

WIEF Side Events

8 November 2006

Start time for all the tours will be 9.00 am

Tour package 1 (Approx 2-3 hrs.)

Daman-e-Koh & Pir Sohawa

This low hill overlooking Islamabad, known as Daman-e-Koh, offers panoramic view of Islamabad. The place is ideal for afternoon and evening outings with family and friends. It is located at 15 minutes drive from Hotel Marriott.

Continuing uphill from Daman-e-Koh are many lovely picnic spots some 25.8 km deep in the forest of Pir Sohawa gali with an outdoor BBQ restaurant at the top with an exceptional view of the twin cities. It is half an hours drive from town.

Shah Faisal Mosque

One of the largest mosques in Asia, about seven kms. from the hotel. Pillar less; centrally air-conditioned dome can accommodate more than one hundred thousand people for prayers

Tour package 2 (Approx 2-3 hrs.)

Lok Virsa Museum & Heritage Library

Situated at 10 minutes drive from Hotel Marriott, The Lok Virsa (National Institute of Folk & Traditional Heritage) works towards preserving the living folk and traditional culture of Pakistan. Its Folk Heritage Museum, located near Shakarparian Hills, has a large display of embroidered costumes, jewellery, woodwork, metalwork, block printing, ivory and bone work. Traditional architectural facades exhibiting such skills as fresco, mirror work, marble inlay, tile mosaic and stucco tracery are also displayed. Books on culture, heritage, audio and video cassettes of folk and classical vocal and instrumental music are available for sale at Lok Virsa's Sales Centre.

Shakarparian

5 minutes drive from the Lok Virsa Museum Shakarparian's terraced garden offers pleasant and sweeping vistas of Margalla and Murree hills, Rawal Lake, Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

Tour package 3 (Approx 3 hrs.)

Taxila Museum

A museum comprising various sections with rich archaeological finds of Taxila, arranged in chronological order and properly labeled, has been established close to the site. It is one of the best and well-maintained site museums of Pakistan. Summer timings of the museum are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with two hours break. Winter timings are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., without break. The museum remains closed on the first Monday of every month and on Muslim religious holidays. Also near the museum are actual Buddhist sites where one could visit. The museum is one hours drive from Islamabad.

Tour package 4 (Approx 5-6 hrs.)

Bhurban

A picturesque tourist resort situated one and a half hours drive from Islamabad in midst of serene mountains of Murree Hills overlooking Kashmir. Staying overnight is recommended.

Distinguished guests are requested to select their preference and consult Economic Affair Division's Facilitation Desk in hotel.