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## **VISION**

- To enhance cultural ties and goodwill of Pakistan with Asian countries and rest of world.**
- To bring more prosperity in Pakistan.**
- To develop more peaceful and cultural ties with India.**

## **MISSION**

- To promote the ancient Buddhist heritage sites of Pakistan and generate economy with tourism plans.**

## **WORLD TOURSIM RANKING OF PAKISTAN**

- According to World Economic Forum, Geneva has prepared the report on “The Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report 2011” Pakistan is ranked on 125.**

# The TTCI 2011 Ranking

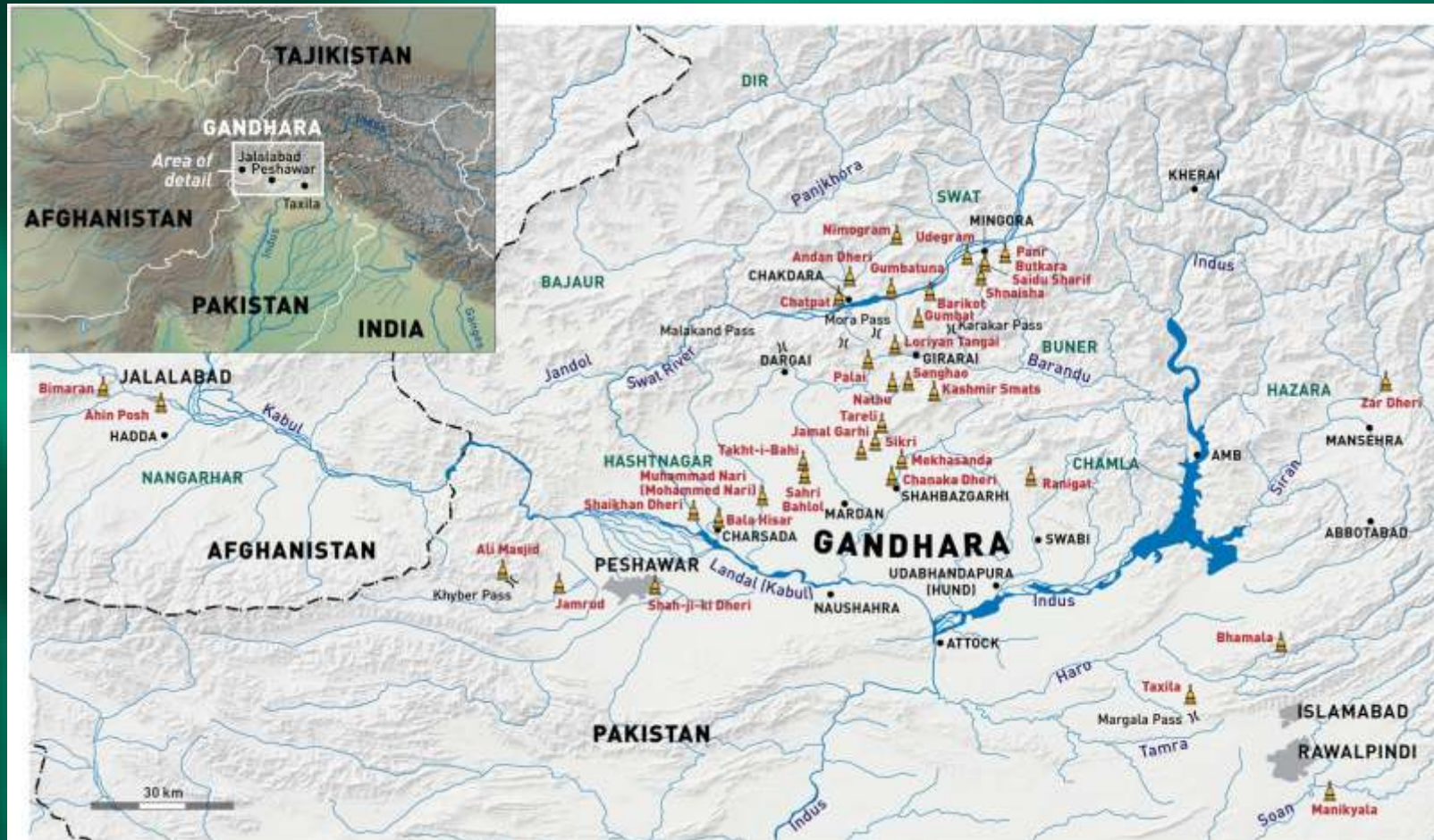
Rank (out of 138)	Country/Economy	Score (1-7)	Group*	Rank (out of 138)	Country/Economy	Score (1-7)	Group*
1	Switzerland	5.7	Schengen	71	Albania	4.0	
2	Germany	5.5	Schengen	72	Dominican Republic	4.0	Caribbean
3	France	5.4	Schengen	73	Georgia	4.0	
4	Austria	5.4	Schengen	74	Indonesia	4.0	ASEAN
5	Sweden	5.3	Schengen	75	Egypt	4.0	
6	United States	5.3		76	Macedonia, FYR	4.0	
7	United Kingdom	5.3		77	Colombia	3.9	
8	Spain	5.3	Schengen	78	Morocco	3.9	
9	Canada	5.3		79	Trinidad and Tobago	3.9	Caribbean
10	Singapore	5.2	ASEAN	80	Vietnam	3.9	ASEAN
11	Ireland	5.2	Schengen	81	Sri Lanka	3.9	SAARC
12	Hong Kong SAR	5.2		82	Serbia	3.9	
13	Australia	5.2		83	Azerbaijan	3.8	
14	Netherlands	5.1	Schengen	84	Namibia	3.8	
15	Luxembourg	5.1	Schengen	85	Ukraine	3.8	
16	Denmark	5.0	Schengen	86	Guatemala	3.8	
17	Finland	5.0	Schengen	87	Ecuador	3.8	
18	Portugal	5.0	Schengen	88	Honduras	3.8	
19	New Zealand	5.0		89	Cape Verde	3.8	
20	Norway	5.0	Schengen	90	Armenia	3.8	
21	Ireland	5.0		91	Botswana	3.7	
22	Japan	4.9		92	Gambia, The	3.7	
23	Belgium	4.9	Schengen	93	Kazakhstan	3.7	
24	Cyprus	4.9		94	Philippines	3.7	ASEAN
25	Estonia	4.9	Schengen	95	Kuwait	3.7	GCC
26	Malta	4.9	Schengen	96	El Salvador	3.7	
27	Italy	4.9	Schengen	97	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.6	
28	Barbados	4.8	Caribbean	98	Guyana	3.6	Caribbean
29	Greece	4.8	Schengen	99	Moldova	3.6	
30	United Arab Emirates	4.8	GCC	100	Nicaragua	3.6	
31	Czech Republic	4.8	Schengen	101	Mongolia	3.6	
32	Korea, Rep.	4.7		102	Brunei	3.5	
33	Slovenia	4.6	Schengen	103	Kenya	3.5	
34	Croatia	4.6		104	Senegal	3.5	
35	Malaysia	4.6	ASEAN	105	Syria	3.5	
36	Montenegro	4.6		106	Venezuela	3.5	Caribbean
37	Taiwan, China	4.6		107	Kyrgyz Republic	3.4	
38	Hungary	4.5	Schengen	108	Ghana	3.4	
39	China	4.5		109	Cambodia	3.4	ASEAN
40	Bahrain	4.5	GCC	110	Tanzania	3.4	
41	Thailand	4.5	ASEAN	111	Zambia	3.4	
42	Qatar	4.4	GCC	112	Nepal	3.4	SAARC
43	Mexico	4.4		113	Algeria	3.4	
44	Costa Rica	4.4		114	Iran, Islamic rep.	3.4	
45	Puerto Rico	4.4	Caribbean	115	Uganda	3.4	
46	Israel	4.4		116	Swaziland	3.4	
47	Tunisia	4.4		117	Bolivia	3.3	
48	Bulgaria	4.4		118	Tajikistan	3.3	
49	Poland	4.4	Schengen	119	Zimbabwe	3.3	
50	Turkey	4.4		120	Benin	3.3	
51	Latvia	4.4	Schengen	121	Malawi	3.3	
52	Brazil	4.4		122	Ethiopia	3.3	
53	Mauritius	4.4		123	Paraguay	3.3	
54	Slovak Republic	4.4	Schengen	124	Libya	3.2	
55	Lithuania	4.3	Schengen	125	Pakistan	3.2	SAARC
56	Panama	4.3		126	Cameroun	3.2	
57	Chile	4.3		127	Madagascar	3.2	
58	Uruguay	4.2		128	Mozambique	3.2	
59	Russian Federation	4.2		129	Bangladesh	3.1	SAARC
60	Argentina	4.2		130	Nigeria	3.1	
61	Oman	4.2	GCC	131	Côte d'Ivoire	3.1	
62	Saudi Arabia	4.2	GCC	132	Burkina Faso	3.1	
63	Romania	4.2		133	Mali	3.0	
64	Jordan	4.1		134	Timor-Leste	3.0	
65	Jamaica	4.1	Caribbean	135	Lesotho	3.0	
66	South Africa	4.1		136	Mauritania	2.8	
67	Brunei Darussalam	4.1	ASEAN	137	Burundi	2.8	
68	India	4.1	SAARC	138	Angola	2.8	
69	Peru	4.0		139	Chad	2.6	
70	Lebanon	4.0					



## HOW ANCIENT BUDDHIST SITES CAN BE BOON TO PAKISTAN

Pakistan is known worldwide for its ancient remains of different civilizations. In today's contrast nearly all the four provinces of the Pakistan have sufficient number of ancient Buddhist sites, which can give an edge in developing the tourism sector in all remote parts of provinces.

Buddhist tourism circuits could be developed by linking the various ancient sites nationally and internationally. These efforts can enhance growth in rural tourism sector and can be helpful in boosting the local art and craft industry also.



## **A BRIEF OVERVIEW ABOUT BUDDHISM IN PAKISTAN**

**Buddhism took root in Pakistan some 2,300 years ago, under the rule of the Mauryan king Asoka ,widely recognized as the first great promoter of Buddhism. But the “golden age” of Buddhism in the region came about two centuries later, under the Kushan kings of Gandhara, peaking in the second century CE. Gandhara, a thriving centre of trade between Persia and Central Asia, at different times encompassed parts of present-day Punjab, Afghanistan, Kashmir and the Northwest Frontier Province. The main cities of Gandhara were at Peshawar and Taxila, where ruins of stupas (memorial markers) and monasteries remain today. Still popularly associated with ancient Buddhism, Taxila was Gandhara’s seat of power until the second century CE, when the capital moved to Peshawar. The shrine at Taxila, however, continued to be a major pilgrimage site for Chinese Buddhists until the sixth century, when it was destroyed by Hun invaders from Central Asia.**

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# BUDDHIST SITE AT THULL MIR RUKAN



<b>Location</b>	<b>: vill. Thull, Deh Mir Rukan, Taluka Daulat pur, District Nawab Shah</b>
<b>Period</b>	<b>: Kushan period</b>
<b>Type of Structure</b>	<b>: Stupa</b>
<b>Period</b>	<b>: 8th century CE</b>
<b>Under Protection</b>	<b>: None</b>

## **Present Situation**

- (i) Extensive exploration and excavation required around the site.**
- (ii) Need of promotional and tourism plan.**
- (iii) Restoration work needed**
- (iv) Preservation processes are to be initiate**

# BUDDHIST SITE AT SIRNI KOT



<b>Location</b>	<b>: Deh Sadhoja Taluka Moro District Naushero Feroze</b>
<b>Period</b>	<b>: Still to be predicted</b>
<b>Type of Structure</b>	<b>: 2 Stupas, 1 Vihar</b>
<b>Under Protection</b>	<b>: None</b>

## Present Situation

- (i) Extensive exploration and excavation required on the site.
- (ii) Need of promotional and tourism plan.
- (iii) Restoration work needed.
- (iv) Preservation processes are to be initiated



# BUDDHIST SITE AT MOHEN-JO-DARO



<b>Location</b>	<b>: vill. Thull, Deh Mir Rukan, Taluka Daulat pur, District Nawab Shah</b>
<b>Period</b>	<b>: Kushan period</b>
<b>Type of Structure</b>	<b>: Stupa</b>
<b>Under Protection</b>	<b>: Archeology Departmen, Pakistan</b>

## **Present Situation**

- (I) Extensive exploration and excavation required on the site.**
- (ii) Need of promotional and tourism plan.**
- (iii) Restoration work needed**
- (iv) Preservation processes are to be initiate**

# BUDDHIST SITE AT DHAMRAH-JO-DARO



**Location** :- Village of Dhamrah, Badah-Mehar road  
**Period** :- Still to be predicted  
**Type of Structure** :- Buddhist Complex / 3 Stupas / 1 Vihar  
**Under Protection** :- None

## Present Situation

- (i) Extensive exploration and excavation required on the site.
- (ii) Need of promotional and tourism plan.
- (iii) Restoration work needed.
- (iv) Fencing to provide security to the site.

# BUDDHIST SITE AT BRAHAMAN ABAD (MANSURA)



- Location** :- The ruins of Mansura are situated in Sanghar District
- Period** :- Still to be predicted
- Type of Structure** :- Still excavation has to be done
- Under Protection** :- None

## Present Situation

- (i) Extensive exploration and excavation required on the site.
- (ii) Need of promotional and tourism plan.
- (iii) Restoration work needed.
- (iv) Fencing to provide security to the site.

# BUDDHIST SITE AT THUL OF THUL GOTH (VILLAGE GOLO FAQIR RODHNANI)



**Location** :- 15 km away from Johi town, District Dadu,  
**Period** :- Still to be predicted  
**Type of Structure** :- Stupa  
**Under Protection** :- None

## Present Situation

- (i) Extensive exploration and excavation required on the site.
- (ii) Need of promotional and tourism plan.
- (iii) Restoration work needed.
- (iv) Fencing to provide security to the site.

# BUDDHIST SITE AT THUL OF VILLAGE HYRO KHAN



**Location** :- 15 km away from Johi town, District Dadu  
**Period** :- Still to be predicted  
**Type of Structure** :- 1 Stupa  
**Under Protection** :- None

## Present Situation

- (i) Extensive exploration and excavation required on the site.
- (ii) Need of promotional and tourism plan.
- (iii) Restoration work needed.
- (iv) Fencing to provide security to the site.

# BUDDHIST SITES IN PAKISTAN

Total Number of sites in Pakistan which are Summarized Province wise.

Both protected & unprotected sites including mounds which have revealed the evidences of Buddhist settlement.

Province	Sites
Sindh	18
Swat	
Peshawar	
Lahore	
Karanchi	

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