



Punjabi Culture celebrate experiences . create memories

Ranjit's SVAASA, Heritage Boutique Spa Haveli is a place of history. Sprawling with the vibrant heritage and culture of its ancestors, it adores and rejoices that of its home, Punjab.

Come explore the land of five rivers, the state of plentiful - art & culture, music & dance, traditions and rituals. A region where Sikhism was born.

The SVAASA Coordinators will be happy to enrich your holiday with traditional Punjabi folklore and art forms in the most authentic fashion, just as they would enjoy it. Join in and relish as a true Punjabi would!



Village Excursion

"There is authenticity in the heart of this product. Having travelled often across North India, this village tourism is by far the best."
Wendela (U.K.)

An old village family plays host welcoming you into their home. The younger grandson of the household is a bhangra dancer and along with his troupe performs in traditional attire and style while his family greets and extends their hospitality.

Only too pleased to have you experience their life, the grandson walks you through his village - nooks and corners, streets and by-lanes, concrete houses and the humble dwellings, cow and buffalo sheds, the local 'unofficial' assembly ground through the old arch-gate, the village primary school, the village crematory... regaling tales among more.

Farming is a primary source of livelihood in this village. Hop on as he takes you on a tractor ride across the fields of the villagers and even shows you how to play 'Gulli Danda', a favourite game and popular time-pass of young boys of the village.

One of the most 'real' village tourism excursion's on the circuit, option of lunch at the village is available.

The SVAASA Village Excursion is approx 3 hours in duration and 18 kms away from Ranjit's SVAASA, Heritage Boutique Spa Haveli.



Students of the MiriPiri Academy performing Gatka

Gatka

Gatka is a traditional martial art associated especially with the Nihang sect of the Sikh religion. It's a style of stick fighting with wooden sticks intended to simulate swords (the word *gatka* ideally refers to the wooden stick used).

Passed down since generations, this martial art demonstrates valour, strength and precision while cherishing and enjoying its craftsmanship native to the Sikh culture. It is a sight to see where artistic movements and hand-body-foot coordination are choreographed naturally immortalizing warriors with weapons like the *talwar*, *chakram*, *kirpan*, *kukri*, *gurj* among others.

Today *gatka* is not only practiced as a ritual but also as a sport and a public display of skill during processions celebrating holy occasions like the Gurpurabs, Basant and Diwali

This art form can be demonstrated in the grounds of Ranjit's SVAASA, Heritage Boutique Spa Haveli.

Cultural Performances

Bhangra is a lively dance form native to Punjab that gained mainstream popularity worldwide in the 1900s. A folk dance traditionally celebrated during the time of harvest by farmers, the specific moves of *Bhangra* reflect the manner in which villagers farmed their land. Today *Bhangra* has taken numerous new forms and styles.

Bhangra dance is based on music from a large drum, *dhol*, played by beating it with two sticks, *daggah* (bass end) and *tilli* (treble end), with folk singing and often accompanied with other music instruments like the *iktar*, *tumbi* and *chimta*. Vibrant clothes are worn with men dressed in a *lungi*, *kutra*, *pagadi* and a *juti*.

Punjabi singing too has its own charm. From soft and mellow songs with subtle lyrics to fast beats and even rap. The most traditional being those which are associated with the various traditions and celebrations of Punjab. *Boliyan*, *tapay* and Punjabi sufi are schools of singing which have carried down generations. The lyrics span across love, relationships, fun and frolic, marriage and devotion among more.

Cultural evenings like *Bhangra* and *Punjabi Folk Singing* by local artists can be performed in the grounds of Ranjit's SVAASA, Heritage Boutique Spa Haveli.



Please contact the SVAASA Coordinators for reservations and enquiries regarding our 'Experiences'
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