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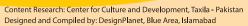


# Gandhara Heritage Sites in Pakistan

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One of the most famous Centers of Buddhist civilization in Pakistan is called Gandhara, which means "the land of fragrance". The ancient region of Gandhara, known for its scenic natural landscape with rich, well-watered valleys, and clear-cut hills is situated in the present day Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab. The kingdom of Gandhara was ruled from capitals at present day Charsadda, (Pushkalavati), Taxila (Takshashila) and Peshawar (Purushapura), which in their days of former glory had one of most splendid art and architecture. Once strategically located at the junction of caravan routs on the Silk road that linked China and Central Asia with the Mediterranean world, Gandhara became a melting point of various civilizations, which include Achaemenids, Hellenistic, Mauryans, Bactrian-Greek, Kusha, Gupta, Huns and eventually the Muslims

The Buddhist heritage in Pakistan, consisting of stupas and monasteries, is largely concentrated in the ancient borders of Gandhara, though the archeological remains of Buddhist civilization are found in parts of Punjab and Sindh. Gandhara art, for which Pakistan is known for all over the world, emerged under the Kushans from first to fifth centuries C.E., who ruled Gandhara as well as Sindh, as a distinctive style of sacred art, marked by Greco-Roman elements. As an aesthetic expression of Budhist ideas, Gandhara sculpture and relief illustrated the stories of Buddha and Bodhisattvas, and other members of the Buddhist pantheon that adorned the stupas and monasteries spread all over Pakistan

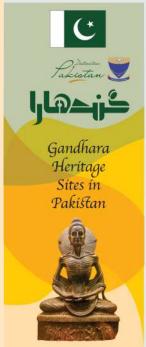
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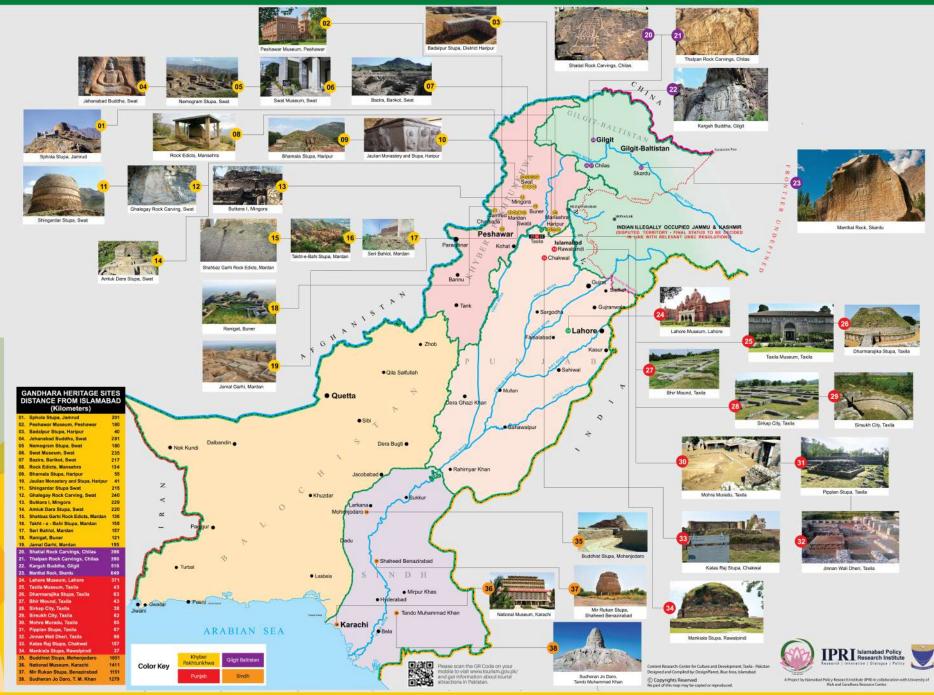
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#### Badalpur Stupa, Haripur

The Badelpur stupe and monastery is situated at a distance of 10 kilometers northeast of Taxila Museum, near Behra Village in the open valley of Haro River. Datling back to the 2nd to 5th century C.E., the site houses a 20-feet high stupe on the west and a monastic complex on the east. The masonry of the stupa is laid in limestone in the semi ashtars and semi diapers styles with kanjur let in for mouldings and pllasters. There are traces of procession path which were also found around



#### Jehanabad Buddha, Swat

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#### Nemogram Stupa, Swat

Nemogram stupa is located 45 km west of Saidu Sharif and 22 km from Birkot, on the right bank of Swat river in Pakistan. The Nimogram site consists of three main stupes in row from north to south with a courtyard of 56 votive stupes and the adjoining monastery on the west of the main stupes. Base on the numeratic evidence, the stupes are believed to have been built in 2nd and 3rd century AD. Apart from the coins and pottery of Scytho-Parthian period,a large number of stone, stucco sculptures depict various scenes of Buddhist roythology were found on the site which are showcased in Swat



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## Bazira, Barikot, Swat

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# Takht-e-Bahi Stupa, Mardan

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# Jamal Garhi, Mardan

Jamal Garhi is the site of a Buddhist monastic complex with a monastery and the main stupa located on an elongated hill 13 kilometers from Mardan city in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Jamal Garhi is divided into two parts i.e. stups area and the monastic zone. There is a circular stupa situated on high ground in the center with a number of votive stupas spread all around it. The monastery spread over a vast area is constructed in large diaper masonry.



#### Shatial Rock Carvings, Chilas

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#### Thalpan Rock Carvings, Chilas

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#### Lahore Museum, Lahore

Lahore Museum is one of Pakistan's oldest muse ums, established in 1865 to house the best speci-mens of the natural, ethnological and art collection of North India, drawn from the first Punjab Exhibition of 1864. In the present building, built in the Indo-Saracenic style of colonial architecture in 1894, the collection of the Lahore Museum began to grow exponentially, displaying a large number of Greco Buddhist sculptures. The museum holds the largest collections of artifacts of paintings, sculp-tures, cohe, musical instruments, ancient jewelry, textiles, pottery, and armory not only from South Asia but also Central Asia and parts of Africa.



#### Taxila Museum, Taxila

Taxila Museum is a colonial-era building located on the Taxila Hariour Road adjacent to the first historic city of Bhir. The museum holds more than 1,400 Gandhara era artefacts for the period between the 1° to the 7° centuries C.E. In addition to Buddhist works, this museum also includes artefacts from Hinduism and Jainism. There are six subject-wisgalleries of the museum exhibited in wall and table showcases. There are archeological exhibits from the stupes and monasteries as well as walls of showcases exhibiting stone and stucco sculptures, originally parts of friezes and niches of stupes and monasteries of Taxila. There is an exclusive silver and gold swelry and coins section. The last section showcases the articles of daily use in the urban settlements of Taxila, including silver tumblers of different shapes, bowls, spoons, toiled travs, small pottery pieces, and plates of terracotta



#### Dharmarajika Stupa, Taxila

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#### Pipplan Stupa, Taxila

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#### Jinnan Wali Dheri, Taxila

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# Katas Raj Stupa, Chakwal

A 4 meter high Buddhist stups, built by Mauryar emperor Ashoka in the third century BCE is situat ed at the Katas Raj complex, at a distance of 40 meters from Sath Gahra temple. Originally built over 200 feet above the ground, the stupe was surrounded by perennial streams of water. There are partially restored remains of the stone misconry set in time mortar as well as reset sculptures on the side wells of the stupa. There are extensive remains of a Buddhist monastery around the



# Mankiala Stupa, Rawalpindi

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#### National Museum, Karachi

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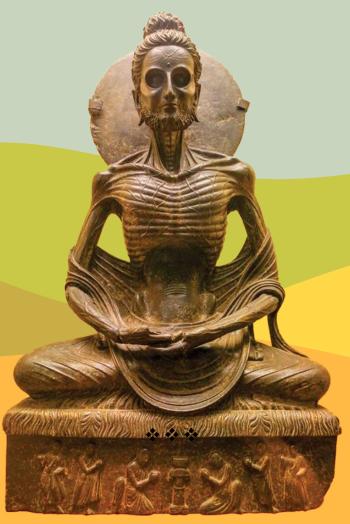
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