

Days out from Panchkula

Nine trips within an hour or so, plotted by real distance and direction from Sector 5. Weekend sorted.



- 1 National Cactus and Succulent Botanical Garden** In the city
 1 hour · Best: Late winter and spring, when many cacti flower
- 2 Mansa Devi Temple** ~5 km
 1 to 2 hours · Best: Early morning; avoid Navratra weekends unless you want the mela
- 3 Gurdwara Nada Sahib** ~6 km
 1 hour · Best: Any time; langar runs through the day
- 4 Chandi Mandir** ~9 km
 1 hour · Best: Morning; very busy during Navratras
- 5 Yadavindra Gardens, Pinjore** ~16 km
 Half a day · Best: Late afternoon into the evening, when the gardens are lit up
- Bir Shikargah Wildlife Sanctuary** ~18 km
 Half a day · Best: October to March
- 6 Kalka-Shimla toy train** ~22 km
 A full day (5 to 6 hours each way) · Best: Any season; spectacular after the monsoon and in winter
- 7 Morni Hills** ~32 km
 A full day · Best: October to March, and after the monsoon rains
- 8 Tikkar Taal** ~45 km
 A full day with Morni · Best: October to March

Hill roads are slow: start early, and leave Morni before dark. The toy train starts from Kalka; book seats well ahead in season.