

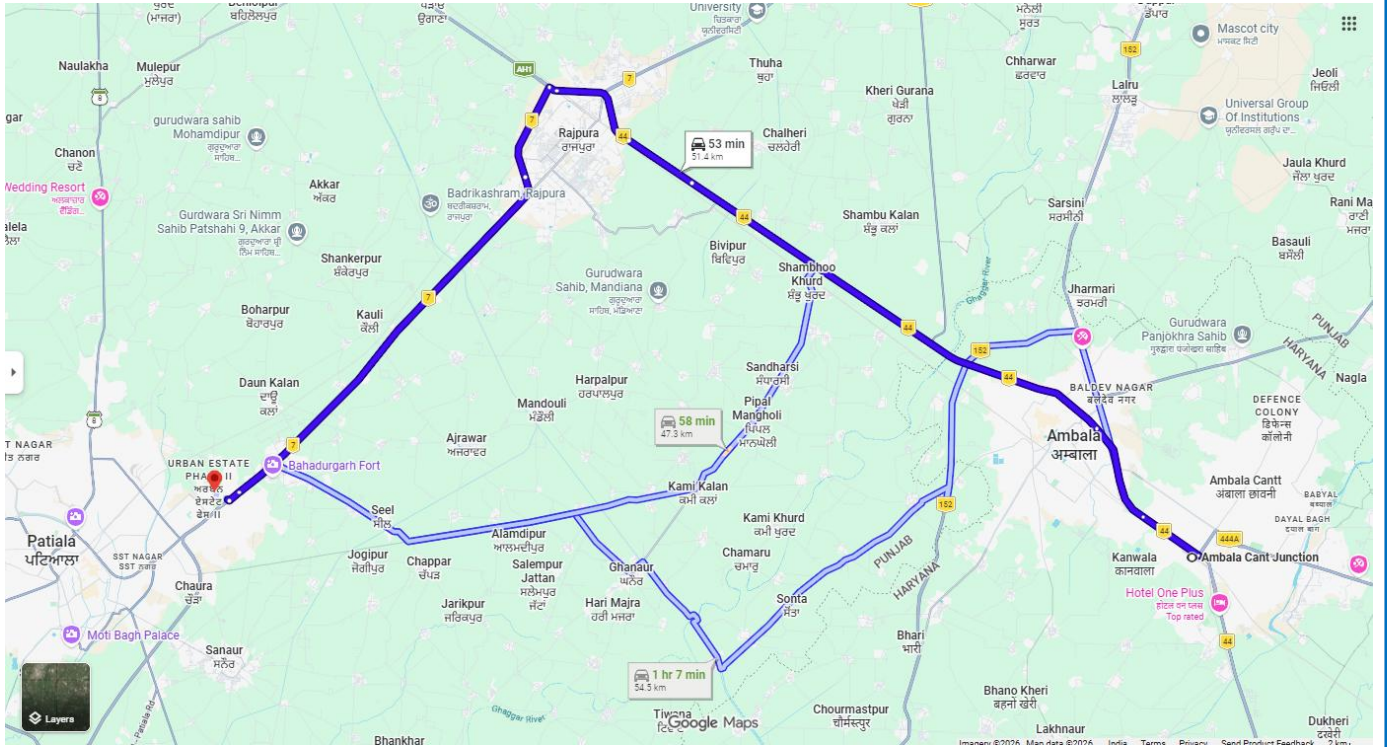
## HOW TO REACH PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA

To reach Punjabi University, Patiala, you have two entry points:

1. From Ambala Cantonment Junction railway station (by road: **51 km**) (Travel time: around **1 to 1.5 hours**)
2. From Chandigarh Airport (by road: **60 km**) (Travel time: around **1 to 1.5 hours**)

Both road and rail routes are available.

### 1. From Ambala Cantonment Railway Station to Punjabi University, Patiala



#### Option A — By Road (Best and fastest)

##### Bus

- Punjab Roadways / PRTC direct buses are available from the **bus stand opposite to Ambala Cantt Rly station**.
- Buses go frequently toward Patiala. (Journey: 1.5 Hr. to 2 Hrs. Fare is usually around ₹ 150 – ₹ 300).

##### Taxi / Cab

- You can book Ola/Uber or local taxi. (Uber fare is around ₹ 1100.)
- Travel time: about 1 hour.
- Route: Ambala Cantt → Shahbad → Rajpura → Patiala → Punjabi University

#### Option B — By Train

##### Route

- Take a train: Ambala Cantt (UMB) → Patiala Railway Station (PTA) (Travel time: around 1 Hr.)

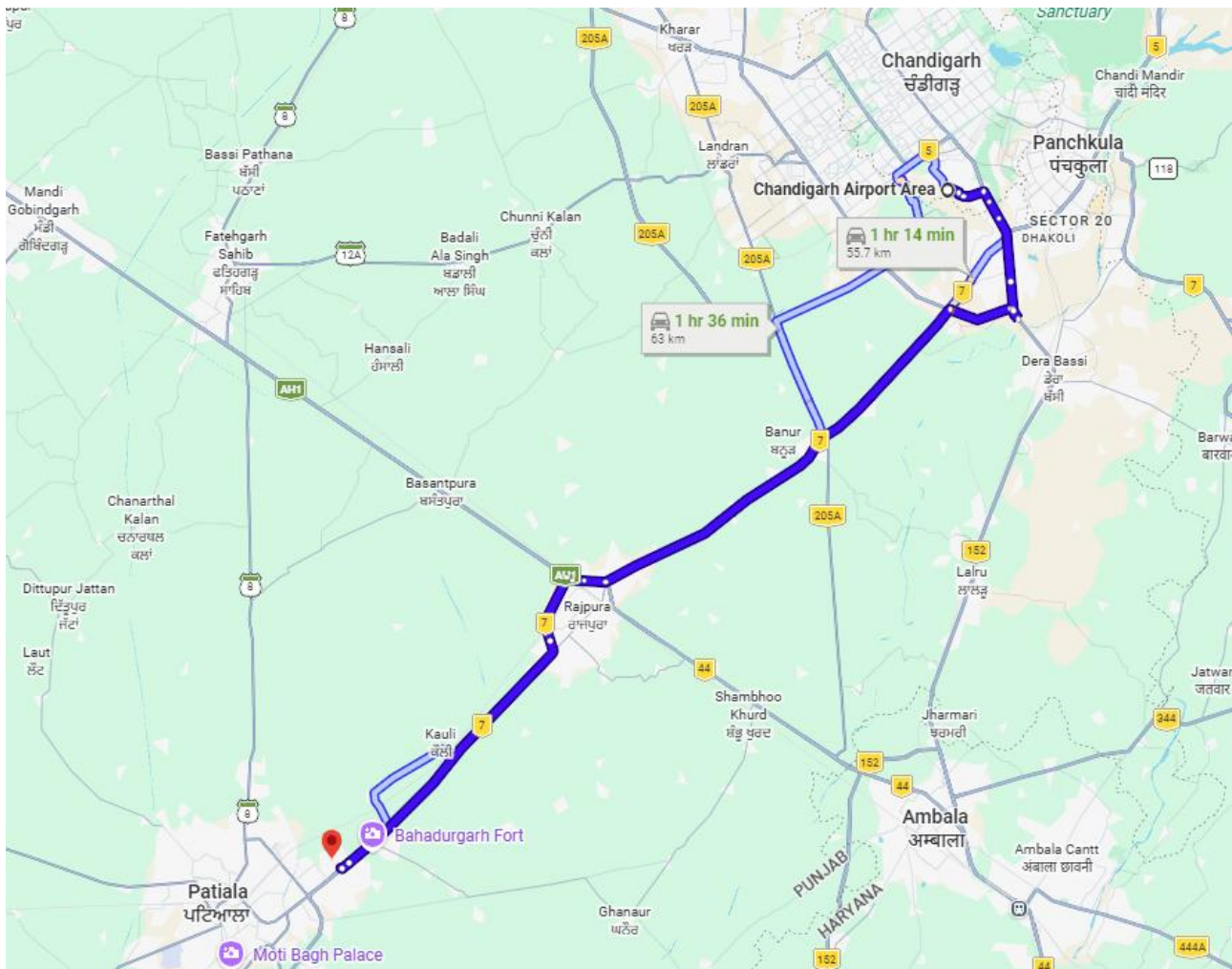
##### After reaching Patiala Railway Station

- Punjabi University is about **7 km** from Patiala station.

Take: Auto-rickshaw / Cab / E-rickshaw (Travel time from station to university: 15–20 minutes.)

Note : Ola and Uber services are available.

## 2. From Chandigarh Airport to Punjabi University, Patiala



### **Option A — By Road (Recommended)**

- **Taxi / Cab** This is the easiest option. (Uber fare is around ₹ 1200 to ₹ 1700.)

#### **Route**

Chandigarh Airport → Rajpura → Patiala → Punjabi University

Roads are good and well connected.

#### **Bus Option**

- From airport, go to:
  - ❖ Chandigarh Sector 43 Bus Stand (11 km from Airport)
  - or
  - ❖ Zirakpur Bus Point (14 km from Airport)

- Take a bus to Patiala.

- Then auto/cab/E-rikshaw to university. Note : Ola and Uber services are available.

Chandigarh to Patiala Bus Fares  
(Approximate)

- Ordinary/Non-AC Buses: ₹189 - ₹250  
(Usually operated by PRTC).
- AC Seater/Semi Sleeper: ₹229 - ₹400.
- Volvo/Luxury Services: ₹500 - ₹650

### **Option B — By Train**

You must first travel to:

- Chandigarh Railway Station (13 km from Chandigarh Airport) or
- Ambala Cantt Railway Station (50 km from Chandigarh Airport)
- Then take a train to Patiala. Because of transfers, train travel from airport is usually slower than road travel.

### Which option is better?

Starting Point	Mode	Approx Distance	Approx Time
Ambala Cantt Railway Station	Bus / Taxi	50–60 km	1–1.5 hrs
Ambala Cantt Railway Station	Train + Auto	50 km + local travel	1.5–2 hrs
Chandigarh Airport	Taxi / Cab	53–63 km	1–1.5 hrs
Chandigarh Airport	Train	No direct train	Longer

You can also check the “How to Reach” page of the Punjabi University’s official website. (See - [Punjabi University Patiala – How to Reach](#))

## THE CITY OF PATIALA

Patiala is one of the most culturally rich and historically significant cities of Punjab. Founded in 1763 by Baba Ala Singh, the city developed as the capital of the princely state of Patiala and soon became a centre of art, music, education, architecture, and Sikh heritage. Even today, Patiala reflects the grandeur of Punjab’s royal traditions along with the warmth and vibrancy of Punjabi culture.

### Cultural Heritage of Patiala

Patiala is widely known for its royal lifestyle, traditional music, dance, clothing, and cuisine. The city has made remarkable contributions to Punjabi culture and identity.

The famous “Patiala Shahi” culture represents elegance and royalty. The world-famous Patiala salwar originated here and continues to be an important symbol of Punjabi traditional attire.

### Educational Heritage of Patiala

Patiala is also an important educational hub of Punjab. Over the years, the city has developed strong institutions in higher education, language studies, medicine, engineering, and sports education.

One of the most prestigious institutions is Punjabi University, established in 1962. The university plays a major role in promoting Punjabi language, literature, and culture. It is internationally recognized for research in Punjabi studies, humanities, science, and sports.

The university campus is spread over an area of over 600 acres (2.4 km<sup>2</sup>), on the Patiala-Chandigarh road, about 7 kilometres from [Patiala](#).

The Patiala campus offers international-standard facilities for students and researchers. Although initially, the university stood for the development and promotion of the language of the Punjabi people, it has since evolved into a multi-faculty educational institution and grew into an affiliating university in 1969, with 43 colleges affiliated to it covering [Patiala](#), [Sangrur](#) and [Bathinda](#) districts of Punjab.

Patiala has contributed greatly to Indian sports as well, with many athletes training in the city’s well equipped sports academies.

Its educational environment attracts students from different parts of India, making Patiala a blend of traditional culture and modern academic development.

### Nearby Places of Tourists’ Attraction

**Chandigarh** - (70 km) Chandigarh is known for modern architecture, beautiful gardens, and planned urban design.

**Amritsar** - (234 km) Home to the iconic Golden Temple. Amritsar is one of the most important spiritual and cultural centres of Sikhism.

**Anandpur Sahib** - (120km) A major Sikh pilgrimage destination associated with Guru Gobind Singh and the history of the Khalsa.

**Kasauli** - (113km) A peaceful hill station ideal for nature lovers and weekend trips from Patiala.

**Pinjore** - (78.6 km) Known for the beautiful Yadavindra Gardens built in Mughal style.

### Important Heritage Attractions at Patiala

Qila Mubarak – The historic fort complex and symbol of Patiala’s royal legacy.

Sheesh Mahal – Famous for mirror work, murals, and royal architecture.

Moti Bagh Palace – A grand palace connected to the royal family of Patiala.

Baradari Gardens – A historic garden reflecting the city’s royal charm.

Gurdwara Dukh Niwaran Sahib – A sacred Sikh shrine visited by devotees from across the country.