

Solan

Solan is situated midway between Kalka and Shimla. the fine climate of this place round the year makes it an ideal destination for all seasons. There is famous 'Mohan Meakin's Brewery' in Solan, set up in 1855 A.D. The mountains near Solan offer interesting trekking possibilities and its streams are well stocked with a variety of game fish. Solan district is covered by catchment areas of three important rivers, namely Satluj, Yamuna and Ghagar.

Solan : General Information

Altitude : varies from 300 meters to 3,000 meters.

Headquarter : Solan (altitude 1,463 meters)

Location : Solan district lies between 30°05' and 31°15' North Latitude and 76°42' and 77°20' East Longitude. Solan district is bounded by Shimla district in North, by Ropar district of Punjab and Ambala district of Haryana in the South, by Sirmaur district in the East and Bilaspur district in the West. Mandi district touches the boundary of Solan district in the North-East.

Access by Air : Nearest airport is Chandigarh 48 km. and Shimla 68 km.

Access by Rail : It is in the midway on Kalka-Shimla narrow gauge train.

Access by Road : Almost each and every part of the state is linked by roads.

Distance : Delhi 315 km., Kalka 42 km., Chandigarh 68 km. and Shimla 48 km.

Famous Places around Solan :

Parwanoo :- This is Himachal Pradesh's premier Industrial township, located at the base of the Shivalik hills on the Kalka-Shimla highway. Parwanoo has a large number of small and medium scale industries. This is also a gateway to Himachal Pradesh via Kalka touching the boundaries of Haryana.

Kasauli :- 77 km. from Kalka, at an altitude of 2,107 metres. Kasauli is a charming and quiet place for relaxation. It is a little town with dainty English Cottages set in gardens spilling with flowers, easy and beautiful paths and old fashioned shops. This town seems frozen in time.

Sabathu :- There is an old Gurkha fort built in the early years of the 19th century.

Barog :- It is a beautiful place, just 37 km. from Kalka and 5 km. from Solan. It was an important stop on the railway line in the early part of the century. The hill train halted for an hour here, while the travelers indulged in a lavish lunch. Today, this little town with refreshing air and fine views, is a little holiday destination in itself. It is well surrounded by Pine forests.

Chail :- An ideal resort surrounded by scented Pine and Deodar forests. It was once the summer resort of the Maharaja of Patiala. It is located on a wooded spur and it overlooks the Satluj Valley. Shimla and Kasauli are also visible and at night the scene of twinkling lights of Shimla looks charming and seems like the part of the starlit sky.

Arki :- It is the sub-division headquarter and is situated at 39 km. from Shimla and 7 km. from Shalaghat on Shimla-Bilaspur road. It was the capital of Parmar Dynasty in ancient time. The King's palace is an example of the ancient art.

Nalagarh :- It is 45 km. from Pinjore in Haryana and the half-way point on the road to Swarghar. Nalagarh was the capital of princey with the same.