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WAGAH BORDER (AROUND ASR.)



The final frontier , Wagah about 28 kms from Amritsar city is the only border crossing between two nations India and Pakistan and has become a very famous tourist place in last ten years .The pomp and pageantry of the Beating Retreat is definitely an interesting experience which takes place everyday, 30 minutes before sunrise and sunset. The changing of the Guards within a non measurable distance of the Indian and Pakistani forces with BSF on the Indian side of border makes it a most charming spectacle amidst thunderous applause .

Wagah, an army outpost on Indo-Pak border - between Amritsar and Lahore, gives to spectators on both the sides a chance to look at roads and barriers on both sides. The daily highlight is the evening "Beating the Retreat" ceremony. Soldiers from both India and Pakistan march in perfect mind boggling drill, along with going through the steps of bringing down their respective national flags with a synchronized marching and bellowed military commands. As the sun starts going down and before night draws it's curtain with galaxy of stars, nationalistic emotions rises and lights are switched on marking the end of the day amidst thunderous applause. Famous journalist and M.P, Kuldip Nayier organizes a candle light show every year to commemorate those who were killed during Indo Pak partition in 1947 . Amritsar's Khalsa College and GND University : A must see master piece of beautiful specimen of Sikh architecture , Khalsa College is situated on Wagah Border Rd. near Amritsar's Rly. Station .



RAM BAGH - COMPANY GARDEN (IN ASR.)

Ram Bagh was Maharaja Ranjit Singh's summer palace . The small beautiful palace surrounded by a lush green huge garden was built up by the Lion Of Punjab - Mahraja Ranjit Singh . This palace also houses a museum display-

ing weapons dating back to Mughal Emperors and paintings and portraits of different ruling dynasties of Punjab along with a replica of the diamond "Kohinoor" . Maintenance free inbuilt cooling system designed in the Palace exhibits the architectural excellence and generates a keen interest .The king of his time brought local chieftains under his control and virtually finished any eventuality of possible attacks on the kingdom raised by him. The garden was approached by a huge fortified gate in the days of King's rule , which still exists in its original form and is still standing on the periphery of the garden. The lively statue of Mahraja Ranjit Singh saddled on a horse inside the garden commemorates the memory of his valour .This beautiful garden is also a tribute to Guru Ram Dass , the founder of city of Amritsar . The garden is situated just in the heart of new part of the city near SSSS chowk. It is closed on Wednesdays .Very short off this garden another must see place is "The Historical Banyan Tree(Shaheedi Bohr).This historical tree with massive girth stands majestically in the Namdhari Shaheedi Samark against the majestic back drop of the northern boundary of Ram Bagh . Four Kookas were hanged from this tree by the British Government in 1871.The Kookas were hanged from this tree by the British Government in 1871. The Kookas were hanged because they had reacted violently against the hawking of beef around the Golden Temple.



PATHANKOT - GURDASPUR

BATALA (32 kms From Gurdaspur). It is Known for the samadhi of Sati Lakshmi Devi, the wife of Veer Hakikat Rai of Sialkot. Other attraction is the Kandh Sahib Gurudwara . Other places of interest around Gurdaspur are - Doong, Kalanur, Takht -e-Akbari, Pandori Mahantan, Quadian & Sri Hargovindpur **DERA BABA NANAK** (39 kms From Gurdaspur).

Guru Nanak Dev Ji is said to have spent the last 12 years of his life over here. The clothes he wore during his visit to Mecca are still Preserved.

PATHANKOT: The beautiful town is the 'Gateway' to Jammu & Kashmir and the scenic Kangra valley of Himachal Pradesh.

The 16th Century Shahpur Kandi Fort, 7 Kms. From Pathankot overlooking the river Ravi, has now been converted into a comfortable rest-house.

Malikpur town near Pathankot is Know for India's Leading Hydraulic research station. A giant Lord Shiva's Abode on Pathankot - Jalandhar N.H. Is a must see Temple.

Other must visit places are: Shani Dev Mandir, Dhruv Park, Baba Barfani Temple & Kali Mata Mandir.



HARI - KE - PATTAN (AROUND ASR.)

Hari - Ke -Pattan sanctuary , a wetland and a popular picnic spot , at about 40 minutes drive from Amritsar falls at the midway between Amritsar and Ferozpur and is one of the virgin bird sanctuaries in the country . At this