



SURAJKUND

BEYOND GURUGRAM

WHERE | Surajkund is about 40 km from Gurugram, approximately an hour's drive away.

WHY | Sometime during the 11th century AD, a Rajput prince built a temple and reservoir in honour of the sun. Over the course of many centuries, it passed through several hands – including Feroze Shah Tughlaq and the British – and what remains of it today is a large, semi-circular waterbody designed in the shape of an amphitheatre. Ensnared in the forests between South Delhi and Gurugram is the ancient site of Surajkund famous for the colourful, annual Surajkund Mela and also the Bougainvillea Festival. ■



PARWANOO

Three weekend getaways from the city.

WHERE | Parwanoo is 301 km away from Gurugram and can be reached in about 5 hours.

WHY | Set in the Solan district of Himachal Pradesh, this picturesque hill station is THE place to go if you want a peaceful and quiet getaway. Its Timber Trail Resort is connected by a scenic cable car ride over the Shivalik Range that offers a breathtaking view of the mountains. Parwanoo also has enjoyable trekking trails. History buffs can explore the Mughal Gardens of Pinjore and the Gurkha Fort. Parwanoo is home to sprawling fruit orchards and a cactus garden too! ■

SARISKA NATIONAL PARK



WHERE | Sariska National Park is situated in Alwar, 174 km away from Gurugram and can be reached in about 4 hours.

WHY | Wildlife lovers look no further – the national park is one of India's major tiger reserves, and is also home to leopards, hyenas, jackals, sambals, nilgais, rhesus monkeys and langurs among several other animal species. Special jungle safaris are organised in the reserve's buffer zone and if you're lucky, you will spot a beast or two. Another way to explore the park is to sign up for its Elephant Safari Package. The park also contains beautiful historical spots such as the Siliserh Lake, Sariska Palace and Kanakwari Fort. ■