

# Famous Temples in India PDF

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Temple which is called "Mandira" in Sanskrit is a house of worship. Temples in India reflect the cultural glory and history of a place. In India, a temple is considered as a place where humans spiritually connect with God. Temples are built on the principles of Vastu shastra, known as "Shilpa Shashtra". It is a symbolic, miniature representation of the cosmos.

#### **List of Important Temples in India 2022**

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<b>Temples in India</b>	State	Features/facts
Virupaksha Temple	Karnataka	<ul> <li>It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Hampi district of Bellari.</li> <li>Lakkana Dandesha, a chieftain under the Vijayanagara Empire's monarch Deva Raya II, built it.</li> </ul>
Lord Venkateswara Temple	Andhra Pradesh	<ul> <li>Tirumala Hills Temple is also known as Tirupathi Balaji.</li> <li>The temple is built in the Dravidian architectural style.</li> </ul>
Somnath Temple	Gujarat	<ul> <li>Prabhas Patan and Deo Patan are two more names for Prabhas Patan. It is one of Lord Shiva's 12 jyotirlinga shrines.</li> <li>From Somnath temple to Antarctica, there is no land between the waters.</li> <li>Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel refurbished the temple in 1947.</li> <li>Chalukya-style construction</li> </ul>
Dwarkadhish Temple	Gujarat	<ul> <li>Jagat Mandir is another name for it. It's one of four Hindu pilgrimages (Char Dham).</li> <li>Mahmud Brgada demolished the original building in 1472.</li> <li>Currently, in the Chalukya architectural style.</li> </ul>
Mahabodhi Temple	Bihar	<ul> <li>It is a Buddhist Stupa in Bodhgaya that was found about 260 BC.</li> </ul>









		<ul> <li>The Mahabodhi Central Tower stands 180 feet (54 metres) tall.</li> <li>The brickwork represents Buddha's life.</li> </ul>
Vaishno Devi Temple	Jammu & Kashmir	Trikuta Hills, 5200 feet above sea level. It's a Cave temple.
Amarnath Temple	Jammu & Kashmir	<ul> <li>A cave temple at an elevation of 3888 metres.</li> <li>Amarnath is one of the 51 Shakti Peeths, and Bhrigu Muni was the first to discover it.</li> </ul>
Sabarimala Temple	Kerala	<ul> <li>Largest annual pilgrimage sites in the world with an estimate of over 40 to 50 million devotees visiting every year</li> <li>The temple is situated on a hilltop amidst eighteen hills at an altitude of 1260 m (4,134 ft) above sea level, and is surrounded by mountains and dense forests.</li> <li>The temple is dedicated to a Hindu Brahmachari (Celibate) deity Ayyappan</li> </ul>









Image: Bodhi Temple – Gaya

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Khajuraho Temple	Madhya Pradesh	<ul> <li>They are a set of temples constructed by the monarchs of the Chandela Dynasty.</li> <li>There were 85 temples spread throughout a 9-square-mile region, with barely 25 temples intact.</li> </ul>









		<ul> <li>Known for its nagara-style architecture and abundant erotic sculptures.</li> </ul>
Sanchi Stupa	Madhya Pradesh	<ul> <li>It is the best example of Mauryan sculpture and was commissioned by Emperor Ashoka.</li> <li>It is India's oldest stone building.</li> <li>The renowned Ashoka pillar, i.e. four lions, similar to that of Sarnath, can also be seen at Sanchi and is built in a Greco-Buddhist style.</li> <li>It symbolises Buddha, i.e. a sign of his ultimate liberation from the cycle of life and reincarnation known as Parinirvana or "Final Dying."</li> </ul>
Gomateshwara Temple	Karnataka	<ul> <li>The world's highest monolithic statue, constructed from a single piece of granite.</li> <li>It is a 57-foot-tall Jain temple.</li> <li>One of the world's largest free-standing monuments showing Bahubali's lengthy meditation.</li> </ul>
Konark Sun Temple	Odisha	<ul> <li>During the Ganga Empire, King Narasimhadeva I (AD 1238- 1264) built it in the 13th century.</li> <li>It is envisioned as a massive Sun God chariot constructed in Kalinga architecture.</li> </ul>
Jagannath Temple	Odisha	<ul> <li>Yamanika Tirtha is another name.</li> <li>This Puri temple is well-known for its yearly chariot event, Ratha Yatra.</li> <li>King Indradyumna commissioned the first Jagannath temple.</li> <li>The temple is dedicated to three deities: Jagannath, Balabhadra, and Subhadra.</li> </ul>









Siddhivinayak Temple	Maharashtra	<ul> <li>In 1801, Laxman Vithu and Dubai Patil built it</li> <li>It is India's richest temple.</li> </ul>
Padmanabhaswamy Temple	Kerala	<ul> <li>Built-in a mix of Chera and Dravidian architectural styles.</li> </ul>



Image: Somnath Temple - Gujarat

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Gangotri Temple	Uttarakhand	on the banks of the Bhagirathi River at an elevation of 3,415 metres (11,204 ft)
Badrinath Temple	Uttarakhand	<ul> <li>It is located in Garhwal hill along the banks of the Alaknanda River at an elevation of 3,133 metres (10,279 feet) above mean sea level.</li> <li>The temple appears in ancient religious books such as the Vishnu Purana and the Skanda Purana.</li> </ul>
Yamunotri Temple	Uttarakhand	<ul> <li>It is set against the background of Bandarpunch at a height of 3,291 metres (10,797 ft).</li> <li>Dedicated to Yamuna, the goddess of water.</li> </ul>
Vishwanath Temple	Uttar Pradesh	<ul> <li>When Qutb-ud-din Aibak overthrew the Raja of Kannauj in 1194 CE, his troops demolished the old Vishwanath temple.</li> <li>Jnana Vapi, often spelled Gyaan Vapi, is a tiny well in the temple.</li> <li>Emperor Aurangzeb demolished the temple and replaced it with the Gyanvapi Mosque in 1669 CE.</li> <li>Ahilyabai Holkar, Malhar Rao's daughter-in-law, built the current temple in 1780.</li> </ul>











Image - Golden Temple in Amritsar

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Ramanathaswamy	Tamil Nadu	<ul> <li>The Char Dham is one of the Char Dhams.</li> <li>One of the twelve Jyotirlinga temples constructed in the 12th century.</li> <li>Among all Hindu temples in India, it has the longest corridor.</li> <li>Creators of Dravidian Architecture - Pandyas and Jaffina Kings</li> <li>In and around the island of Rameswaram, there are 64 Trthas, or holy water sources.</li> </ul>
Golden Temple	Punjab	The temple, which was built in the 15th century, is also known by the name Harmindar Sahib.









		<ul> <li>Maharaja Ranjit Singh's riches and materials were used to plate the temple in gold in 1980.</li> </ul>
Ranganathaswamy Temple	Tamil Nadu	<ul> <li>One of the most significant of the 108 (divya Desam)Vishnu Temples.</li> <li>Built in the Vijayanagar period in Dravidian style.</li> <li>The first temple to be recognised by the UN Body for safeguarding and conserving cultural assets is located on an island created by two rivers: the Cauvery and the Coleroon. Its Gopuram is the largest in Asia.</li> </ul>
Meenakshi Temple	Tamil Nadu	<ul> <li>Built by King Kulasekara Pandya during the 12th and 13th centuries.</li> <li>There are about 40 inscriptions and Dravidian architecture.</li> <li>There are 985 finely carved pillars depicting scenes from Meenakshi (Parvati) and Sundareswarar's wedding (Shiva).</li> <li>It is well-known for its threestory Gopuram at the main entrance.</li> </ul>
Nataraja Temple	Tamil Nadu	<ul> <li>Built in the 10th century when Chidambaram was the Chola dynasty's capital.</li> <li>It is one of South India's oldest preserved active temple complexes</li> <li>The temple wall carvings depict all 108 karanas from Bharata Muni's Natya Shastra, these postures serve as the foundation for Bharatanatyam, a classical Indian dance.</li> </ul>









Rajagopalaswamy Temple	Tamil Nadu	<ul> <li>It is also known as Dakshina Dwaraka and was designed in the Dravidian style.</li> <li>Haridra Nadhi, one of India's biggest Temple tanks, is located here.</li> </ul>
Brihadeeswara Temple	Tamil Nadu	<ul> <li>Thanjavur's Raja Rajeswara Temple is also known as Raja Rajeswara Temple.</li> <li>Raja Raja Chola I, the Chola ruler, erected this Dravidian-style temple.</li> <li>One of India's tallest temples, built entirely of granite.</li> <li>Along with Gangaikonda Cholapuram temple and Airavatesvara temple, it is one of the Great Living Chola Temples.</li> <li>It is also known as Dakshin Meru and is located on the Cauvery River's bank.</li> </ul>
Ram Temple (Important)	Uttar Prad <mark>esh</mark> (Ayodhya)	<ul> <li>Birthplace of Lord Ram also called 'Ram Janmbhumi'</li> <li>5 August 2020: PM Modi attends foundation ceremony by laying a 40 kg Silver Brick</li> </ul>







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