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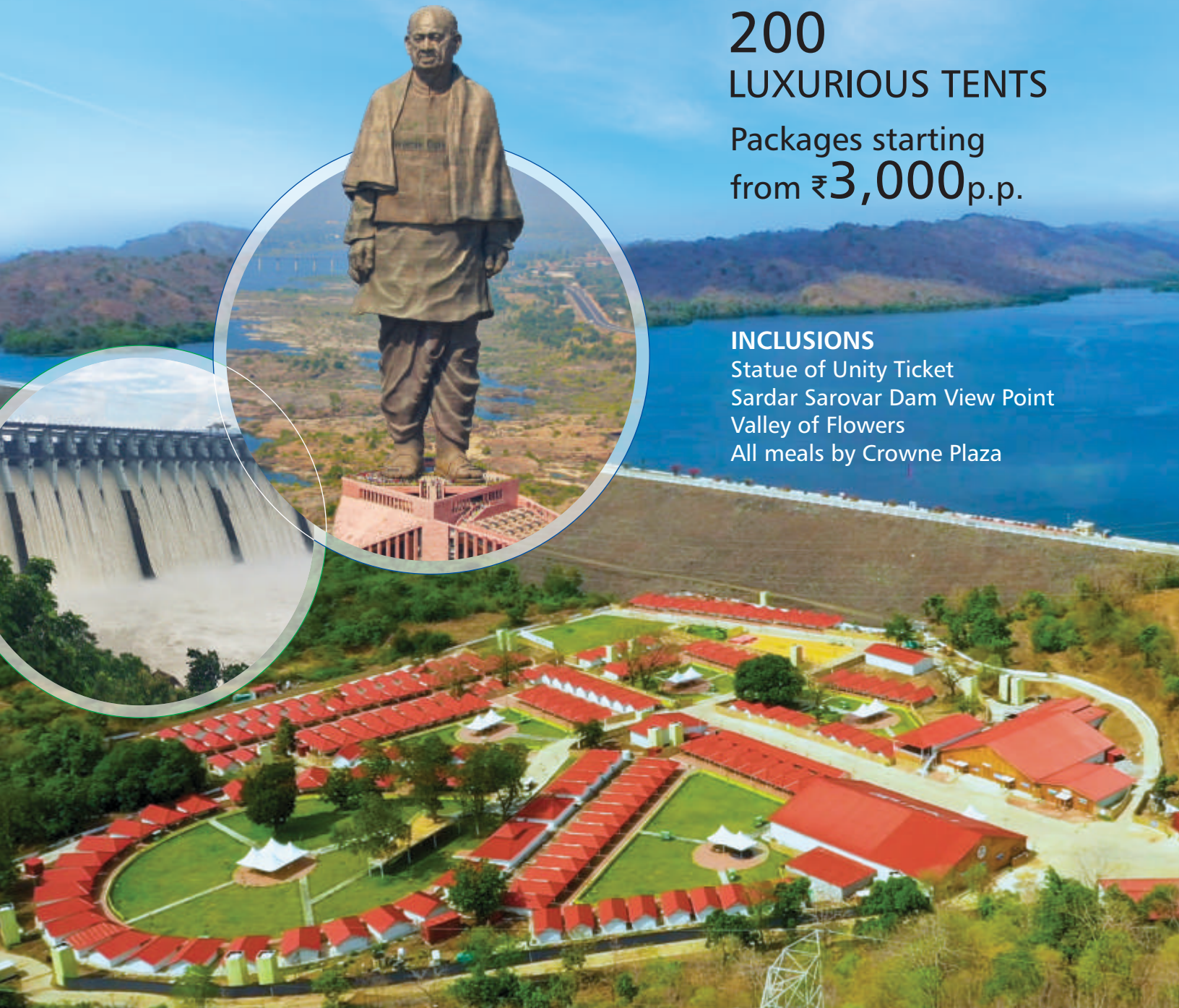
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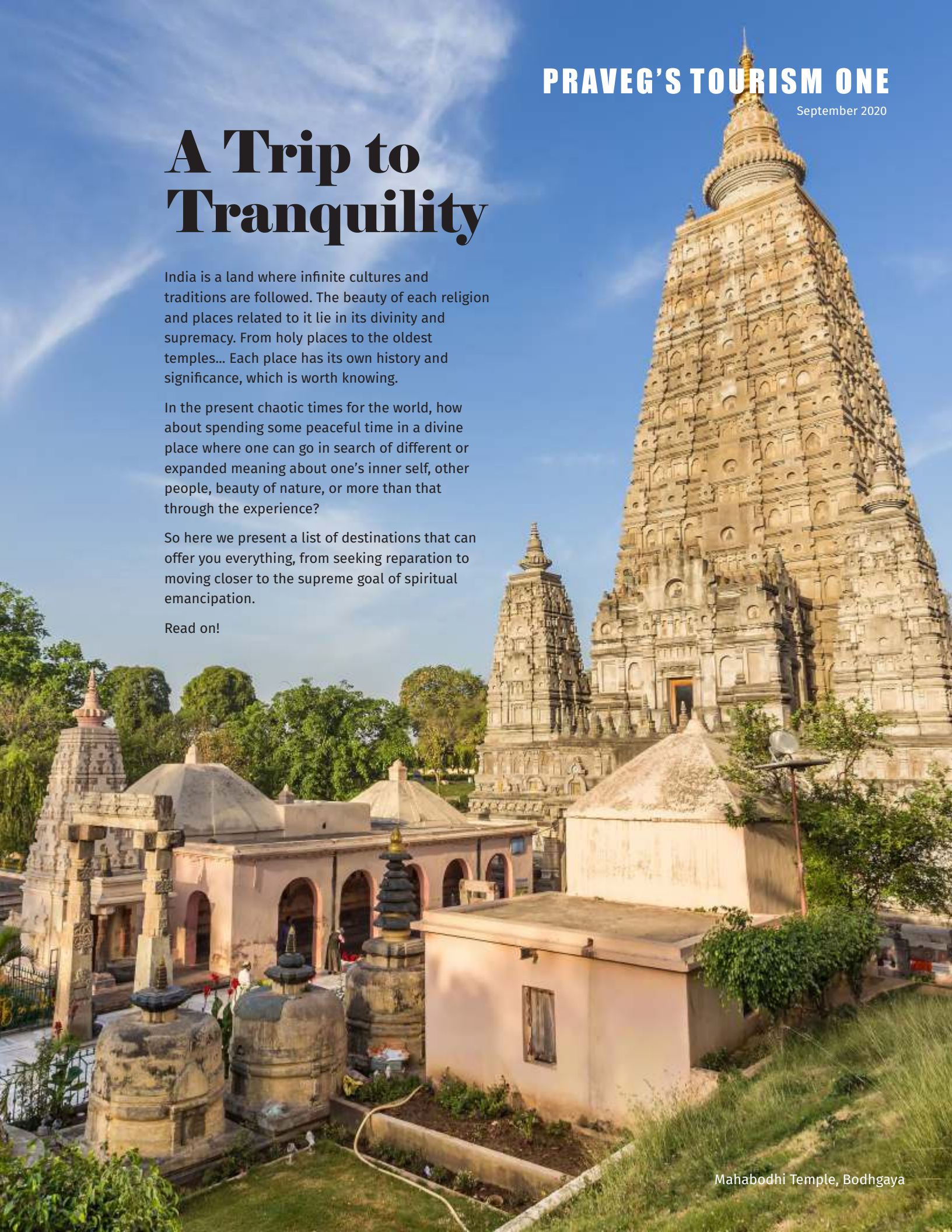
# A Trip to Tranquility

India is a land where infinite cultures and traditions are followed. The beauty of each religion and places related to it lie in its divinity and supremacy. From holy places to the oldest temples... Each place has its own history and significance, which is worth knowing.

In the present chaotic times for the world, how about spending some peaceful time in a divine place where one can go in search of different or expanded meaning about one's inner self, other people, beauty of nature, or more than that through the experience?

So here we present a list of destinations that can offer you everything, from seeking reparation to moving closer to the supreme goal of spiritual emancipation.

Read on!





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# In Search of **PEACE**

Pandemic, war situations and forest fires... Did the thought of embarking upon a journey in search of peace and positivity cross your mind?

Spiritualism comes from your soul, and the philosophies of every religion, no matter how different, will all help you reach out to your soul.

India is a land of countless number of religions, and pilgrimage sites are found vastly all across the country. What better place than here if you're looking for a spiritual awakening? Pilgrimage sites in India are of great importance, and if you wish to restore positivity and awaken self, take a look at the few such pilgrimage sites you should visit.







# Varanasi

📍 UTTAR PRADESH



One of the oldest cities in the world, Varanasi is synonymous with spirituality and Hinduism. The land is dotted with numerous temples, ashrams, ghats, Buddhist stupas and Jain temples. Symbolizes age-old Indian civilization, Varanasi is located on the banks of holy River Ganga in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

It is believed that Varanasi was once resided by Lord Shiva and his consort Goddess Parvati.





### ! *Attractions*

Known as “City of Temples”, Varanasi has numerous temples. Vishwanath is the most famous one. Kedareshvara Temple is a renowned temple which enshrines self-manifested stone linga. Durga temple, Sanat Mochan temple, Shitala Temple, Tulsi Manas temple and Chausath Yogini Temple are among the must-visit temples of Varanasi.

There are around 100 bathing ghats in Varanasi. Some of them are Asi Ghat, Dasashwamedh Ghat and Manikarnika ghat.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit* September to March

### ? *How to Reach*

The holy city has an airport which connects it to all the main cities of India. There are two railway stations. The city is easily accessible by road from various cities of India. <sup>10</sup>





# Dwarka

📍 GUJARAT



Located on the western tip of the Saurashtra peninsula in Gujarat, Dwarka is an ancient city of India. Known as Devbhoomi Dwarka, Dwarka boasts of being the only city that is a part of both Char Dham and also Sapta Puris mentioned in the Hindu religion. An abode of Lord Krishna, Dwarka is visited for its Dwarkadhish Temple. One of the 12 jyotirlingas, Nageshwar jyotirlinga temple is located in Dwarka. For these reasons, it enjoys a remarkable religious significance and attracts thousands of pilgrims all year around.

## ! Attractions

Dwarka Beach and nearby Dwarka Lighthouse offer views of the Arabian Sea. Southwest, Gaga Wildlife Sanctuary protects migratory birds and endangered species like the Indian wolf.

## ✓ Best Time to Visit

July - March

## 🛏 Accommodation:

A wide range of Gujarat Tourism-approved homestay options are available in Dwarka to suit your all requirements, from budget, hospitality to hygiene. You can book accommodation of your choice online at [www.gujarattourism.com](http://www.gujarattourism.com)

## ? How to Reach

Dwarka is on the state highway from Jamnagar to Dwarka. Direct buses are available from Jamnagar and Ahmedabad. Dwarka Railway Station connects it to cities of Gujarat and India. Nearest airport is Jamnagar. ✈









# Hampi

📍 KARNATAKA

Hampi is world-renowned for its historical ruins and heritage but the main highlight is the temples of Hampi. The beautiful temples of Hampi are located along the banks of River Tungabhadra for which the city is considered a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Since the city was the capital of the Vijayanagara empire – the largest empire post-Mughal era – be prepared to experience the grandeur and diversity of the temples in Hampi.







### ! *Attractions*

Achyutraya Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, is famous for its modern architecture. Shivlinga at Badavilinga or Bada Shivlinga is a major attraction here. Virupaksha Temple has beautiful stone inscriptions dating back to the 7th century. Vithala Temple is splendid example of rich architecture. Other temples include Kadalekalu Ganesh Temple, Hanuman Temple, Lakshmi Narasimha Temple, Hazara Rama Temple.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

November to March

### ? *How to Reach*

Tornagallu is the nearest airport. The nearest railway station is at Hospet that is connected to major cities of Karnataka. Hampi is well-connected to major cities of South India by road. 🚗



# Siddhivinayak Temple of Mumbai

📍 MAHARASHTRA





Lord Ganesha also known as elephant head god is the famous and most worshiped Hindu deity. Ganesh Chaturthi is the most popular festival in Maharashtra.

Shri Siddhivinayak Ganpati Mandir is located in Prabhadevi Mumbai and also one of the richest temples in India. Established in

1801, Shri Siddhivinayak Temple began as a humble shrine. With time, the present shape of a grand 6-storied structure came into being.

Siddhivinayaka Temple is one of Mumbai's most elegant Lord Ganesh temples and the most popular temple dedicated to Ganesha in India. 📄

### ! *Attractions*

Attractions like Mumbadevi Temple, Bulbulnath Temple, Mahalaxmi Temple, Walkeshwar Temple, Swaminarayn Temple Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Temple can be visited while in Mumbai.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

All time of the year, mostly Sankasthi Chaturthi of every month

### ? *How to Reach*

Mumbai is well-connected by air, road and rail to major cities of India. The Siddhivinayak Temple is approximately 15 minutes walk from the Dadar Railway Station. 📄







# Bodhgaya

📍 BIHAR

**B**odhgaya is the sanctified land where Gautam Buddha attained enlightenment. Located in the Gaya district of Bihar, Bodhgaya is one of the revered pilgrimages of the Buddhists. There is a Bodhi tree here under which Gautam Buddha used to meditate and attained nirvana. Offering peace in plenty, Bodhgaya attracts tourists from far and wide.







### ! *Attractions*

Mahabodhi Temple, dedicated to Lord Buddha marks the place where Gautam Buddha attained enlightenment. The Great Buddha Statue, a beautiful statue of Lord Buddha, is another attraction. Dungeshwari Caves highlight the incidences from the life of Lord Buddha. The Bodhi Tree, Bodhi Sarovar and Chankaramana are some of the other attractions here.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

October to March

### ? *How to Reach*

Gaya Airport, 12 km away, has direct flights from Kolkata. If you're coming from other cities of India, the nearest airport is in Patna. Bodh Gaya can be easily reached by train with nearest railway station in Gaya. Another popular option is to travel to Bodh Gaya from Varanasi by car. 🚗





# Palitana

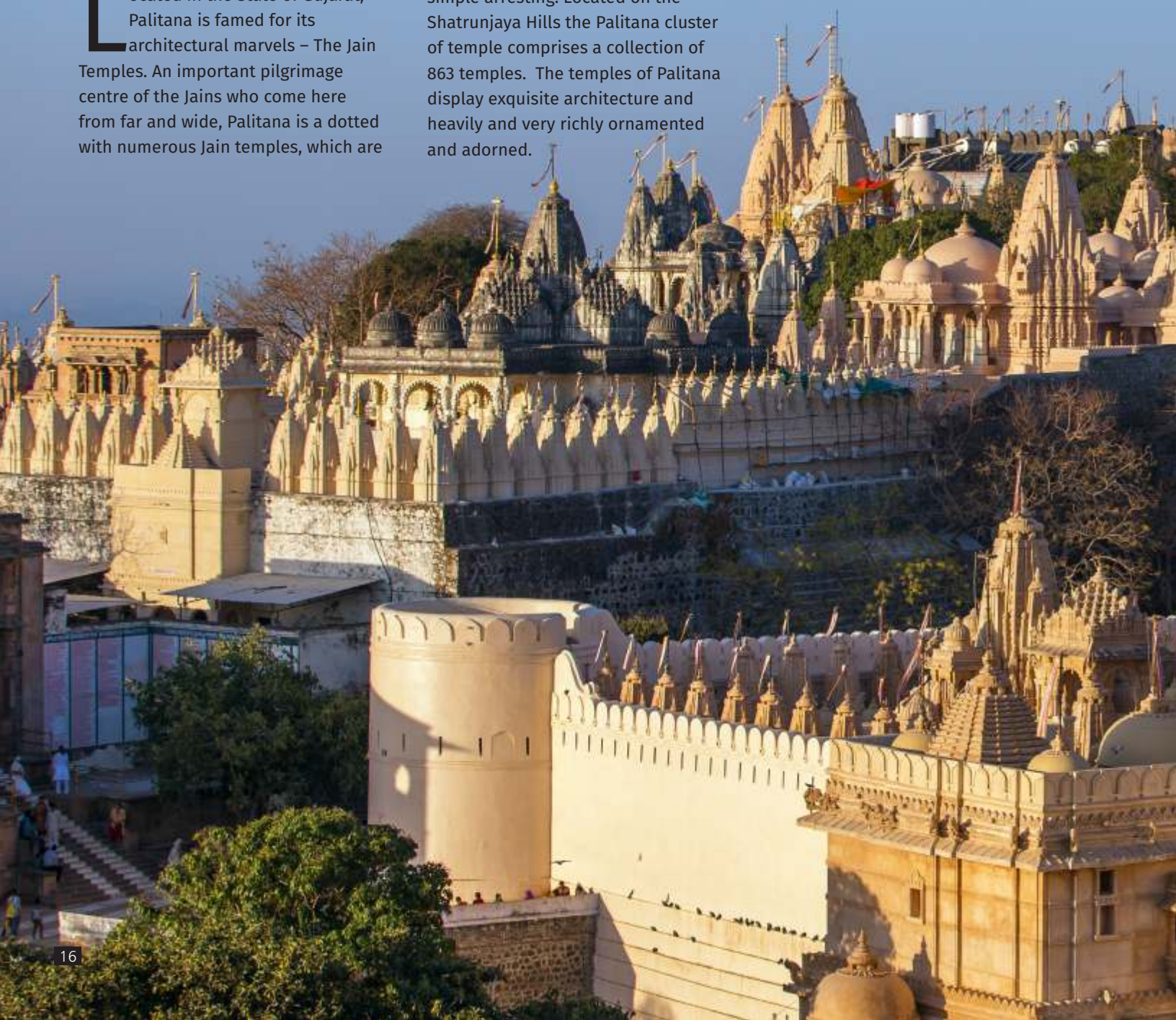
📍 GUJARAT

Located in the State of Gujarat, Palitana is famed for its architectural marvels – The Jain Temples. An important pilgrimage centre of the Jains who come here from far and wide, Palitana is a dotted with numerous Jain temples, which are

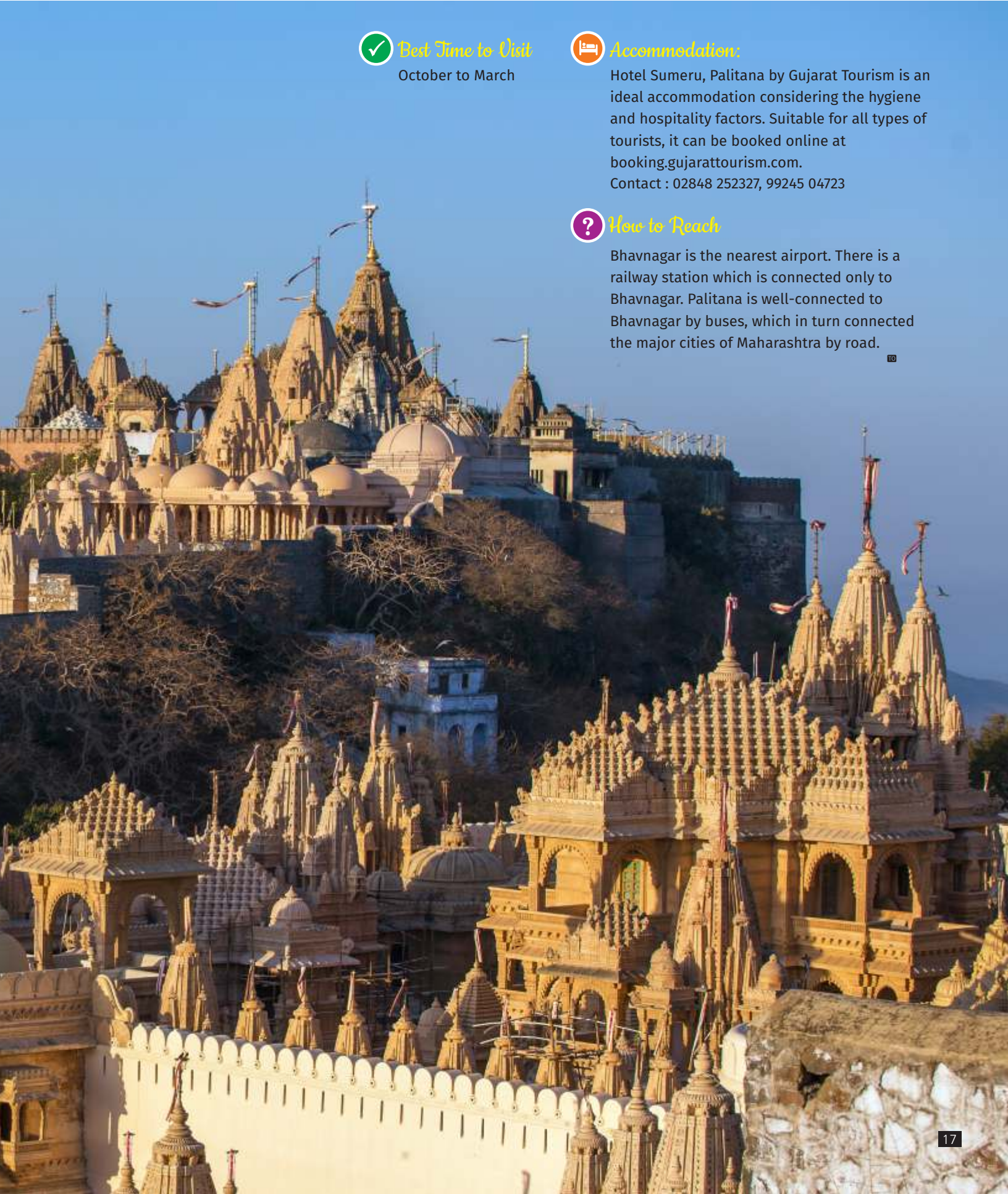
simple arresting. Located on the Shatrunjaya Hills the Palitana cluster of temple comprises a collection of 863 temples. The temples of Palitana display exquisite architecture and heavily and very richly ornamented and adorned.

## ! Attractions

The fascinating Shatrunjaya hills, located only one km from Palitana, is dotted with around 900 temples, each having its own beauty and charm. The Shatrunjaya Hills are the sacred sites where all the tirthankars, except Neminath, attained nirvana. The temples here are known for their exquisite carvings, beautiful idols and images, decorated statues and intricate toranas. The hills also offer great views of sunrise.







### *Best Time to Visit*

October to March



### *Accommodation:*

Hotel Sumeru, Palitana by Gujarat Tourism is an ideal accommodation considering the hygiene and hospitality factors. Suitable for all types of tourists, it can be booked online at [booking.gujarattourism.com](http://booking.gujarattourism.com).

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### *How to Reach*

Bhavnagar is the nearest airport. There is a railway station which is connected only to Bhavnagar. Palitana is well-connected to Bhavnagar by buses, which in turn connected the major cities of Maharashtra by road.

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# Tirupati

📍 ANDHRA PRADESH



**T**irupati is a famous pilgrimage center of the Hindus and is popularly known as the temple town. Holding great historic importance, Tirupati also finds mention in the great Hindu Puranas. Located in the southern part of Andhra Pradesh, there are numerous beautiful temples located in the holy land of Tirupati.







### ! *Attractions*

Tirupati Venkateswara Temple is one of the most famous temples in the world. Located on the Venkatachalam hill, the temple is dedicated to Lord Venkateswara, the incarnation of Lord Vishnu. The temple reflects Dravidian style of architecture. Shri Govindrajaswamy Temple is another famous temple with huge and captivating spire. Shri Kapileswaraswami, dedicated to Lord Shiva, Shri Kodandaramaswami Temple, Shri Kalyana Venkateswaraswami Temple and Padmavati Devi Temple are some of the other attractions at Tirupati.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

November - February

### ? *How to Reach*

Renigunta is the nearest airport. There is a railway station at Tirupati, which is connected with Hubli, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolhapur, etc. A good network connects Tirupati with major cities like Hyderabad, Chennai, Bangalore, Lepakshi and Vijayavada. 📍



# The Golden Temple

📍 PUNJAB

The Golden Temple Amritsar is not only a central religious place of the Sikhs, but also a symbol of human brotherhood and equality. Everybody, irrespective of cast, creed or race can seek spiritual solace and religious fulfillment without hindrance. It also represents the distinct identity, glory and heritage of the Sikhs.



## ! Attractions

There is an old Jubi Tree located in the north-west corner of the temple complex, which is believed to have special powers. This tree was planted around 450 years ago by the first priest of the Golden Temple. Goindwal Sahib Gurudwara is also one of the famous Gurudwaras of Amritsar, which has 84 steps leading to a deep well. Durgiana Mandir is a beautiful temple dedicated to Goddess Durga. Mata Temple is a wonderful temple built in honor of Lal Devi, a great female saint who lived in Amritsar during the 20th century. Jama Masjid Kherudin holds sheer historic importance.





✓ *Best Time to Visit*  
October to March

? *How to Reach*

The Rajasansi airport at Amritsar connects to the main cities of India. Railway Station at Amritsar connects it the main cities of the country. A good network of road makes Amritsar easily accessible from most of the places of India. ☒





# Deoghar

📍 JHARKHAND

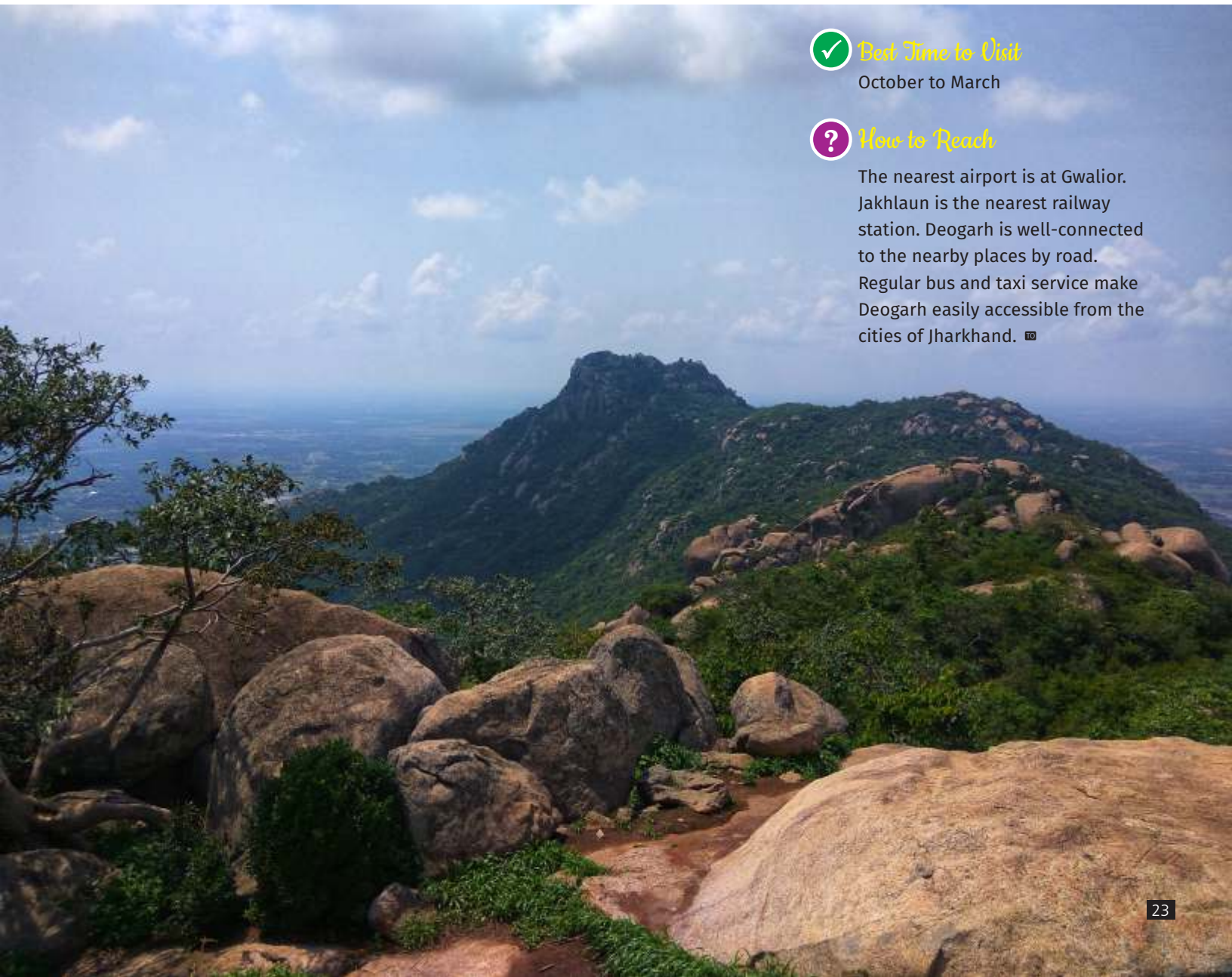
Located on the bank of the Betwa River offering great views of the Lalitpur hills in Jharkhand, Deogarh is visited by devotees from across the country. Holding great religious importance for the Hindus, Deogarh means the “Home of Gods”. Deogarh is both a pilgrimage and a holiday centre. The fame of Deogahr lies in its group of 22 temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. The ruins of the Buddhist monasteries can also be seen here.





### ! *Attractions*

Sprawling over a large area, the Baidyanath Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple complex houses twenty two temples whose architecture is impressive. The Chandrakoop Well is a famous attraction of Deogarh, believed to be built by King Ravana and was sanctified with water from many tirthams. Deoghar is a home to 31 Jain Temples which are located inside the fort of Kanali on the beautiful hills. Other attractions include Deogarh Museum, Dashavatar Temple and Trikut Hill.



### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

October to March

### ? *How to Reach*

The nearest airport is at Gwalior. Jakhlaun is the nearest railway station. Deogarh is well-connected to the nearby places by road. Regular bus and taxi service make Deogarh easily accessible from the cities of Jharkhand. 📍





Gaushala, Shreenathji Temple

# Nathdwara

📍 RAJASTHAN



Pichwai Painting



Pichwai Painting



**N**estled amidst the Aravalli Hills, the charming town of Nathdwara is literally translates to “The Gateway of the Lord”. It is situated in the heart of Rajasthan, on the banks of Banas River and is a pristine picturesque location. It is a sacred Hindu site and is flocked by thousands of tourists every year.



Pichwai Painting



Radha Kund Sunder Vilas

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### ! *Attractions*

The town owes its name to the famous temple of Shreenathji. Nathdwara translates to “Gateway to Shreenathji”. Here Shreenathji is treated as a child and all the activities of the Haveli of Thakurji revolve around the activity of a 7-year-old child. For the people of the town, it is not a temple but the home of Shreenathji. Nathdwara is also famous for its Pichwai Paintings, which are traditional Rajasthani style paintings and terracotta work. It is considered the hub of traditional handicrafts, arts and artefacts.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

September to February

### ? *How to Reach*

The nearest airport is located in Udaipur. Buses are also regularly available from different parts of Gujarat. 📍



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Wooden Toys

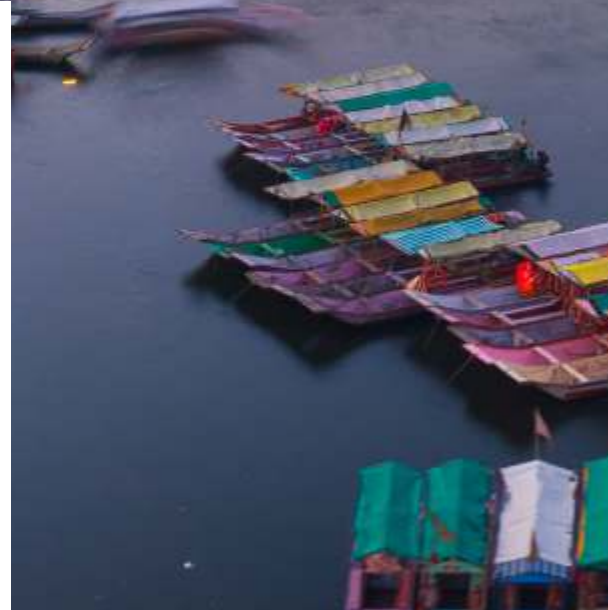
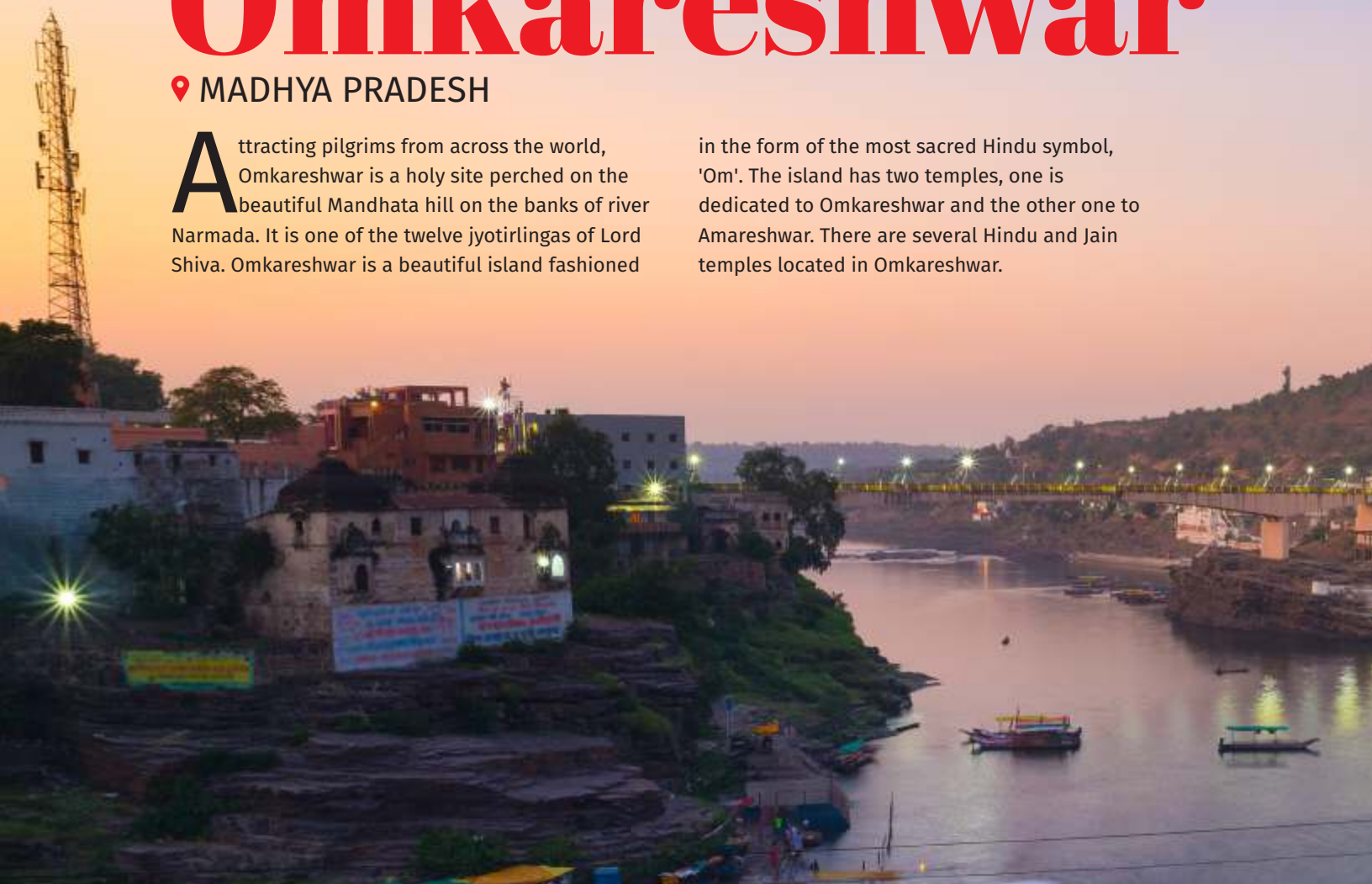


# Omkareshwar

📍 MADHYA PRADESH

**A**ttracting pilgrims from across the world, Omkareshwar is a holy site perched on the beautiful Mandhata hill on the banks of river Narmada. It is one of the twelve jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva. Omkareshwar is a beautiful island fashioned

in the form of the most sacred Hindu symbol, 'Om'. The island has two temples, one is dedicated to Omkareshwar and the other one to Amareshwar. There are several Hindu and Jain temples located in Omkareshwar.







## ! Attractions

Shri Omkareshwar Mahadeo Temple is the holiest of all the temples in Omkareshwar. It enshrines one of the twelve Jyotirlingams. Siddnath Temple is renowned for its fascinating architecture, a testimony to the early medieval Brahminic architecture. Twenty Four Avatars is a group of Hindus and Jain temples reflecting the marriage of different styles of architecture. Satmatrika Temple is a cluster of ancient temples whose history dates back to the 10th century. Kajal Rani Cave is visited by many a tourist who come to Omkareshwar.

✓ *Best Time to Visit*  
September to March

? *How to Reach*

Indore is the nearest airport located at a distance of 77 km from Omkareshwar. Located 12 km from the city of town of Omkareshwar, Omkareshwar Road is the nearest railway station. Omkareshwar is well connected to the important cities like Ujjain and Khandwa by road. ▣



# Bhubaneswar

ORISSA

**B**hubaneswar, rightly titled as “Temple City of India”, is the capital of Orissa. This beauty temple city being the seat of Lord Lingaraj is an important Hindu pilgrimage centre. It is the place where the temple architecture featuring an Orissan style flowered found its origin and remained there till its finale. The city receives swarms of tourists from every nook and corner of the world to visit its exotic and alluring temples.



Lingaraj Temple

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Udaygiri and Khandagiri



Rajarani Temple



Mukteshwar

### ! *Attractions*

Lingaraja Temple is an important and unique temple of Bhubaneswar, which is dedicated to Harihar of Half Shiva and Half Vishnu. The sanctum sanctorum of the temple enshrines the deity known as "Tirubhuvaneshwar", which means "Lord of the Three Worlds". Built in the 11th century, the Rajarani Temple is dedicated to Lord Brahma, the creator of the universe. The history of the Vaital Deul Temple dates back to 8th century. Dedicated to Goddess Parvati, the temple's interior is decorated amazingly. Mukteshwar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, Brahmeshwar Temple, Udaygiri and Khandagiri – famous for their architectural wonders are some of the other attractions.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

October to February

### ? *How to Reach*

Bhubaneswar has an airport that connects it to major cities of India. The train service from Bhubaneswar connects it to almost all the major cities of India. The national highways connects Bhubaneswar to almost all the parts of the country. 📍



# Kangra

📍 HIMACHAL PRADESH

Occupying an ideal place in the foothills of the captivating Himalayas, Kangra is a land of glorious history. Kangra is a city in the Kangra district of the state of Himachal Pradesh. The city of Kangra is famous for its beautiful temples, which are many in number. As a pilgrimage center, Kangra has an important place in the hearts of the Hindus. The history of Kangra dates back to the Vedic times.



Brajeshwari Temple







### ! *Attractions*

Brajeshwari Temple is one of the most celebrated religious destinations in Kangra. Built in honor of Goddess Brajeshwari, the temple was once the storehouse of diamonds and pearls. Jwalamukhi Temple is a highly revered Hindu pilgrimage. The temple is one of the shakti Peethas in India. Radha Krishna Temple is famous for its murals of Lord Krishna and Goddess Radha. Bhanjar Shiva Temple, Kanjesar Mahadev Temple, Sidh Bairag Lok Temple are worth visiting for their unique elements.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

March to June

### ? *How to Reach*

The nearest airport is at Gaggal located 30 km from Kangra Valley. There are two railway stations namely Kangra Station and the Kangra Mandir Station. Kangra is accessible from different parts of India by road. 🚗





**C**hidambaram is a Lord Shiva pilgrimage centre on the Pondicherry – Thanjavur Route. It reaches out to the hearts of the visitors with its beautiful temples. There are several temples in Chidambaram, which are exquisitely carved. Also known as Thillai as this place was once a forest of Thillai shrubs. The literal meaning of Chidambaram is the sky permeated by an atmosphere of intelligence and wisdom.

**!** *Attractions*

The Nataraj Temple is one of the most important attractions of the Chidambaram town. Sprawling over an area of 40 acres, it is an ancient temple whose roof of sanctum sanctorum is gold plated. Visitors can see 108 Bharat Natyam dance gestures in this temple. Kali Temple was built by the king Kopperunjingan in the 13th century. Viadanatheeswarar Temple was built in honor of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. It is believed that a dip in the waters of the tank in the temple cures all types of illness.

**✓** *Best Time to Visit*  
October to March

**?** *How to Reach*

Trichy is the nearest airport. The railway station at Chidambaram is well connected with the major cities like Trichy, Madurai and Chennai. Chidambaram is well connected with major cities of Tamil Nadu by road. **📍**

# Chidambaram

**📍 TAMIL NADU**









# Vaishno Devi Temple

📍 JAMMU & KASHMIR

**E**nergy is what has manifested itself in the various forms of life on earth and whatever exists in this universe. This is what living beings strive for and non-living things are made up of. Maa Vaishno Devi at Trikut Parvat is one of the places where devotees of divine mother of all the energies of cosmos is revered and venerated.





### ! *Attractions*

Vaishno Devi Temple is visited by millions of devotees from far and wide every year. A distance of 1 km from Katra brings the devotees to the halt known as Banganga, where the mother goddess is believed to have stopped to drink water. As you move further covering a distance of 6 km from Banganga, you will reach the Cave of Arshkunwati. It is believed that the goddess meditated here for nine months. The cave shrine of Vaishno Devi is 30 meters in length and only one-and-a-half m in height. The shrine houses the images of the three forms of the Mother Goddess – Mahakali, Mahalaxmi, and Mahasaraswati.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

March to July

### ? *How to Reach*

The nearest airport is at Jammu. The nearest railway station is also at Jammu, which is connected to main cities of India. Jammu is well connected to main cities of India by road. 🚗



# Panchakula

📍 HARYANA

Surrounded by the captivating Himalayas, Panchkula is a wonderful city in the Panchkula district of Haryana. A city of civilization, Panchakula has several tourist attractions. The main attraction is the Mansa Devi Temple.







### ! *Attractions*

Mansa Devi Temple, as the name suggests is built in honor of Goddess Mansa. It is believed that the prayers of devotees who visit the temple to receive the blessings of goddess never go unanswered. The fascinating ceiling and the arches of the temple are painted with floral designs. The Mansa Devi temple complex houses two temples. The main shrine is dedicated to Goddess Mansa who is worshipped here in the form of 'pindi' as well as in the form of marble image. In the same shrine, the Goddess Saraswati and Goddess Laxmi are also worshipped in the form of pindi.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

October to April

### ? *How to Reach*

The nearest airport is located in Chandigarh. The nearest railway station is located in Chandigarh. Once you reach Chandigarh, you can take bus or taxi to reach the temple.







# Kedarnath

📍 UTTRANCHAL

**M**esmerizing snow-capped peaks, legendary temple walls, and a divine jyotirlinga that's said to be the door towards salvation – Kedarnath exudes an air of divine mysticism, in the heart of the Himalayas! Recorded history states that the present temple was constructed by Adi Shankaracharya, whereas the original is said to have been built by Pandavas. Considered to be the most prominent of the 12 jyotirlingas on earth, Kedarnath is famous for being one of the chota char dhams in India too.





### ! *Attractions*

Kedarnath Temple is the divine abode of Lord Shiva. The temple is the epicenter of tourism here. Made with chunks of stones interlocked with iron clamps, the temple comprises an outer hall venerating Goddess Parvati, Lord Krishna, the Pandavas, and various other mythological deities. Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi Mandir is located behind the Kedarnath Temple. No visit to Kedarnath is complete without paying your respects here. Bhairav Temple, said to be the protector of Kedarnath, is dedicated to the fierce manifestation of Lord Shiva – Bhairava. Chorabari Tal, also known as Gandhi Sarovar, lies less than 5 km away from Kedarnath Temple. Rudra Meditation Cave is located 1 km uphill towards the left of the main temple, and commands stunning views of Kedarnath Temple. Sonprayag is a meeting place of the Vasuki and Mandakini rivers. Vasuki Tal Lake – Legend has it that Lord Vishnu took a bath in this glacial lake and hence it came to be known as Vasuki Tal. Other attractions here include Triyuginarayan Temple and Gaurikund Temple.

### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

May to June

### ? *How to Reach*

Jolly Grant in Dehradun is the nearest airport. Rishikesh and Kotwar are the nearest railway stations. Gangotri is well connected to main cities of Uttarakhand and other important cities of the country.



# Mathura

📍 UTTAR PRADESH

A holy town with a beautiful history of so many years, Mathura is regarded as the hometown of Lord Krishna, most important god of Hindu Pantheon. It has several legends and myths to unfold different parts of the globe. Mathura is a main centre for Hindus and boasts of many attractions that will fascinate any bystander. Explore a magical place that has so much to tender to its visitors.



Kusum Sarovar

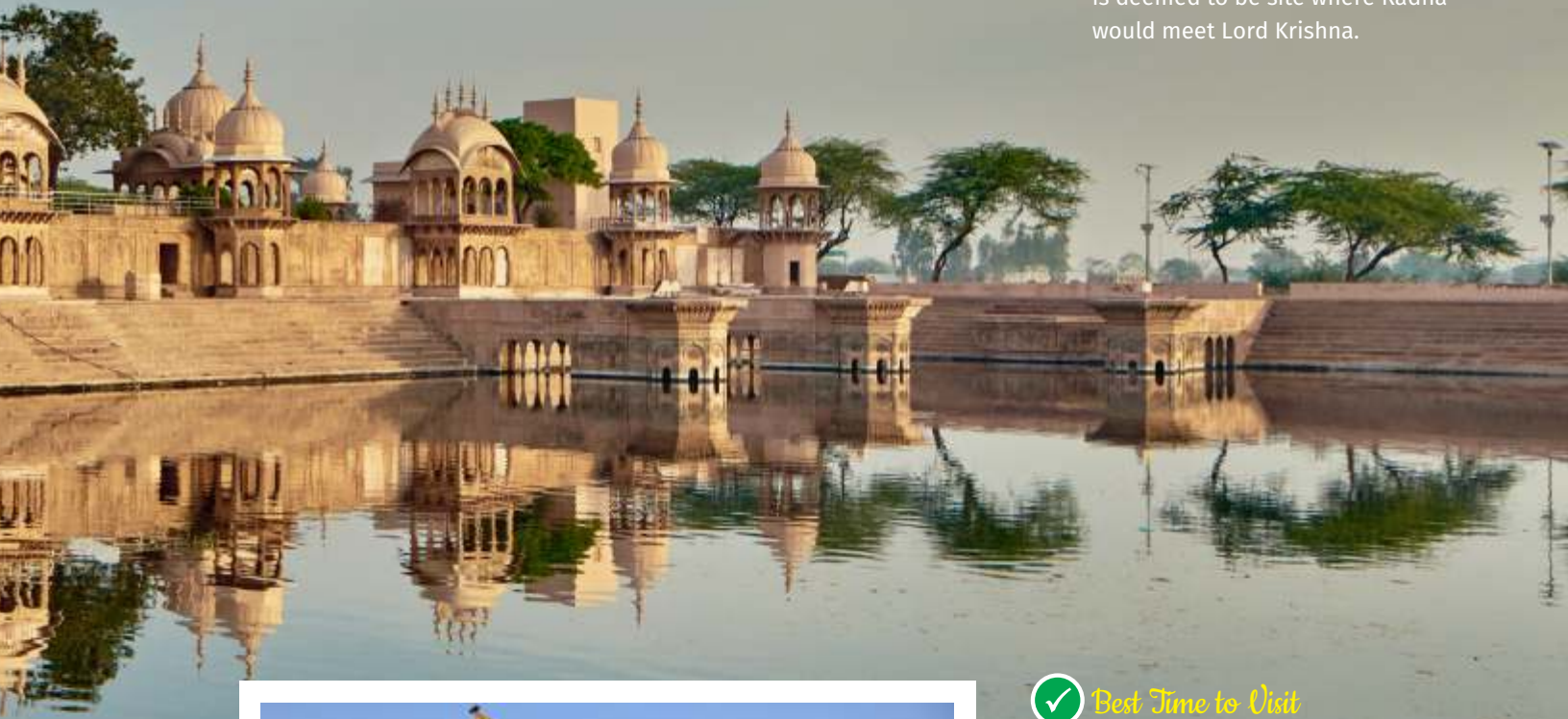




Vishram Ghat

### ! Attractions

One of the most sought after destinations of India, Gita Mandir is a sacred temple in the city of Mathura. Jama Masjid, built in 1661 by Nabir Khan, offers an amazing appearance with its intricately ornamented four minarets. Enveloped by shrine from all sides, Potara Kund can be reached by car, bus and taxi all through the year. Vishram Ghat is associated with stories of Lord Krishna and the history has it that it was the place where lord had taken rest after slaughtering Kansa. Kusum Sarovar is deemed to be site where Radha would meet Lord Krishna.



Gita Mandir

### ✓ Best Time to Visit

Round the year

### ? How to Reach

The closest airport to reach Mathura is Delhi airport. Mathura Railway Junction is well connected to main cities of India. Agra, Faizabad, Delhi, Allahabad and many other cities are well connected to Mathura by a good network of roads.



# Rameshwaram

📍 TAMIL NADU

**R**ameshwaram is a town on Pamban Island, in the southeast Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It's known for Ramanathaswamy Temple, a Hindu pilgrimage site with ornate corridors, huge sculpted pillars and sacred water tanks. Devotees bathe in the waters of Agni Theertham, off the beach east of the temple. Gandamadana Parvatham is a hill with island views. A chakra here is said to bear an imprint of Lord Rama's feet.

## ! Attractions

Ramanathaswamy Temple has two lingam inside the temple, "Ramalingam" by Devi Sita built by sand and "Viswalingam" brought by Lord Hanuman from Kailasha and installed by Lord Rama. Dhanushkodi Temple is the southernmost tip of Rameshwaram where Kothandaramaswamy temple is

located. The place was often ruined by cyclones but never displaces a single stone of the temple and thus of faith. Panch Mukhi Hanuman Temple is a site where Lord Hanuman revealed five faces – Lord Hanuman, Lord Adivaraha, Lord Narasimha, Lord Hayagriva and Lord Garuda.

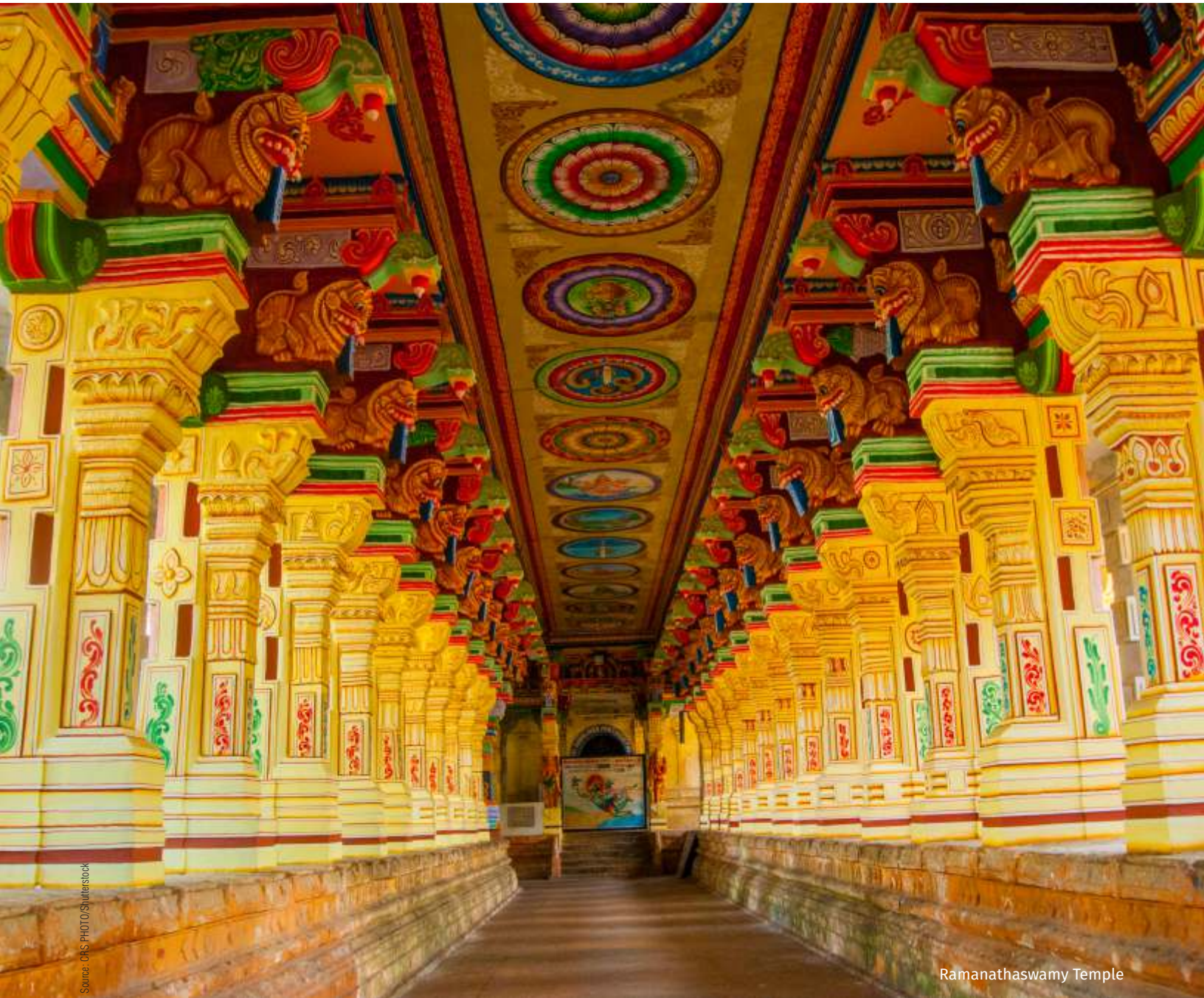
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Ramanathaswamy Temple



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### ✓ *Best Time to Visit*

Round the year

### ? *How to Reach*

Madurai welcomes the domestic flights where as Chennai the international ones. Mandapam station brings travelers from Chennai, Coimbatore, Trichy and Thanjavur. Regular bus services make travelling to the temple town easier and for many, convenient.



Sai Mandir Campus



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# Shirdi

📍 MAHARASHTRA

People today commonly believe that the era of selfness and ascetic practices is lost in time. However, the belief is often refuted by a soul holier than any of the mortals in current time – Sai Baba, with Shirdi in Ahmednagar district being his karmabhumi. The way he enlightened many souls through his abstinent practices and teachings unattached with any particular religion or spiritual schools made Shirdi a place of pilgrimage.

Sai Mandir







### ! Attractions

Gurusthan is a place where baba was spotted for the first time meditating under the Neem tree. Samadhi Mandir is a consequence of devotion of a Nagour millionaire who wanted to place an idol of Lord Krishna in the temple. It is believed that baba himself became murlidhar and the temple came to be known as Samadhi Mandir. Cottage of Adul Baba is a small cottage that became a site of importance as Adul Baba to whom it belonged was a fervent follower of Sai Baba. House of Laxmibai Shinde, Chavadi and Dwarkamai and Dixit Wada Museum are other attractions near the temple.

### ✓ Best Time to Visit

June to March

### ? How to Reach

The nearest airport is Pune. Sainagar Shirdi Railway Station connects the holy place from various cities of India. Well connected by various bus services, the place could also be reached by taxi or car through NH 209,211, etc. 📍



Hanuman Temple





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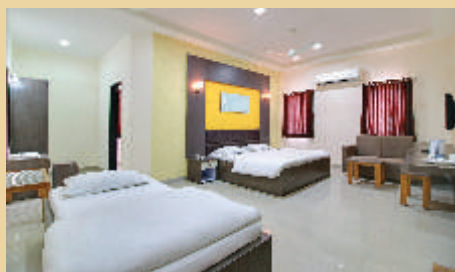


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