

ISLAMABAD

EXPLORING THE ICONIC LANDMARK

A Journey Through History,
Culture, and Natural Beauty

HISTORICAL INSIGHTS

Dive into the rich
history of Islamabad

CULTURAL HOTSPOTS

Must-visit museums
and parks

TOP DINING SPOTS IN THE CAPITAL

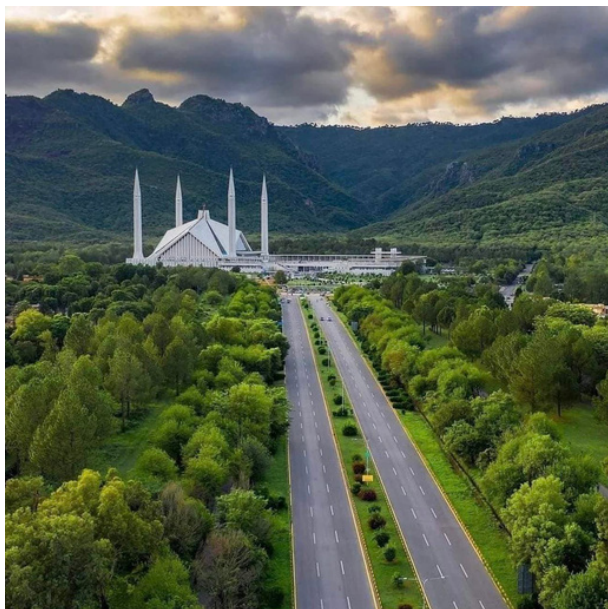
MODERN
SERENITY MEETS TRADITION

**THE HEART OF
MODERN PAKISTAN**





A Modern Capital with Historical Roots



A modern planned city that is well-maintained and well-organized, Islamabad is the capital city of Pakistan, built in the 1960s to replace Karachi. Located in the northern part of the country at the foot of the Margalla Hills, it is known for its green spaces and well-planned layout. The city is divided into sectors, with key areas including the residential F and G sectors and the commercial Blue Area. The region historically served as a crossroads between Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with the Margalla Pass as a gateway to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The view from Islamabad is stunning, especially during dawn and dusk on the Margalla Hills. Islamabad is the fastest growing city in terms of population, economy and urban development.



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Historical Insights, Cultural Hotspots, Local Experiences, keep reading



Places to visit in Islamabad

- Saidpur village
- Lok Virsa heritage museum
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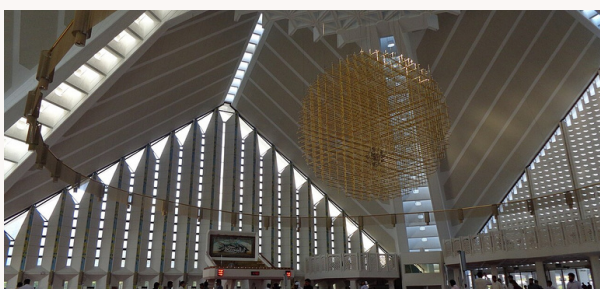
Famous and Historic Places to Visit

Faisal Mosque

An architectural marvel and one of the largest mosques in the world, the Faisal Mosque is renowned for its unique design and serene location at the foot of the Margalla Hills.

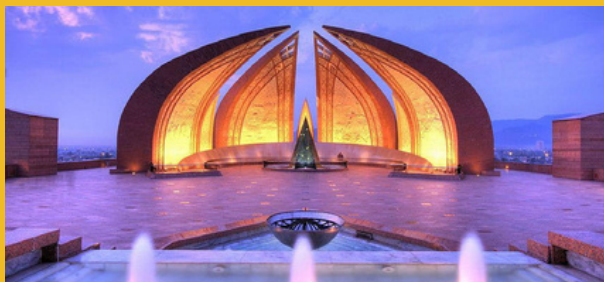
Highlights

Iconic minarets, a large prayer hall, and beautiful surrounding gardens.



Tips for Visiting Islamabad

- Plan Ahead: Research attractions and plan your itinerary.
- Dress Modestly: Wear appropriate clothing to respect local customs.
- Respect Local Customs: Follow local traditions and behavior norms.
- Stay Hydrated: Drink plenty of water, especially in warm weather.

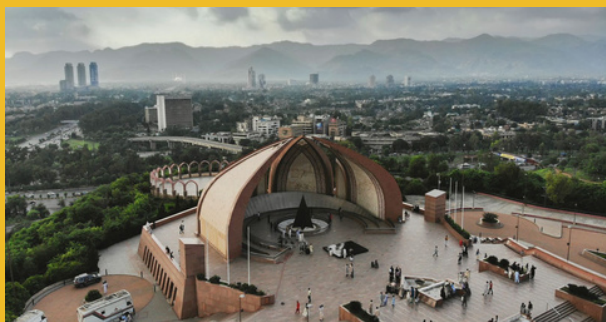


Pakistan Monument

This national monument symbolizes the unity and strength of Pakistan. The monument's design reflects the country's diverse cultural heritage.

Highlights

Stunning architectural design, and panoramic views of the city from the top.



Activities at the Pakistan Monument

- **Guided Tours:** Learn about the monument's history and symbolism from knowledgeable guides.
- **Museum Visit:** Explore the Pakistan Monument Museum's artifacts and exhibits.
- **Cultural Events:** Attend exhibitions and cultural events showcasing Pakistani art and traditions.
- **Educational Programs:** Participate in programs about Pakistan's history and culture.
- **Evening Light Show:** Witness the illuminated monument in the evening light show.



Daman-e-Koh

A popular viewpoint in the Margalla Hills National Park offers panoramic views of Islamabad and the surrounding landscape. It offers stunning views of Islamabad and the Faisal Mosque from high up in the mountains, making it a beautiful and popular place for tourists.

Highlights

Scenic vistas, walking trails, and picnic spots.

Activities at the Daman-e-Koh

Hiking: Explore nearby hiking trails that start from Daman-e-Koh. The trails offer various levels of difficulty and provide additional scenic views.

Picnicking: Pack a picnic and relax in the designated areas. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and beautiful views.



Nature Walks: Stroll around the viewpoint and enjoy the natural surroundings of the Margalla Hills.

Lok Virsa Museum

Explore Pakistan's diverse cultural heritage exhibits of calligraphy, pottery, weaving, and music. The museum is well-maintained, clean, and affordable.

Lok Virsa Food Street

Enjoy a variety of traditional dishes like Balochi Sajji, Chapli Kabab, and Saag Roti. This food street celebrates cultural heritage through delicious food, offering a fun spot to taste dishes from different cultures.



Activities at Lok Virsa Museum

Visit the Heritage Library: Browse a rich collection of books, manuscripts, and research materials on Pakistani culture and history.

Enjoy Folk Music and Dance: Watch live performances of traditional folk music and dance from different regions of Pakistan.



Saidpur village

Saidpur Village, located in the foothills of the Margalla Range, is a major tourist attraction in Islamabad. This historic village reflects a diverse culture where Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs once lived together. After its remodeling, many restaurants, art galleries, and antique shops were established, enhancing its charm.

Activities at Saidpur Village

Explore Historic Sites

Visit the old Hindu temple and other historical buildings to learn about the village's rich history.

Stroll Through the Village

Walk around the beautifully preserved streets, enjoying the traditional architecture and scenic surroundings.





Visit the Saidpur Museum

Discover artifacts and exhibits that showcase the village's cultural heritage and history.

Enjoy Local Cuisine

Dine at local restaurants offering traditional Pakistani dishes and enjoy the serene village ambiance.

Art Galleries

Explore art galleries featuring local artists' works and traditional crafts.

Shop for Handicrafts

Purchase handmade crafts, jewelry, and souvenirs from local vendors.



Dino Valley

Dino Valley, located near the Margalla Hills, is a fantastic spot for families. It has life-sized dinosaur sculptures, making it a fun place for kids and adults to see. The realistic dinosaur figures add excitement and offer a unique experience for everyone.

Activities at Dino Valley:

- **Explore Dinosaur Sculptures:** Marvel at the life-sized dinosaur sculptures.
- **Educational Experience:** Find out about dinosaurs from the helpful signs and displays.
- **Photography:** Take memorable photos with the dinosaur figures.
- **Guided Tours:** Join tours for detailed dinosaur and prehistoric era information.
- **Picnicking:** Enjoy a picnic in designated scenic areas.
- **Children's Play Area:** Let kids play in the dedicated play area.
- **Family Outings:** Spend quality, fun, and educational time with family.

Double-decker bus tour



The double-decker bus tour in Islamabad offers a unique way to explore the city. A view of the double-decker tour bus service which starts from Rawalpindi towards Islamabad for people to visit Faisal Mosque, Daman-e-Koh, Saidpur Village, Parliament House, the Supreme Court, Lok Virsa and the National Museum and other tourist places of Federal Capital.

Activities on the Double Decker Bus Tour in Islamabad



City Sightseeing

Enjoy a comprehensive view of Islamabad's key landmarks and attractions from the top deck.

Guided Commentary

Listen to informative commentary about the city's history, culture, and notable sites.

Panoramic Views

Take in sweeping views of the city, including landmarks like Faisal Mosque and Daman-e-Koh.

Learn Local History

Gain insights into Islamabad's historical sites and cultural heritage during the tour.

Family-Friendly Fun

Enjoy the tour with family and friends, making it a fun and educational experience for all ages.



Plan Your Islamabad Adventure

To visit all the places in Islamabad, visit the Travel Pakistani website, read detailed blogs, and book your trips through the best tour planners.



Shakarparian National Park

Shakarparian Hills, also known as Shakarparian National Park, is a scenic park in Islamabad near Zero Point Interchange. Built in the 1960s and inaugurated by President Ayub Khan, it sits about 1,998 feet above sea level and covers 350 acres, offering a peaceful escape from the city.

Activities for Tourists

Picnicking: Enjoy a meal with family in the park's designated picnic areas.

Children's Play Area: Let kids play in the park's playground.

Rose Garden: Visit and admire the beautiful rose garden.

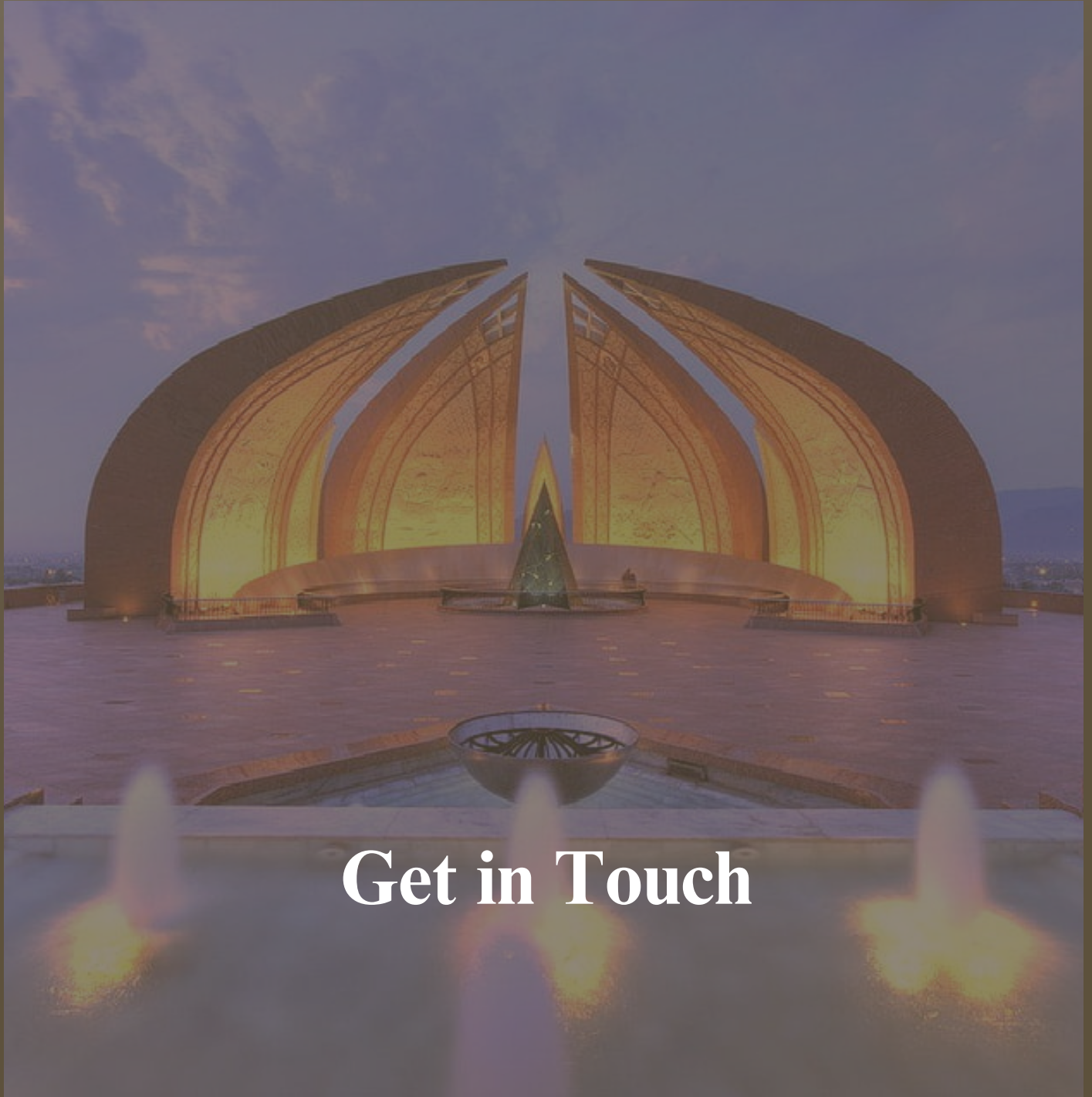
Jogging Track: Use the jogging track for fitness or leisurely walks.

Scenic Views: Capture stunning panoramic views of Islamabad from the hilltop.

Dining Options: Dine at on-site restaurants like 1969 Café and Yogi Haus.

Pakistan Monument: Explore this iconic monument commemorating Pakistan's independence.





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