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Damdama, Sohna,  
Nuh, Kaman, Deeg

# Tour Details & Map

2 Days

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Damdama – Sohna –  
Nuh – Kaman – Deeg



○ Sector 14, Faridabad, Haryana

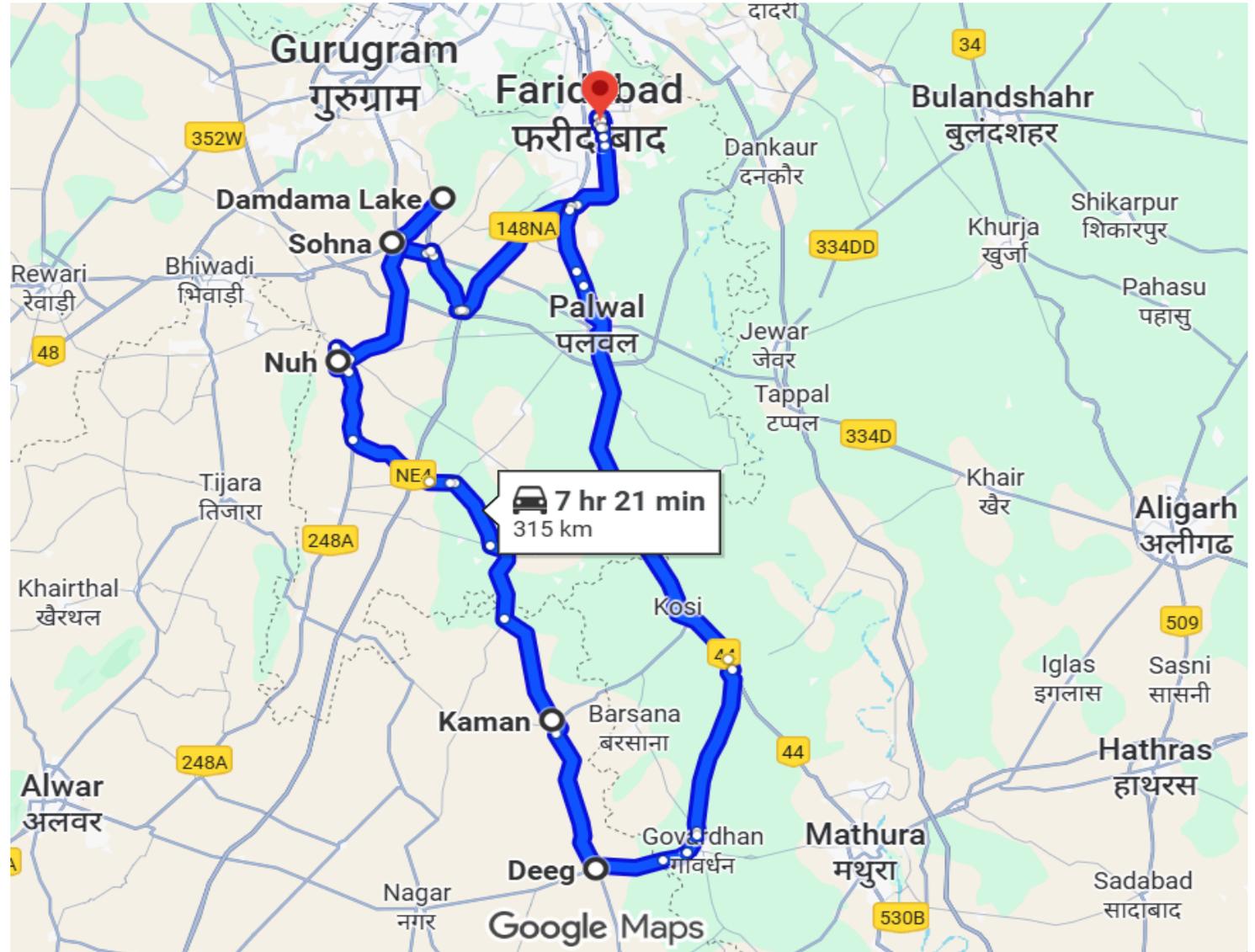
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○ Deeg, Rajasthan 321203



# Damdama Lake near Sohna



Damdama reservoir in Sohna, district in Haryana is one of the biggest lakes in Haryana and with an area of 3,000 acres (12.14 km<sup>2</sup>). Damdama Lake was formed when a stone and earthen dam constructed by the British was commissioned for rain water harvesting in 1947.

The lake, held by an embankment, is fed mainly by monsoon rain pouring into a trough at the base of the Aravali hills. The Lake greets visitors with a water level down to 20 ft (6.1 m). During monsoon the water level reaches up to 50 ft (15 m) - 70 ft (21 m).

# Damdama Lake near Sohna



Surrounded by the Aravali Mountains, it is one of the popular picnic spot to spend the weekend away from the city in a quiet and scenic atmosphere. In the serene location, one can enjoy boating in row boats, paddle boats and motor boats.

Damdama is known for its splendid adventure sports facilities such as para sailing, kayaking, cycling, angling, rock climbing, valley crossing. One can also go for nature walks in the nearby Aravali hills.

# Hot Water Springs in Sohna



Sohna also known as Greater Gurugram or South Gurugram is a City and a municipal committee in the Gurgaon district of Haryana.

Sohna is known for its hot springs and Shiva temple. The town derived its name from gold dust which was found in the sand of streams after heavy rains. The hot springs in the temple are strongly sulphurous, and their temperature varies from 46 to 51.7 °C (114.8 to 125.1 °F).

# Hot Water Springs in Sohna



According to legend, Arjun (one of the five Pandav brothers) dug the wells when he was thirsty. Sohna is believed to have been the abode of hermits and the main kund (tank), Shiva Kund, is said to have medicinal properties. Devotees consider it sacred, and during eclipses and Somavati Amavasya they gather here to bathe in the water.

# Ancient Monuments in Nuh



Nuh is the district headquarters of the Nuh district in Haryana. It lies on the National Highway 248 (NH 48) or Gurgaon-Sohna-Alwar highway about 45 kilometres (28 mi) from Gurgaon. The town assumed importance at the time of Bahadur Singh of Ghasera.

**Ghasera Fort:** The ruined Ghasera Fort lies at Ghasera village 14 kilometres (8.7 mi) from Nuh city, ruled by Bahadur Singh Bargujar, a Rajput chief of 11 villages, he was killed in 1753 by the famous Jat king Surajmal of Bharatpur State after Jats besieged and ran over the Ghasera fort, after which Jats turned to Delhi by defeating Mughal king Ahmad Shah Bahadur and occupied the Red Fort there in 1754 CE.

# Ancient Monuments in Nuh



**Tomb of Sheikh Musa:** A 14th-century structure also has as the Shaking Minarets of Sheikh Musa and the adjacent Temple of Hathor of third dynasty of Thutmose of Egypt in 1479–1425 BC are located on a small hillock.

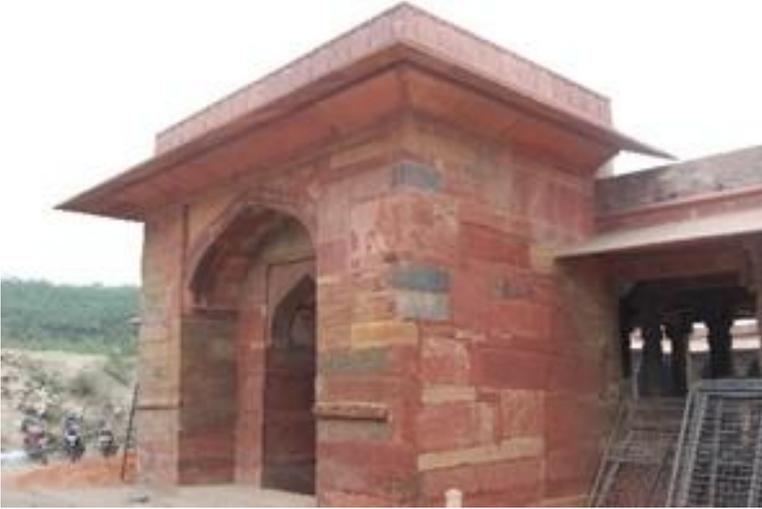
The Tomb and mosque were built in Hijri era 1142 (14th century CE) in Tughlaq style architecture. The shaking arches and gateways were built in late Mughal-Rajput architectural style in 18th to early 19th century. These minarets are one of its kind in India, as these can vibrate/shake. If a person shakes the pillars of one minar, the person standing inside the adjacent minar will automatically feel vibrations.

# Ancient Monuments in Nuh



**Chui Mal Ka Taalab:** Or Chui Mal's water tank is a rectangular ancient water tank built mid 19th century near Nalhar road on the outskirts of Nuh city. The pond has an ancient cenotaph (chhatri) of red stone and having beautiful carvings.

# Chaurasi Khamba Temple in Kaman



Kaman is a town in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan State. It borders the states of Haryana to the west and Uttar Pradesh to the North

Kaman is considered to be a very old and sacred town for Hindus as it forms part of the "Braj" area where Lord Krishna spent his early life.

Chaurasi Khamba Temple is situated to the west of the town, is a renowned temple known for its significance and magnitude.

# Chaurasi Khamba Temple in Kaman



Eighty-four ancient beautifully carved pillars carefully festoon the monument and thus obtained the name Chaurasi Khamba temple. It resembles a monument at Gokula, the said birthplace of Krishna. The temple is also considered to have been the abode of Pandava Brothers during their 14-years exile. It is believed that the debate between Yaksha and Yudhishtra occurred at a nearby pond named Dharam Kund.

# Deeg Palace



Deeg Palace is a palace 32 km from Bharatpur in Rajasthan, built in 1772 as a luxurious summer resort for the rulers. Deeg was the capital of the Jat kings before they shifted to Bharatpur. Badan Singh, came to the throne in 1721, built a palace here. His son, prince Suraj Mal, began the construction of a fortress around the palace around 1730.

# Deeg Palace



Deeg was a site of a legendary battle between the Jats and a combined Mughal and Maratha army of 8,000 men. Emboldened by his victory, Suraj Mal began making forays into enemy territory, captured Delhi and plundered the Red Fort carrying away masses of valuables including an entire marble building, which was dismantled and numbered. The Jat rulers were influenced by the magnificence of the Mughal courts of Agra and Delhi, especially Mughal Charbagh Garden. A fine marble swing, belonged to Nur Jahan, was brought as a war trophy from the Mughal court.

# Deeg Palace



The palace forms a quadrangle with a garden and walkways at its centre. Decorative flowerbeds, shrubs, trees and fountains cool the place during summer. Two huge water tanks, Gopal and Rup Sagar, on either side help to bring down the temperature. Elaborately filigreed gates, stone slabs, ornate beams, and marble jaalis from Mughal constructions have been used in the palace. Keshav Bhawan, the monsoon pavilion, is a single-storeyed baradari placed on an octagonal base. An arcade runs around the interior of the pavilion over a canal with hundreds of fountains.

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The walls of the canal are pierced with hundreds of minute water jets. Bullocks were employed with large leather "buckets" to draw water to the tank through a complex pulley system. The fountain spray and the jets create a monsoon-like ambience that is enhanced by a unique technique that produces thunder-like sound all around the pavilion. Hundreds of metal balls placed strategically on the channel surrounding the roof are set rolling with the water pressure which results in a thunderous effect. The ambience in a desert town must have been significant for the Jat kings and queens.



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