort of Prithviraj, Gujjari Mahal, Jahaj Kothi, Lat ki Masjid
Oasis Fast Food

Midway between Chandigarh and Delhi lies the modern Oasis Fast Food. Here is a place that hums with activity. An open-air sitting plan, a conglomerate of glittering gift shops, temporary parking sheds and well cared for public facilities invariably inspire the travellers to stop for a break. There are fun rides for little ones too.

The spacious Fast Food centre serves a variety of quick bites from different cuisines for the tourists in a hurry. While the restaurant dishes out a delicious fare amidst the cosy interiors. Raise a toast for all good times at the well-stocked bar.

A Kraft Bazaar showcases some of the finest handicrafts and handlooms traditions of the country for the travellers to shop from. There are options galore, as they can purchase all kinds of arty stuff from here.

The complex is popular among the highway travellers, who have time at hand and among those, who love to picnic.
Bulbul

Jind has both historical and mythological importance. It is believed that a Jayanti Devi Temple was built here by Pandavas and a town Jaitapuri developed around the temple, which later on came to be known as Jind. The archaeological findings link to the presence of pre-Harappan era at this place. Interestingly, Jind was also one of the first Sikh kingdoms. It is at a distance 135 km from Delhi.

Bulbul (127 km from Delhi): The ideal location and conveniences make this Complex a sought-after one. It has air-conditioned rooms with pleasing interiors. The cosy bar, multi-cuisine restaurant and designer banquet hall draw visitors to this Complex. One can look forward to relax and unwind in the serene environs of the Complex.

Tariff : ₹1500+taxes

Places of Interest in Jind
Ancient Fort at Safidon, Dhamtan Sahib, Hansdehar, Narwana, Pindara, Ramrai
Kaithal was originally known as Kapisthal, which means 'adobe of Kapi'. Kaithal district (174 km from Delhi) possesses rich cultural and historical heritage and is surrounded by seven ponds and eight gates. This place is traditionally connected to Lord Hanuman. Razia Sultan, the first woman ruler of India, breathed her last here. Kaithal is known for its quality production of cotton and rice.

**Koel** (123 km from Chandigarh on Kurukshetra-Hisar highway): A perfect place to unwind. Elegant rooms, stylish restaurant and bar areas promise a comfortable stay. The multipurpose hall and conference hall make every function/meeting a success.

Tariff range: ₹1500-1999+taxes

**Places of Interest in Kaithal**
Ancient Baoli, Ancient Bricks Temple, Ancient Site of Thehpolar, Hanumaan Mandir, Tomb of Razia Sultan, Tomb of Sheikh Tayyab, Topiyon Wala Gurudwara
Karna Lake

Karnal, headquarter of the district Karnal, is 124 km from Delhi and is one of the oldest districts of Haryana. The city has gained historical importance since Mahabharata era.

**Karna Lake, Uchana** (124 km from Delhi on Delhi-Ambala highway): Adjacent to the popular Oasis Fast Food lies the more tranquil Karna Lake. A manmade lake situated here forms the main centre of attraction.

There are exquisitely furnished family suites and rooms for the comfort and enjoyment of guests. The restaurant and the bar of the Complex are much frequented places by families. There is a conference hall too. Karna Lake fascinates tourists with its boating attraction.

**Places of Interest in Karnal**
Cantonment Church Tower, European Soldiers Grave, Gateway of Old Mughal Sarai, Kalander Shah's Tomb, Karna Tank, Kushan Stupa,
Dabchick

Palwal became the administrative headquarters of the newly formed Palwal district, 21st district of Haryana. The city is 60 km from Delhi, situated on the Delhi-Mathura highway (NH-2). As the legend goes, the city Palwal got its name from a demon, Palwasur, who ruled this place during the reign of Pandavas. Railway Station of Palwal was the place from where Mahatma Gandhi ji was arrested first time-Gandhi ashram stands here in his memory.

**Dabchick, Hodal** (92 km from Delhi): It is a cosy Tourist Complex where one can opt to stay either in a decent room or an independent hut. The restaurant, bar, fast food joint, gift shop, petrol filling station and a multi-purpose hall make it a complete holiday destination.

Tariff range: ₹1500-2200+taxes

**Places of Interest in Palwal**

Pandav Van, Sati ka Talab, Sayeed Sharif ki Dargah, Baba Udasnath Mandir, Panchvati Temple, Dauji Mandir
Neelkanthi Krishna Dham Yatri Niwas

Kurukshetra, a place where history and legend come together. There lies a confluence of profound streams of faiths like Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism. Lord Krishna preached his philosophy of *karma* as enshrined in holy Bhagwad Gita to Arjun at Jyotisar.

**Neelkanthi Krishna Dham Yatri Niwas**, Kurukshetra (154 km from Delhi): It is a well-maintained Complex with six and four-bedded rooms. The other facilities here include lockers, dormitory, restaurant, conference room and banquet hall.

Tariff range: ₹ 1500 - 2500 + taxes

**Places of Interest in Kurukshetra**

Arunai Temple, Bhadrakali Temple, Bhishma Kund, Village Narkatari, Brahma Sarovar, Birla Mandir, Gurdawara Baoli Sahib, Raja Harsha ka Tila, Jyotisar, Kalpana Chawla Memorial Planetarium, Kurukshetra Panorama and Science Centre, Pathar Masjid, Raja Karna ka Qila, Sannihit Sarovar, Sheikh Chilli’s (or Chehali’s) Tomb, Sri Krishna Museum
**Parakeet**

**Parakeet**, Pipli (152 km from Delhi): This Complex is a gateway to the holy town of Kurukshetra. The rooms come with a designer touch and the restaurant, bar and fast food joint are among the facilities available. Enjoy a multi-cuisine fare at the restaurant or raise a toast at the bar that has a decent collection.

The Complex has a contemporary look while the reception and lobby area have been tastefully done up. The lush green lawns in the backyard offer quiet leisure to the visitors.

This is one of the better known places in Pipli town where tourists are extended gracious hospitality and conveniences that make their trip indeed a comfortable one.

The Complex is a great tourist attraction. In Kurukshetra district, there are many temples, **sarovar** and an enviable civic infrastructure, so those planning a visit can camp at this Complex.

Tariff range: ₹ 1800 - 4400+taxes
Anjan Yatrika

Anjan Yatrika, Pehowa (110 km from Chandigarh on Ambala-Kaithal Road): It is the place for pilgrims. The motel has decent rooms offering all basic comforts for a relaxed stay. While at the restaurant, enjoy a good meal amidst pleasant interiors. At the bar, one can be at ease and relish heady drinks. A green cover surrounds the Complex.

Neatly laid corridors lead to the rooms from the impressively designed reception area of the Tourist Complex. So either visiting Pehowa or on way to Hisar, do stopover at Anjan Yatrika for a quick grub and to unwind.

The town of Pehowa lies 27 km west of Thanesar, it finds a mention in 'Vaman Puran' and the epic of Mahabharata. The site is famous among people for offering prayers that grant salvation.

Tariff: ₹1500+taxes
Tikkar Taal

Tikkar Taal, Morni Hills (52 km from Chandigarh): An ultimate place for holidaying on weekends.

At Tikkar Taal, nestled in hills, one has the option to stay either in cosy log huts or in swanky rooms. For budget travellers, the clean dormitories are an economical choice. There's also an open-air restaurant under a canopy for visitors to relish tasty treats. One can also unwind in the bar over a drink.

The enthralling sights of sleepy villages, terraced fields and woody hills present a breathtaking scenario. The remnants of an old fort also form an attraction of this place. Trekking, hiking trails and hand gliding make this locale a delight for the adventurous ones.

This destination is ideally suited for a weekend break, organising family functions, motivation programmes and residential/day conferences.

Tariff: ₹1500 + taxes
Red Bishop

Panchkula is a satellite city of Chandigarh. In ancient times, the place was known as 'Panchpura' and it is believed that the Pandavas spent some time of their exile here. Morni Hills, the only hill station in Haryana, lies in this district. Chandimandir Cantonment, the headquarters of the Indian Army Western Command, is also in Panchkula.

Red Bishop (10 km from Chandigarh): This is a pleasant retreat in Panchkula, suited to meet the needs of one and all. It's surrounded by lush green lawns and has well-decorated rooms, restaurant, bar, committee room and banquet hall.

Tariff range: ₹ 1999 - 3500+taxes

Places of Interest in Panchkula
Bhima Devi Temple, Pinjore, Cactus Garden, Chandimandir, Mata Mansa Devi Temple, Nada Sahib, Nahan Kothi, Kalka Station
Jatayu Yatrika, Mata Mansa Devi (2 km from Chandigarh): This Complex offers good staying option for pilgrims visiting Mata Mansa Devi temple. It boasts of air-conditioned rooms, restaurant and lush lawns.

For the convenience of the guests, four-bedded rooms are also available in the Complex. It is a sought after place among pilgrims. The Complex has been ethnically designed and offers a host of amenities for visitors. The high point of the Complex is its clean and well-maintained rooms facing the green lawns. The restaurant dishes out healthy and hygienic meals.

The Complex is named after the legendary bird Jatayu, which fought valiantly with Lanka King Ravana to stop him from abducting Sita, wife of Lord Rama.

Tariff: ₹ 1500 + taxes
Mountain Quail

Mountain Quail, Morni Hills/Tikkar Taal (45 km from Chandigarh): An ultimate place for holidaying on weekends. Mountain Quail Tourist Resort is all-in-one complex that has a motel, bar, restaurant and conference hall.

The rooms have been decked up with textured walls, trendy sofas and modern bathrooms to make every visitor's stay memorable. One can relax in the green lawns and enjoy the scenery around.

Morni Hills is for those, who love to be one with nature and are high on adventure. It is subsidiary of the Shivalik Range. Mountain Quail is situated amidst a forest cover at Morni.

Not just the awe-inspiring landscapes but also flora and fauna of this area further make it fascinating.

Tariff range: ₹1100 - 1999 + taxes
Located about 82 km in the south-west direction of the National Capital across the Delhi-Jaipur National Highway No-8, Rewari is a place of historical significance. The ancient city has its references in Indian epics like Rigveda and Mahabharata. A lesser-known yet powerful last Hindu emperor of the medieval period, Samrat Hem Chandra Vikramaditya, belonged to Rewari.

**Sandpiper** (80 km from Delhi): One feels elated at the sight of the green lawns of this Tourist Complex. One can soak in the comforts of the designer rooms, restaurant and bar.

Relish delicious meals in the lavishly designed restaurant adorned with wrought iron murals. Also chill out over couple of drinks in the bar. Surely a place to rejoice and rejuvenate!

Tariff range: ₹1500-1999+taxes

**Places of Interest in Rewari**
Baag Wala Talab, Bada Talab, Bhagwati Bhakti Ashram, The Ghanteshwar Mandir, The Red Mosque
Pinjore Gardens

Pinjore Gardens (22 km from Chandigarh on Chandigarh-Shimla highway): Located on the foothills of lower Shivaliks, these Gardens were built in 17th century. Live like a king in the Sheesh Mahal and Rang Mahal suites, organise conferences and parties in the majestic surroundings and relax in the Budgerigar motel rooms, restaurant and bar.

Inside the Garden, there are three ultra-modern suites in the Rani Mahal, namely Jahanara Begum, Mehtab Begh and Roshanara. An air-conditioned lounge Rang Mahal with an ethnic architecture offers a stately welcome to all.

Adjoining the Pinjore Gardens is the Bhima Devi Museum, another must-see attraction. Pinjore, an old historic township that holds interest for everyone, where history blends with mythology, is also a gateway to popular hill stations like Kasauli, Chail, Shimla and other places. One is in for a royal treat when in Pinjore!

Tariff range: ₹ 1999 - 6000+taxes
Skylark

Panipat is famous for its *pachranga* pickle and handloom. It has a glorious place in the history of India - three major battles were fought here. It is believed that at the time of the battle of Mahabharata, Pandavas demanded five villages from Duryodhana, Panipat was one of them. This district is situated 90 km from Delhi on NH-1.

**Skylark (92 km from Delhi):** This Complex houses luxuriously equipped motel wing and interesting on-premise food and beverage outlets. What makes this Complex stand out is its restaurant, bar, gift shop, dormitory and conference/banquet hall.

Tariff range: ₹1500 - 1800+taxes

**Places of Interest in Panipat**

Bab-I-Faiz Gate, Grave of Ibrahim Lodhi, Hemu’s Samadhi Sthal, Ibrahim Lodhi’s Tomb, Kabuli Bagh Mosque, Obelisk commemorated to the Third Battle of Panipat, Panipat Museum, Salar Gunj Gate, Tomb of Bu-Ali-Shah Qalandar
Blue Jay, Samalkha (70 km from Delhi on Delhi-Ambala highway): Unleash in the calm environs of the Complex that has reasonably good air-conditioned spacious rooms to stay. The rooms have separate sitting areas, closets, LCDs and modern bathware. The guests can enjoy scrumptious meal in the restaurant or drinks in the well-stocked bar. While sason-ka-saag and makki-ki-roti are a winter specialty of the restaurant here.

An interesting facade created with arches and pillars catches your eye at once when you enter the Complex. The luxurious look of the reception and the lobby imparted by textured walls, artistic ceiling and pillars charms the visitors. The green lawns and potted plants splash greenery around the Complex.

It is strategically located on the highway and is a reasonably good option for travellers to stop by either for a quick bite or an overnight stay.

Tariff range: ₹1500 - 1999+taxes
Deen Bandhu Chaudhary Chhotu Ram Tourist Complex

Deen Bandhu Chaudhary Chhotu Ram Tourist Complex, Sampla (45 km from Delhi): The Complex has umpteen facilities to offer - air conditioned rooms, dormitory and conference hall. The restaurant offers hygienic food aided by the warm service. The water body adjoining the Complex is an added attraction.

An interesting façade of this Complex overlooking the green area is a sight to behold! One enters the Complex through the reception area that is done up in an artistic manner. The rooms are no less with best of flooring and furnishings to make one feel special. There is ample parking area. The restaurant offers mouth watering cuisines.

The Tourist Complex has been dedicated to the great freedom fighter of Haryana, Deen Bandhu Chaudhary Chhotu Ram. The Complex has a life-size statue of Sir Chhotu Ram surrounded by landscaped terraces and also his chair has been preserved here.

Tariff range: ₹1100 - 1500+taxes
Jungle Babbler

Jungle Babbler, Dharuhera (70 km from Delhi on Delhi-Jaipur highway): This attractive-looking Complex has well-decked and spacious rooms equipped with all comforts. Here lies a gastronomic delight for there is a restaurant, a bar and a fast food joint.

The imposing structure of the multi-purpose hall is an added attraction of this Complex. It is a great venue for holding all kinds of functions.

The Complex wears a picturesque look with a variety of trees and captivating flower beds adorning it.

As one enters the premises, the serene environs have a calming effect on you. The reception of the Complex with striking interiors and an impressive lobby welcomes the visitors.

This is a perfect weekend getaway for the people of Delhi and around.

Tariff range: ₹1500 - 3000+taxes
It is located 70 km northwest of New Delhi. Modern day Rohtak is identified with 'Rohitaka', a place that finds mention in Mahabharata. Ruins of the town were found at a mound Rohtashgarh. The existence of the town during the rule of Kushanas is testified by the recovery of Kushana Pillar Capital, also the town had links with Yaudhey and Gupta period. Today's Rohtak is a throbbing industrial city and the University and PGIMS are institutes of prestige.

**Myna** (74 km from Delhi): To make every tourist's stay pleasurable, there are spacious rooms and suites that spell complete luxury for guests. The restaurant tosses up a delicious fare amidst cozy interiors. A bar and a conference hall make it a special place that has something in store for all.

**Tariff range:** ₹1500 - 2500+taxes

**Places of Interest in Rohtak**
Ancient Site of Farmana, Ancient Site of Khokhrakot, Astthal Bohar, Meham, Shahjahan ki Baoli
Tilyar Lake

Tilyar Lake (70 km from Delhi on Delhi-Hisar highway): A splendid Complex with a bunch of facilities including superior rooms, multi-cuisine restaurant, bar, fast food centre, conference hall and one-of-its-kind of a convention centre. Also enjoy adventure sports at the lake.

There is a provision for kayaking and boating, which attract a large number of tourists. The Complex delights with its landscaped surrounding and fountains adorning the lawns. Tucked away from the hustle bustle of the city, Tilyar Lake Tourist Complex offers a bunch of attractions for every tourist. This Complex is adjoining the lake. It is a paradise for bird watchers, as different varieties of birds both domestic and migratory birds flock on this lake. The lake is fairly big and forms an integral part of the area making it one of the greenest stretches.

Tariff range: ₹ 1800 - 3000 + taxes
Grey Pelican

Before being named as Yamunanagar, it was known as Abdullapur. Large part of the district lies under the Shivalik foothills and it is 193 km from Delhi. Pre-independence, it was a small village and refugees from Pakistan choose to make Yamunanagar their new home, and in the process added to the culture of the town. Sugarcane, wheat and rice are its main crops and it is also an important industrial town.

Grey Pelican (106 km from Chandigarh): The Complex has been designed like a ship on the bank of river Yamuna. Relax in the king-size rooms, relish delicious food in the restaurant and heady drinks in the bar.

Tariff range: ₹1800 - 1999+taxes

Places of Interest in Yamunanagar
Adibadri, Ancient Site of Sugh, Bilaspur and Kapalmochan, Buddhist Stupa Chaneti, Ch. Devi Lal Herbal Nature Park, Kalesar Wild Life Sanctuary, Kosminar, Sadhaura, Chhachhrauli, Harnol & Topra
Surkhab

Sirsas ancient name was Sairishaka, which finds a mention in Mahabharata, Panini’s Ashtadhyayi and Buddhist text Divyavadan. The name might have had its origin from the sacred river Sarasvati that flowed near it or from the 'siris' trees found in the neighbourhood of Sirsa. Archaeological Survey of India unearthed 54 sites and mounds during excavations.

Surkhab (259 km from Delhi): Relaxation and recreation go hand in hand at this Complex. The spacious rooms spell comfort and ease. The host of facilities offered here include restaurant, bar, gift shop and banquet hall.

Tariff range: ₹1100-1500+taxes

Places of Interest in Sirsa

Ancient site of Ther mound, Tomb of Khawaja Pir, Dera Baba Sarsai Nath, Gurudwara Guru Gobind Singh, Chormar Khera (Tehsil Dabwali), Hanuman Temple, Jama Masjid, Saint Baba, Bihari Samadhi
Shikra

**Shikra,** Asa Khera (326 km from Delhi on Sirsa-Dabwali-Ganganagar highway): The Complex pampers its guests with top-class services including trendy rooms, multi-cuisine restaurant and well-stocked bar.

The rooms are designed stylishly and so are the ultra-modern bathrooms. One can choose from an array of mouth-watering dishes from the restaurant menu. Enjoy the heady concoctions while watching a game of cricket on the big screen LCD in the bar. Both the restaurant and bar boast of classy interiors, making the stay of every guest pleasurable.

Lush green lawns, neatly pruned hedges and different varieties of trees welcome the visitors at the Shikra Tourist Complex. The lawns are a perfect place to lounge and relax or even take a stroll.

Tariff: ₹1500 + taxes
Ethnic India

Sonepat, also spelled as Sonipat, is believed to be founded as Swarnaprastha by five Pandava brothers. The city has also been mentioned by the great grammarian Panini in his celebrated Ashtadhyayi. Sonipat was carved out of Rohtak and made a full-fledged district and is 50 km from Delhi. It has places of historical and religious importance.

**Ethnic India,** Rai (38 km from Delhi on Delhi-Ambala highway): Get up close with India’s rich culture at this Complex. The facilities like rooms, restaurant, bar and conference hall fulfil all parameters of a luxury resort.

Tariff range: ₹1999-3000+taxes

**Places of Interest in Sonepat**
Tomb of Khawaza Khizr, Ancient Pandav Place, Ancient Temple of Guru Gorakhnath, Baba Meer Mukand Sainipura, Baba Dham, Buddhist Site of Worship, Historical Memorial Site in village Badkhalsa
Pinjore Heritage Festival

The Pinjore Heritage Festival is held in the month of November/December at Pinjore Gardens. The Festival is organised to promote the rich cultural and historical tradition of the region. It is beautifully themed with the flavour of the past centuries with street bazaar and tented pavilions being created. The venue gets decked up with platforms, decorated gates and wonderful illuminations. Features like Food Court, Day Performances and Competitions for school children are a crowd puller. A live evening concert by eminent artistes is an add-on attraction.

The Festival is organised with the support of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The Gardens dazzle like a jewel in the evenings, as the entire palace is well-illuminated for the event. The grandeur of the royal gardens - fortress walls, ramparts, bastions and palaces offer a perfect setting to the Heritage Festival.
Surajkund International Crafts Mela

When Spring spreads out its wings, Surajkund near Faridabad plays host to hundreds of national and state awardee craftspersons, who get an ideal platform to exhibit their art in a rural ambience. Buoyed by the response from 12 countries in 2012, the showcase event was upgraded and renamed '27th Surajkund International Crafts Mela' in 2013, in which 20 nations took part. During the Mela fortnight (1-15 February), the craftspersons also give a live demonstration of how they create their stuff. Some of the very fine hand-woven silk, cotton fabrics and saris with traditional hand embroideries are exhibited here. Besides which, ethnic home furnishings and décor items, different varieties of jewellery, wooden toys, herbal products et al, are also on display. Also scintillating performances at Chaupal and Natyashala and mouth-watering cuisines at the Food Courts make the Mela a must-see.
Baisakhi Mela

Baisakhi Mela is celebrated with much pomp and show on 13th and 14th April at Pinjore Gardens. This vibrant festival energises one and all, filling the air with countless desires. Among the main highlights of the festival are Competitions like drawing and *rangoli* making, Shopping Fiesta, Food Court, Day Performances and also Cultural Programmes in the evening.

Baisakhi is a festival celebrated to mark the beginning of the wheat harvest season. This is one of the most popular festivals of North-West India that is celebrated by farmers with great jubilation involving dance, music and feasting, on a large scale particularly in the states of Punjab and Haryana. Baisakhi at Pinjore Gardens is an equally spirited occasion when people adorn themselves with the best of apparels, visit a holy place to offer prayers and feast with loved ones. Baisakhi is also observed as the first day of the New Year as per the traditional Vikrami calendar in India.
Mango Mela

A treat for lovers of the king of fruits, mango, the Mango Mela is organised either in the month of June or July at Pinjore Gardens. During the Mela, hundreds of varieties of mangoes from mango growers of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab arrive here, delighting everyone with their hybrid shapes and quality. Competitions of preserved mango condiments are held and adding more colour to the event are the cultural performances. Haryana Tourism has been organising the annual Mango Mela at Pinjore since 1992. The Mango Mela is celebrated in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Haryana.

The main aim of the Mango Mela is also to encourage mango growers to adopt the latest practices to increase their production, so that they may get maximum return from their produce. It also provides a common platform to the artisans and Self Help Groups to display and sell their handlooms and handicrafts products.
Kurukshetra Utsav

Gita Jayanti Festival celebrations are dedicated to the birth of Srimad Bhagwad Gita. The Festival is organised in the month of November/December at Kurukshetra, the land where celestial song 'Bhagwad Gita' is believed to have been delivered by Lord Krishna to Arjuna. The weeklong festival is celebrated with major attractions like sloka recital, dance performances, Bhagwad katha reading, bhajans, drama, book exhibition and free medical check-up camps. The Festival is a joint effort of Kurukshetra Development Board, Haryana Tourism, District Administration, North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala and Information and Public Relations Department, Haryana.

Pilgrims from all over India take part in this Festival. A normal ritual observed to be followed by everyone is to take bath in holy water of the sacred tanks - Sannihit Sarovar and Brahma Sarovar. The whole environment becomes divine and spiritual. Over the years, Gita Jayanti Utsav has gained immense importance and popularity, especially among the Hindu community.
Farm Tourism

Haryana Tourism took one-of-its-kind of an initiative to introduce Farm Tourism across the state. This is in partnership with many farm owners of Haryana, which is primarily an agrarian state, offers special packages in these chosen farms.

These farms are located near Delhi and present an experience of a lifestyle that's true of a real India - rich in age old traditions, ethnic arts and crafts. An opportunity to get back to roots!

A vacationer at these farms lives close to nature and gets hand-on feel of milking a cow, ploughing a field, gets to shepherd a flock of cows, travel by a bullock cart, take a carefree bath in tube well water, wander in meadows by the canals, breath fresh air and eat organic stuff.

However, for the very unprepared minds, these farms have modern day facilities to make the stay of the guests comfortable.

Indeed a lifetime experience to cherish!
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