

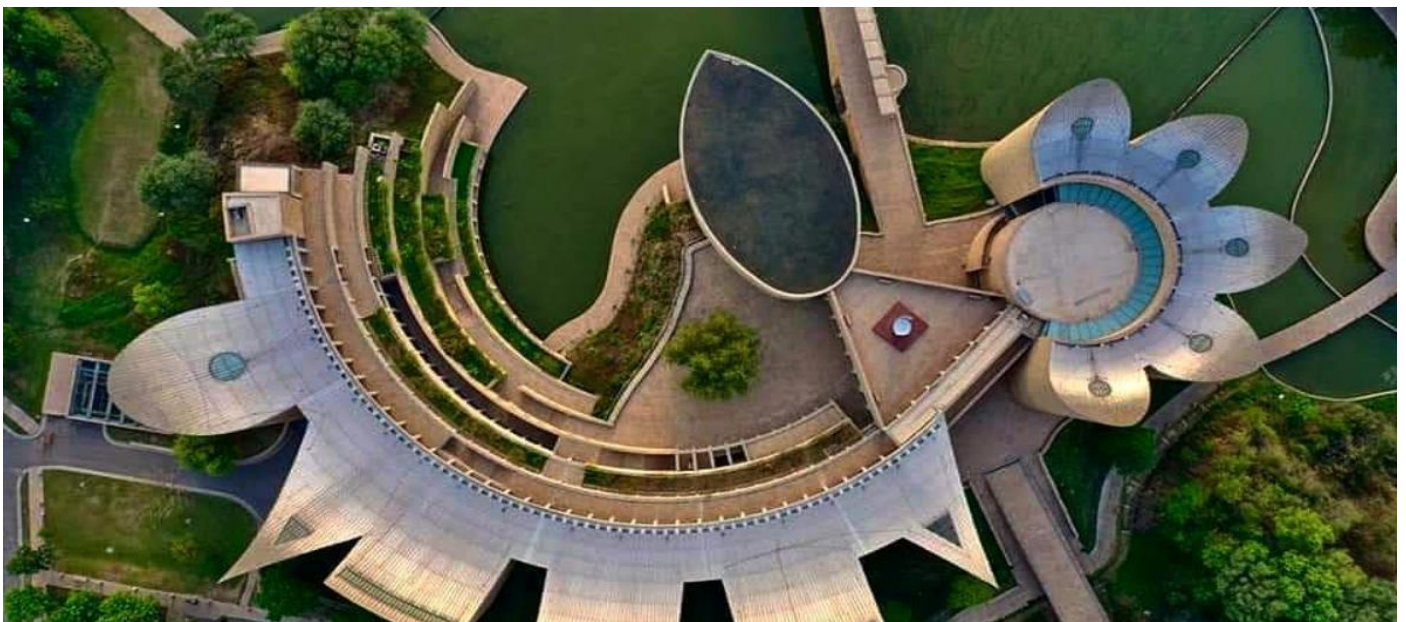


## ITINERARY 2 : CHANDIGARH - ANANDPUR SAHIB

**Starting Point:** From Chandigarh to Rupnagar district covering various tourist attractions at Nangal and Anandpur Sahib. This tour introduces you to the best of history and nature of Punjab.

**Spot 1:** Visit **Virasat-e-Khalsa at Anandpur sahib** from Nangal Wetland which is 30 minutes away from there. It is the most visited Museum in the history of Indian subcontinent with around 10 million visitors in a period of 8 years. This museum gives visitors an insight into the Sikh history including birth of 'Khalsa' displayed through a series of beautiful paintings, portraying lives of all Sikh Gurus, their struggles and the heritage which they have left behind.

Timings: 10 am to 5 pm (Tuesday-Sunday)



**Spot 2:** Visit **Anandgarh Fort**, this is one of the five forts built by Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji to protect Sikhs and other residents from the Mughals. It is believed that the construction of this fort began in 1689 and took over 10 years to complete, whereas, later it was reconstructed in 1970, but one can still trace the marks of the old, original structure.

**Spot 3:** Visit Takhat **Sri Keshgarh Sahib**, the birth place of 'Khalsa', It is one of the five Takhts of Sikh religion which stands out as a prominent and most visited site in the town of Anandpur Sahib. It was founded by the ninth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji in 1665, which was earlier known as 'ChakkNanaki'. The Gurudwara was rebuilt in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, transforming it into an impressive shrine, where the relics of tenth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji, including a dagger and other weapons are kept.

Return back to Chandigarh for overnight stay.