

Uttar Pradesh

A to Z



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MESSAGE

It is a matter of immense pleasure and pride for me that this travel guidebook on the great state of Uttar Pradesh has been published and is being promoted by the Department of Tourism. This bestows great significance and enhances the tourism potential of Uttar Pradesh as an important tourism destination all over the world.

I commend the efforts of all the contributors for putting together a remarkable guidebook on the state. The book is a fabulous blend of text and visuals that leaves enduring images of Uttar Pradesh in the minds of the readers. I am sure this book will help the readers to understand this vast state and appreciate the importance of it as a tourist destination.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the team that worked on this book. Also, I wish this book will not only be an authentic source of information on Uttar Pradesh, but also go a long way in promoting tourism in the state.

Dr. Rita Bahuguna Joshi
Tourism Minister U.P.

PREFACE

The Department of Tourism, Government of Uttar Pradesh has the privilege to present the latest and updated at a glance A to Z book, the concise and handy Guide Book to the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Designed to facilitate first hand account and coupled with useful travel information, this tourist guide amply speaks about the multi-faceted destinations... a land known to the world as Uttar Pradesh, i.e. the colourful epicenter of the history of India. Its magnificent sights and sounds, temples and monuments; Buddhist, Jain, Hindu, Muslim and Christian cultural expressions have enchanted the travellers from far and wide.

Uttar Pradesh is however more than just places... When it comes to festivals and fairs few destinations can be powerfully evocative in terms of the grandeur of their celebration as Uttar Pradesh.

This ancient land has also many artistic expressions... Cave Art, Temple Art, Rock Art, Marble-Inlay Work, Sculpture and Murals. Add to that Marble Stone Inlay of Agra, Brassware of Moradabad, Woodcraft of Saharanpur, the famed Weaves and Embroideries of Varanasi, the Pottery of Khurja, Chikan Embroidery of Lucknow... a visit to Uttar Pradesh can also be a creative experience like none other.

While every minute detail regarding the places and other information has been looked into at the time of compilation of this book, nevertheless to serve you better, the suggestions & feedback in this regard are most welcome, so that we can excel in our efforts.

Awanish Kumar Awasthi
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Principal Secretary & Director General
Department of Tourism, Govt. of U.P.



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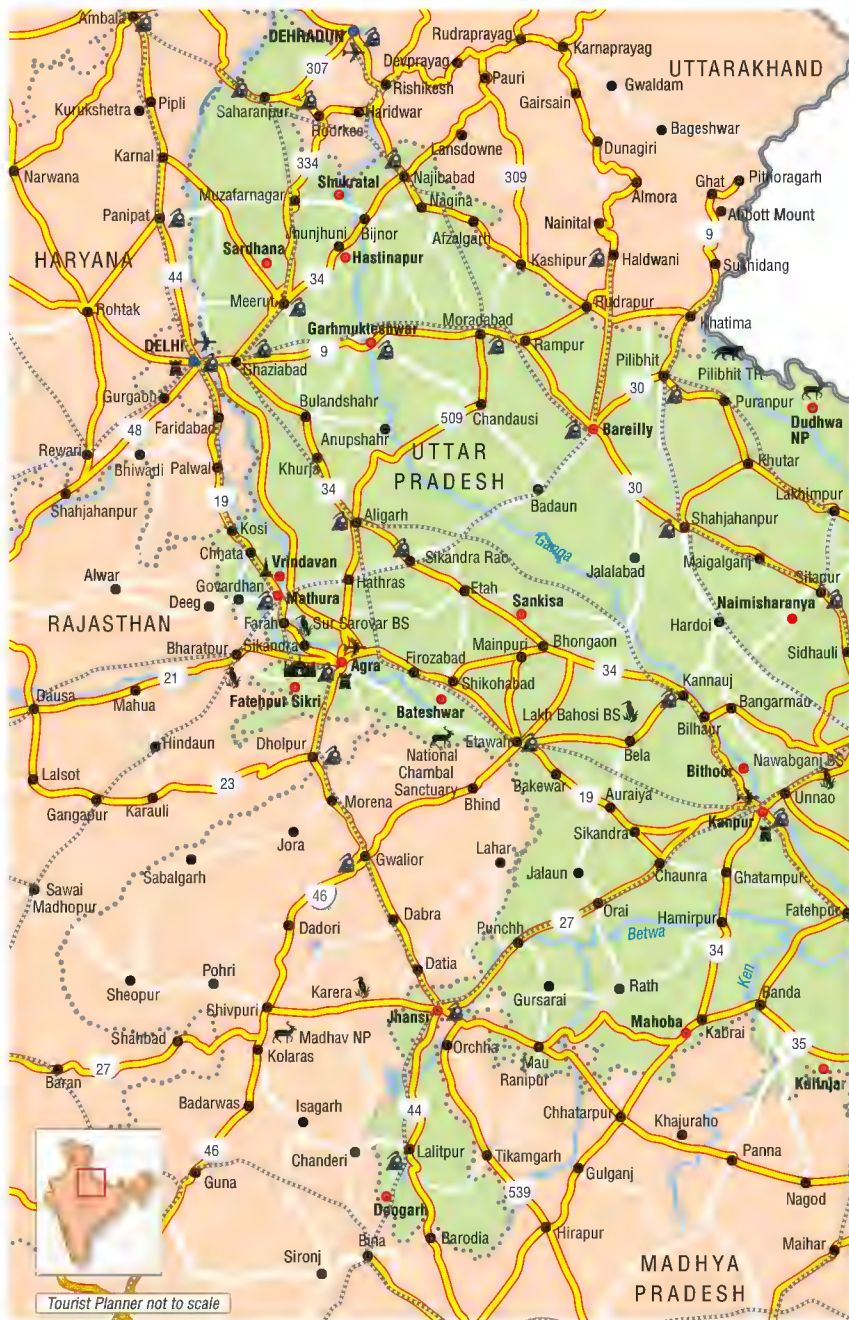
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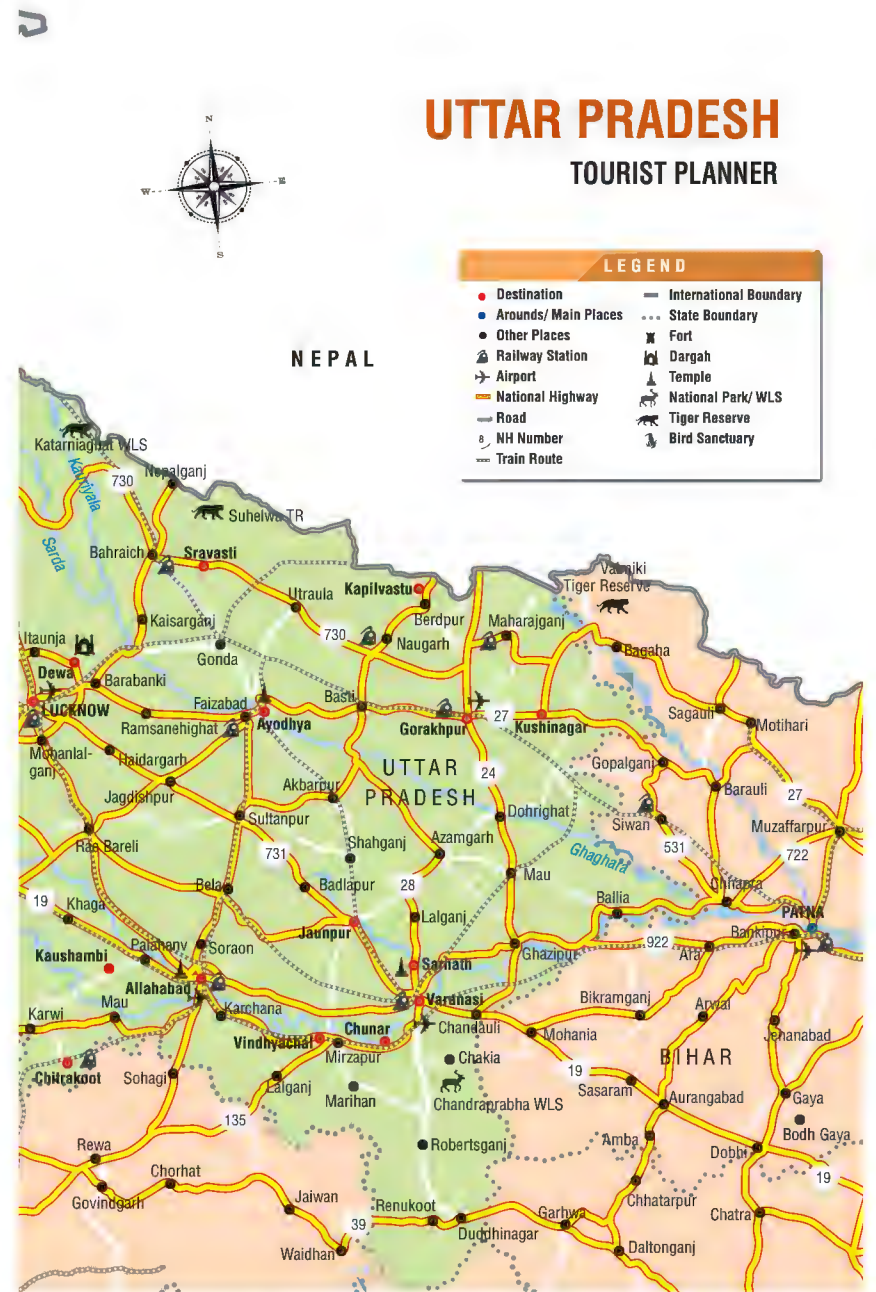
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TOURIST PLANNER



FAST FACTS

'UTTAR PRADESH A TO Z' has been designed to provide comprehensive information about Uttar Pradesh (India). In addition to major places of tourist interest, this book covers accessibility, conducted tours, local transport, accommodation, cultural institutions, libraries, banking, communication services and details of shopping areas.

Every attempt has been made to source authentic information in the book, however telephone numbers, tariffs, timings etc. are subject to change without notice. It is advised to check details before hand while travelling to a specific destination. Some general details as given below may kindly be kept in mind while travelling in Uttar Pradesh

- All tourist sites are generally open from sunrise to sunset. Monuments, which have specified visiting hours are indicated in the book individually.
- Hotels of all categories are available at most of the tourist centres. Private accommodation included in the book are neither exhaustive nor does their inclusion signify any official approval of the Department of Tourism, Uttar Pradesh.
- Banks are open for public from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Closed on Sunday, 2nd and 4th Saturday and Govt. holidays. Post and Telegraph Offices are open for public from 10.00am to 5.00pm, whereas from 10.00am to 2.00pm on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays and Govt. holidays.
- Tourist Information Offices are open for public from 10.00am to 5.00pm (Monday to Saturday except Second Saturday). Closed on Sunday and other Govt. holidays.
- Uttar Pradesh is not only a popular centre with its glorious history, culture, tradition, cuisine, arts and crafts, but also an ideal destination for exploring the ancient Indian sciences, i.e. Yoga, Meditation, Ayurveda and Astrology.
- The Department of Tourism, Uttar Pradesh has organized the state into seven circuits- BUDDHIST CIRCUIT (Kapilvastu, Sarnath, Sravasti, Sankisa, Kaushambi, Kushinagar), AGRA-BRAJ CIRCUIT (Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Mathura-Vrindavan, Bateshwar, etc.), BUNDELKHAND CIRCUIT (Jhansi, Mahoba, Kalinjar, Deogarh, Chitrakoot, etc.), AWADH CIRCUIT (Lucknow, Naimisharanya, Dewa Sharif, Ayodhya-Faizabad, Kanpur, Bithoor, etc.), VINDHYA-VARANASI CIRCUIT (Varanasi, Chunar, Vindhyanchal, etc.), ECO-TOURISM, WILD LIFE, ADVENTURE CIRCUIT (Dudhwa National Park, Bird Sanctuaries), WATER CRUISE CIRCUIT (Allahabad, Varanasi, Chunar, Lucknow, Kanpur, Bithoor, Jhansi).
- For tourist Information you can always call your nearest Tourist Office, travel agent or visit U.P. Tourism [W](http://www.uptourism.gov.in) [uptourism.gov.in](http://www.uptourism.gov.in).



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Taj Mahal

AGRA

Agra is crowned with the glory of the unparalleled Taj Mahal, a sheer poetry in marble with which Mughal architecture reached its zenith. The splendour of the mausoleums, the fort and the palaces is a vivid reminder of the opulence of the Mughal empire, of which Agra was the capital in the 16th and early 17th centuries. While Agra's significance as a political centre ended with the transfer of the capital to Delhi in 1634 by Shah Jahan, its architectural wealth has secured the city's place on the international map. The nearness of Lord Krishna's land, the Braj Bhoomi, certainly

doubles Agra's importance and attraction. It is worth mentioning that the epic *Mahabharata* refers to Agra as Agravana, an inseparable part of Braj Bhoomi. The legendary personalities, like Surdas, Haridas, Raskhan, Bihari, Amir Khusro, Mirza Ghalib, Nazeer Akbarabadi, Meer Taqi Meer etc. have also given fame to this region. The city of Taj is known for its superb inlay work on marble and soapstone by craftsmen who are descendants of those who worked under the Mughals. Agra is also famous for its carpets, gold thread embroidery and leather articles.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Taj Mahal

This immortal poem in white marble is the finest expression of love of an emperor for his queen. The Taj Mahal, one of the wonders of the world, is situated on the bank of River Yamuna. It was built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal in 1631, who invited master craftsmen from places like Italy and Persia to help design his ambitious tribute to love. The Taj Mahal is phenomenal not in the beauty alone that shines forth, but in the deep planning and design that went into its making and the ethereal idea of immortalizing love. Delicate carvings in marble vie with gorgeous pietra dura for attention. Lapislazuli, Cornelian, Jasper, Malachite, Coral, Mother of pearl, Agate and Emerald are inlaid

in floral and geometrical patterns in the marble itself. Construction of this enchanting mausoleum, on the bank of river Yamuna, started in 1631 and it took 22 years to complete with the help of an estimated 20,000 workers. For more check National Tourism's award winning Taj Mahal website www.tajmahal.gov.in.

TIP Closed on Friday.

Night Viewing of the Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal gives different shades and glimpses from dawn to dusk but during the full moon light (the poornima – 2 days before and 2 days after) it presents a fabulous and unforgettable look.

◆ **Entry** Indian: Adult ₹510, Child ₹500; Foreigner: Adult ₹750, Child ₹500 Tickets available 24 hours (1 day) before night viewing of the Taj between 10.00am to 6.00pm at Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), 22, Mall Road, Tel: 2227261, 2227263, Fax: 2227262

The Taj Nature Walk

Just 500 metres from the eastern gate of Taj Mahal, there is a beautiful natural forest cover spread over 70 hectares. Views of the Taj from the different mounds of the park gives an unforgettable experience. Flora Er Fauna of different species add to the attractions.

Shilp Gram - Taj Festival

It is a craft hub, just 750 metres from the eastern gate of Taj Mahal. Here, one can find an opportunity to see and purchase different artistic articles demonstrated by the craftsmen themselves. The annual Taj Festival, one of the most cherished cultural festivals of Art, Craft & Cuisine held at Shilpgram between 18–27



Itmad-Ud-Daulah's Tomb

Feb. Visit www.tajmahotsav.org

Mehtab Bagh

Mehtab Bagh is located on the left bank of the river Yamuna opposite to the Taj Mahal. The garden complex is a huge square, measuring approximately 300m x 300m, is in straight alignment with the Taj Mahal. The excavation has revealed a huge octagonal tank on the Southern periphery, Baradaris or pavilion on the East and West, a small octagonal tank at the center and a gateway at the northern wall.

Agra Fort

Built by Emperor Akbar in 1565 A.D., this Fort is a masterpiece of design and construction. Within the Fort are a number of exquisite buildings, including the Moti Masjid, Diwan-i-Aam, Diwan-i-Khas and Musamman

Burj, where Emperor Shah Jahan had died in imprisonment. Jahangir's Palace, Khaas Mahal and Sheesh Mahal are the other important monuments inside the Fort. UP Tourism has started a new sound and light show which provides an insight into the history of the monument, which is a visual delight.

◆ **Entry** Foreigner ₹150, Indian ₹50, Student ₹30 www.agraft.org

Itmad-Ud-Daulah's Tomb

Itmad-ud-Daulah's Tomb, 6km from the Taj, was built by Empress Noor Jahan, in memory of her father Mirza Ghias Beg in 1622–28 A.D. This ornate tomb is considered a precursor of the Taj Mahal.

Sikandara

The mausoleum of Emperor Akbar represents his philosophy and secular

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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 188 sq. km.

Population (city) 20,24,195 (2011 Census)

Altitude 169 mtrs. above sea level

Season October-March

Clothing Summer: Light cottons;
Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, Urdu, English

Local transport Bus/Taxi/Tonga/ Auto-rickshaw/Cycle-rickshaw

STD code 0562

Festival Taj Mahotsav (18-27 Feb),
Sheetla Fair (July-Aug), Kailash
Fair (Aug-Sept), Ram Barat (Sept-Oct)

outlook, combining the best of Hindu and Muslim architectures in a superlative fusion. Completed in 1613 A.D., it is one of the well-preserved monuments.

Radha Soami Samadh, Soami Bagh

This highly ornate memorial to the founder of the Radha Swami sect has been in the making for several years and work is still going on. It is entirely in marble, upon which every manner of ornamentation has been applied. Another Radha Swami

temple known as Huzuri Bhawan is in Peepal Mandi locality.

◆ **Timings** 8.30am–5.30pm

Jama Masjid

Of special importance due to the assimilation of Iranian architectural elements, it was built in 1648 A.D. by Emperor Shah Jahan's daughter, Jahanara Begum.

Chini-Ka-Roaza

This tomb of Aalmi Afzal Khan Mullah of Shiraz is a memorial to the

Places of Worship

TEMPLES

- Mankameshwar Temple
- Rawali Mahadev Temple
- Rajeshwar Mahadev Temple
- Balkeshwar Mahadev Temple
- Prithvinathji Temple
- Kalidevi Temple
- Chamundadevi Temple
- Hanuman Temple
- Vankhandi Mahadev Temple
- Shittadevi Temple
- Satyanarayan Temple
- Arya Samaj Temple
- Sanatan Dharma Temple
- Kailash Mahadev Temple
- (with two *Shivalingas* in one *jalhari*)
- Renuka Dham

JAIN TEMPLES

There are several old Jain temples in Agra such as -

- Chintamani Parshwanath Temple
- Roshan Mohalla Simaidhar Swami Temple
- Vasupujya Swami Temple
- Bodhi Parshwanath Temple
- Shitalnath Temple
- Digamber Temple
- Belanganj Mahavir Temple

- Moti Katra Temple
- Dadabari Jain Temple
- M.D. Jain College Temple

GURUDWARAS

Gurudwara Guru-ka-Tal and Hathighat Gurudwara are associated with Guru Teg Bahadurji & Guru Govind Singhji. Gurudwara Maikathan is also very famous.

CHURCHES

- St. George Church
- St. Mary's Church
- St. Patrick's Church
- St. John's Church
- St. Paul's Church
- St. Peter's Church
- St. John's Church (Sikandra)
- Central Methodist Church
- Havlok Methodist Church

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- Kali Masjid
- Mazar of Nazeer Akbarabadi
- Humayun Mosque
- Maqbara of Salawat Khan
- Tomb of Jodhabai
- Firoz-ka-Tal
- Buddha Vihar Temple
- Parsi Temple



Mariyam's Tomb (top); Chini-Ka-Roza (bottom right); Rambagh

poet-scholar who later became the Prime Minister of Emperor Shah Jahan. The surface of the tomb is decorated with glazed tiles.

Rambagh

This earliest example of Mughal garden was created by the founder of the Mughal dynasty, Emperor Babar.

Mariyam's Tomb

Built for Emperor Akbar's wife, Mariyam Zamani, in 1611 A.D., the tomb has exceptional carvings and finish in red sandstone.

Shaheed Smarak (Martyrs' Memorial)

This memorial, in Sanjay Place, is built at the site where freedom

fighters were imprisoned during the British rule. There is a museum containing literature, pictures and statues of freedom fighters. Fountains and garden make it more beautiful.

SHOPPING

Agra is famous for its marble and soft stone inlay work, leather goods, brassware, carpets, zardozi embroidery, semi-precious and precious jewellery. For those with a sweet tooth, the delicacies of Agra like Petha, Gajak and snacks like Dalmoth etc. are a great temptation. The main shopping areas of Agra are: Sadar Bazar and Fatehabad road. See box on p19 for souvenir shops approved by UP Tourism.

EXCURSIONS

Sur Sarovar (23km)

Sur Sarovar was declared a Bird Sanctuary in 1991. It is today home to more than 16 species of migratory and resident birds. Initially covering an area of 4.03sq. km. It has been expanded to an impressive area of 7.83sq. km., dotted with small artificially created islands.

◆ Tel 0562-2530091

Nearby is Surkuti where famous Saint and poet Surdasji had stayed for a long time during the reign of Mughal emperor Akbar.

Fatehpur Sikri (37km)

(See Index)

Firozabad (44km)

An important handicraft and industrial centre, famous for glassware, specially glass bangles.

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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Kheria airport is 6km from the city centre while International Airport, Delhi is 220km.

Rail Convenient rail connections to important cities are available from Agra Cantt., Agra Fort, Raja-ki-Mandi and Tundla (27km) stations.

Road Buses ply to all major cities from Agra. Some important road distances are: Mathura - 56km, Bharatpur - 57km, Gwalior - 119km, Delhi - 204km, Jaipur - 232km, Lucknow - 369km, Khajuraho - 400km, Varanasi - 605km.

Patna Bird Sanctuary (54km)

The Patna Bird Sanctuary, located at Jalesar sub division of Etah district, is spread over an area of 108 hectare. This resort was given recognition as a protected sanctuary in the year 1991. Ornithologists have reported about 300 different species of exotic birds with multicolour plumes clustering here for roosting and breeding during the peak season of winter months.

An old and historic temple dedicated to Lord Shiva attracts thousands of pilgrims for spiritual pursuits. It is the tinkling of the temple bells mingled with the chirping of birds that creates an atmosphere of rare tranquility here.

Mathura-Vrindavan (56–65km)

(See Index)

Awagarh Fort (65km)

On Agra-Etah road, this beautiful fort dating to the 13th century is now available for heritage experience. The descendants of the Awagarh royal family would be your host at this heritage property.

◆ Contact 9456214666

Bateshwar (70km)

(See Index)

Shauripur (80km)

Surrounded by dense forest, this is the pious Jain city where Lord Neminath, the 22nd Tirthankar, was born. Several Jain temples are located here.

Chambal Wild Life Sanctuary (80km)

On Fatehabad road, the Chambal WLS offers a unique opportunity to experience the natural and historical heritage of the Chambal valley.



Sikandara, Agra

◆ Season October–March

Aligarh (85km)

A famous university town and age-old centre of learning, specially for Islamic studies. Aligarh is also an important centre for handicrafts and metalware, specially locks.

Khereshwar Dham

A place of religious importance situated in Aligarh city. As per the local belief it was known as Kol in ancient times. It's king was Kol demon who was killed by elder brother of Lord Krishna.

Achal Tal

Situated in Aligarh City. This lake is believed to have miraculous effect

for the cure of all skin diseases. Several ancient temples are situated on its bank where thousands of people come for visit.

Bhoj Ka Tal

45 km. from Aligarh. It is believed that Saint Bhabhooti Baba built this lake during the reign of ancient King Bhoj. Thousands of people from adjacent areas visit this place on every full moon.

ETAH**Atranji Khera**

It is an ASI protected site. During excavations a number of historical remains such as ochre-coloured pottery, black and red ware, northern black polished ware and remains from



Agra Fort

Kushan, Post-Kushan and Medieval period are revealed from this mound.

Soron (120km from Agra)
This is an important religious place. According to the mythological belief Lord Vishnu appeared for the first time at this place in the incarnation of 'Varah' to kill the demon 'Hiranyakashyap'. Due to this belief, this place has assumed great religious importance. Thousands of devotees bring funeral ashes of their relatives to offer the last rituals and take dip into holy waters.

Patiali (115km from Agra)
Near Etah, Patiali is the birth place of Amir Khusro, one of the most versatile personalities of medieval India.

HATH RAS
Shri Dauji Maharaj Temple
(50km from Agra)

Located in Raja Dayaram fort of Hathras, this important heritage site of archaeology enjoys a history of 250 years.

Mangalaytan
(80km from Agra)

This is a famous Jain pilgrimage site on Hathras-Aligarh Road. The social importance of this site has been enhanced due to a university in its vicinity.

Yug Teerth Aanwal Khera (Gayatri Tapobhumi) (25km from Agra)
Birth place of Acharya Sri Ram Sharma, founder of Gayatri Shakti peeth.■

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SOUVENIR SHOPS
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List can be obtained from U.P. Tourism Office, 64, Taj Road, Agra
Tel: +91-562-2226431

SPORTS AND RECREATION

- Golf Course at Circuit House Campus, Taj Road. Tel: 2226381, 2226579
- Swimming pools at all star hotels.
- Paliwal Park (Bal Vihar): This beautiful park has been developed on six acres of land. It has boating facility alongwith other means of recreation, such as Laxman Jhoola, Bhutahi Gupha, fountains etc.
- Subhash Park, Shahjahan Park, Dayal Bagh, Mehtab Bagh and Patel Garden are some of the other parks.

CONDUCTED TOUR

Daily tours are being conducted by U.P. State Tourism Development Corporation for local sight seeing in Agra. The total fee charged for the tour includes the fare for Deluxe coach, Monument entrance fee and the fee for guide services. For details and reservation, please contact:

UP TOURS Tourist Bungalow, Raja ki Mandi, Tel: 562-2851720, 2850120
Hotel Taj Khema Near East Gate of Taj Mahal, Tel: 562-2330140, 2230001

Tourist Information Centre
Agra Cantt. Railway Station, Tel: 562-2421204

U.P. Tourism Office
64, Taj Road
Tel: 562-2226431
Email: agraptourism@gmail.com
Wup-tourism.com

TOURIST GUIDES

For government approved tourist guides contact at Govt. of India Tourist Office. Tel: 2226368, 2226378 and U. P. Tourism, 64, Taj Road. Tel: 2226431

TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY

1. Taj Mahotsav (18th–27th Feb)
2. Taj Car Rally (Feb–March)
3. Bateshwar Cattle fair/ Horseriding show (Oct–Nov)
4. Balloon festival (Nov–Dec)
5. Sound and light show at Agra Fort (Daily in the evening)
6. 'Mohabbat the Taj' a live

Marble Inlay Work



show every evening at Kalakriti Convention Centre.

7. Tourism walks:
 - (a) City heritage walk along with old part of the city.
 - (b) Mughal Heritage walk along with 11 sidhi to Kachhpura village and Mehtabbaug behind Tajmahal across the river.
 - (c) Colonial walk along with the colonial buildings of the city.

Queries/Details of above tourism activities can be inquired from UP Tourism office, 64 Taj Road, Agra (Tel: 0562-2226431; Email: agraptourism@gmail.com)

ACCOMMODATION

List of the hotels can be downloaded from www.tajmahal.gov.in and also can be obtained from the U. P. Tourism Office 64, Taj Road, Agra Tel: 0562-2226431

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HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Awagarh Fort: 65km from Agra. For details please contact - Cell: 9456214666, Email: fortawagarh@rediffmail.com

Chambal Safari Lodge: 74km. For details please visit www.chambalsafari.com, Cell: 9997066002

Paying Guest

Accommodation
List of Paying Guest Accommodation can be obtained, from U.P. Tourism Office, 64, Taj Road, Agra. Tel: 562-2226431

Restaurants

List of restaurants can be obtained from U.P. Tourism Office, 64, Taj Road, Agra. Tel: +91-562-2226431

BANKS/ MONEY CHANGERS

- State Bank of India Main Branch, Chhipitola Tel: 2252078
- Allahabad Bank, Hotel Clark, Shiraz, Taj Ganj Tel: 2226179
- Andhra Bank, Taj Road Sadar Bazar Tel: 2226675
- Central Bank of India, M.G. Road Tel: 2366788
- Bank of Baroda M.G. Road Tel: 2364345
- Canara Bank Sadar Bazar Tel: 2227161

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- General Post Office

The Mall Road
Tel: 2463886

- Speed Post Manager G.P.O. Mall Road Tel: 2252986

HOSPITALS

- District Hospital M.G. Road Tel: 2466099
- Lady Lyall Hospital Noori Gate Road Tel: 2262538, 2267987
- S.N. Medical College, Hospital Road Tel: 2463318
- Cantonment Hospital, Sadar Tel: 2225493

TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

- UP Government Tourist Office, 64, Taj Road Tel: 0562-2226431 (Timings: 10.00am to 5.00pm) (Closed on Sunday, 2nd Saturday & gazetted holidays)
- Government of India Tourist Office, 91, The Mall (Timings: 9.30am to 5.30pm) Tel: 2226378
- UP Government Tourist Reception Counter, Agra Cantt. Railway Station 24hrs. (Timings: 8.00am to 9.00pm every day) Tel: 2421204
- UPTOURS, Tourist Bungalow, Raja-Ki-Mandi Tel: 0562-2850120

TRAVEL AGENCIES

List can be obtained from

U.P. Tourism Office
64, Taj Road, Agra
Tel: 562-2226431

TRAVEL RESERVATION Rail

- Agra Cantt. Railway Station Tel: 139
Reservation Tel: 2420998
- Agra Fort Railway Station Tel: 139
Reservation Tel: 2464131
- Mandi Railway Station Tel: 133
Reservation Tel: 2854477
- Tundla Railway Station (27km) Tel: 139

Bus

- UPSRTC Bus Stand Idgah Enquiry Tel: 2420324
- ISBT, Transport Nagar Enquiry Tel: 2603536

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

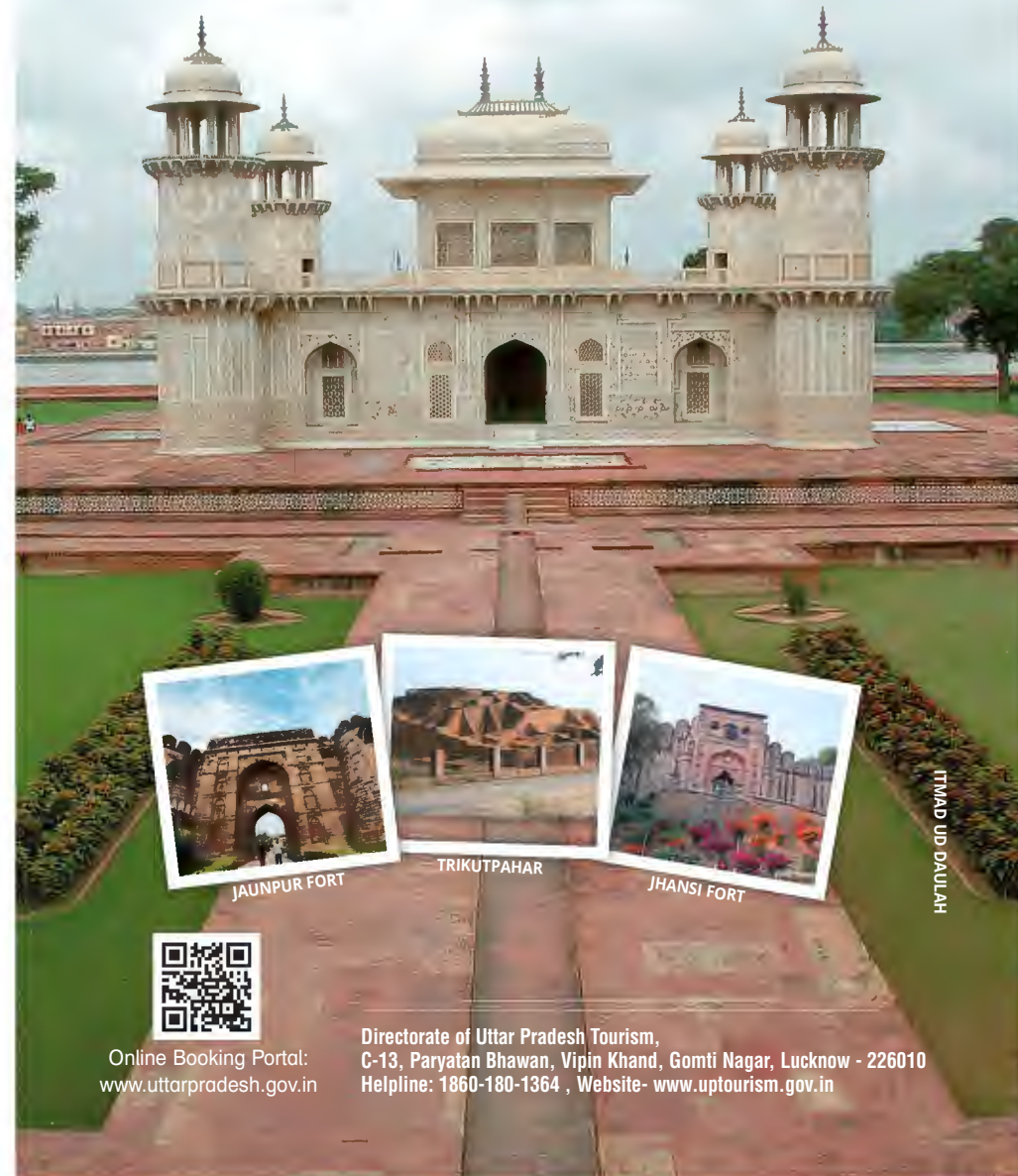
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Cell: 9454400246
- S.P., City Tel: 2527711,
Cell: 9454401007
- Foreigner's Regional, Registration Office, Police Lines. Cell: 9454401717
- Tourist Police Station Agra Cantt. Cell: 9454402764

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Name of Monuments	Indian Tourist			Foreign Tourist		
	Fee by A.S.I.	Fee by A.D.A.	Total (Rs.)	Fee by A.S.I.	Fee by A.D.A.	Total (Rs.)
Taj Mahal	30/-	10/-	40/-	500/-	500/-	1000/-
Taj Museum, Taj Mahal	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Agra Fort	30/-	10/-	40/-	500/-	50/-	550/-
Fatehpur Sikri	30/-	10/-	40/-	500/-	10/-	510/-
Akbar's Tomb, Sikandra	15/-	5/-	20/-	200/-	10/-	210/-
Mariyam Tomb, Sikandra	15/-	Nil	15/-	200/-	Nil	200/-
Ram Bagh	15/-	Nil	15/-	200/-	Nil	200/-
Itmad-ud-Daulah	15/-	5/-	20/-	200/-	10/-	210/-
Mehtab Bagh	15/-	Nil	15/-	200/-	Nil	200/-

Points visitors should know:

Tourists are supposed to buy both ASI and ADA tickets to visit the various monuments in Agra.

- For all monuments ASI will charge the Indian rates from the nationals of SAARC and BIMSTEC countries while no such provision has been made for ADA tickets.
- ADA offers a consolidated ticket of Rs. 500/- which is valid for visit to all monuments i.e. Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Sikandra, Itmad-ud-Daulah & Fatehpur Sikri. While ASI does not have any such consolidated ticket.
- No entry fee for children below the age of 15 years, both Indian/Foreigner.

Taj Mahal is closed on every Friday.

- Agra Development Authority (A.D.A.) does not levy any toll tax on Fridays in any monument.
- **Visiting Hours** Taj Mahal: from Sunrise to Sunset (Friday Closed)
- **Other Monuments** from Sunrise to Sunset



Thousands of devotees gather in Allahabad to attend the Kumbh Mela

ALLAHABAD

Allahabad is one of the prominent and sacred cities of India. Described with great reverence in ancient scriptures as Prayag or Teerthraj, i.e. the holiest pilgrimage centre', Allahabad is situated at the confluence of India's holiest rivers the Ganga, the Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati. The Sangam, as the confluence of the three rivers is called, is the venue of many sacred fairs & rituals and attracts thousands of pilgrims throughout the year. With the irresistible attraction of Kumbh Fair, hailed as the world's largest congregation of devotees,

the glory of the city has certainly doubled. The Dussehra festival is also organised in the city in its unique style.

Emperor Akbar visited Prayag in 1575 and founded a new city by the name of Allahabas, which later came to be known as Allahabad. The city was an important cantonment during the British period when it functioned as the capital of the State and has some beautiful architectural remnants of that era. The university at Allahabad has the reputation of being the foremost centre of learning. Allahabad was also the nerve centre

of activities during the Freedom Movement and played a leading role in development of Hindi-Urdu literature.

The galaxy of legendary personalities has given the name and fame to the city. Noted among them are sages Bharadwaj and Durwasa; Ila, Pururwa, Alark; Maulvi Liaqat Ali, Akbar Allahabadi, Rudyard Kipling, C.Y. Chintamani, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Pt. Moti Lal Nehru, Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya, Pt. Bal Krishna Bhatt, Ganesh Shanker Vidyarthi, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Purushottam Das Tandon, Ramanand Chatterjee, Smt. Indira Gandhi, Major Dhyan Chand, Surya Kant Tripathi "Nirala", Firaq Gorakhpuri, Sumitra Nandan Pant, Harivansh Rai Bachchan, Mahadevi Verma, Dr. Ram Kumar Verma, Prof. J. K. Mehta etc.

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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 5482 sq. km.

Population 5954391 (2011 Census)

Altitude 98 mtrs. above sea level

Season November-March

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, Urdu, English

Local transport Taxi/Bus/Rickshaw

STD code 0532

Festival Magh Mela (every year, Jan-Feb), Kumbh Mela (every 6th year), Maha Kumbh Mela (every 12th year), Dussehra-Ram Dal (Sept-Oct), Water Sports Festival (Nov/Feb)

PLACES OF INTEREST

Sangam (the confluence)

The famous confluence of the divine Ganga, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati rivers at Allahabad is known as Sangam and has been a major attraction for pilgrims from the ancient times. The water of the two rivers is of different colours and their meeting point is distinctly visible. Magh Mela, Kumbh and Maha Kumbh fairs are held on the banks of Sangam. Boats are available on hire to reach the Sangam. The evening Arti at the bank of Sangam is worth seeing.

Fort-Akshayavat-Ashokan Pillar

The massive fort, built by Emperor Akbar in 1583 A.D. on the bank of the Yamuna, close to the Sangam, is presently used by the Army and only a limited area is open to visitors. The magnificent outer wall of the fort is intact and rises above the water's edge. Inside the fort there are revered unique Akshayavat or immortal Banyan tree, a 10.6 metre-high polished sandstone Ashokan Pillar, dating back to 232 B.C., having several rare edicts, the Saraswati Koop, the Palace of Jodhabai etc. Permission is needed from the Commandant, Ordnance Depot, Fort (Tel: 2504735-36, 2506203) to visit these places.

Patalpuri Temple

This underground temple, situated in the outer part of the fort, houses old icons of deities.

Lord Hanuman Temple

Near the Sangam, this much revered temple is unique for its huge supine idol of Lord Hanuman, a few feet



Hanuman Temple-Shankar Viman Mandapam

below the ground and is famous as Bade Hanumanji. When the Ganga is in spate, this temple gets submerged.

Shankar Viman Mandapam

Near the Fort and Lord Hanuman temple at the bund area, this 130 ft. high temple with four floors built in South Indian style, has the idols of Kumaril Bhatt, Jagatguru Adi Shankaracharya, Kamakshi Devi (with 51 Shaktipeeths around), Tirupati Balaji (with 108 Vishnus around) and Yogshastra Sahasrayoga Linga (having 108 Shivas around).

The temple is surrounded by many other temples, such as Shri Ramanandacharya Math, Laxmi-Narayan Temple, Radha-Krishna-Gopal Temple, Triveni Temple, Jagdish Bhagwan Temple, Gaddi Surdas, Deverha Baba Sevashram,

Gaddi Kankardas, Shri Dattatreya Temple, Ram Janki Temple, Handia Baba Ashram, Gangaji Temple, Shri Kaliji Temple etc.

Saraswati Ghat-Nehru Ghat

Saraswati Ghat, on the bank of river Yamuna, is an old ghat while nearby modern Nehru Ghat is an ideal picnic spot which is under the control of Army.

Mankameshwar Temple

This ancient Lord Shiva Temple is picturesquely located near Saraswati Ghat on the bank of Yamuna.

Madan Mohan Malviya Park (Minto Park)

The park is situated near the Mankameshwar Temple. In it stands a white stone memorial with a four-

lion symbol on top. On November 1, 1858 the famous declaration of Queen Victoria was read here by Lord Canning.

Boat Club/Water Sports Complex

The Boat Club-Water Sports Complex, situated in between the new hanging Yamuna bridge and UPSTDC Hotel Triveni Darshan at the Yamuna bank road, is a major site for the adventurous water sports activities. Here, the deep depth and long straight stretch of river Yamuna is most ideal for the water sports activities. The facilities available here are Scuba Diving, Water Scooter, Paddle-Canoe and Kayak-Motor-Speed Boats, Para Sailing etc. Both banks of the river and hanging bridge over the river provide a natural and massive spectator's gallery. One can also go to the

Other Important Attractions

12 MADHAV TEMPLES

Incarnation of God in 1st position at Prayag is Madhav Dev as per Goswami Tulsidas.

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परसि अखयवटु गाता।।

- Shankh Madhav
- Chakra Madhav
- Gada Madhav
- Padam Madhav
- Anant Madhav
- Bindu Madhav
- Manohar Madhav
- Asi Madhav
- Sankasht Har Madhav
- Aadi Madhav
- Vishnu Madhav
- Sri Beni Madhav

Sangam by Motor Boat from here.

◆ Boat Club Officer Tel 2407289
Cell 9415495674

Veni Madhav Temple

This is one of the prominent temples of Allahabad in Daraganj locality and is counted one among the Madhavas. As per scriptures, there are twelve Madhava deities at different places in Allahabad. It is an old Lakshmi-Narayan Temple which, according to belief, was visited by Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Nearby are Lord Nrisingh, Jagannath and Shiva Temples.

The Daraganj area is situated on the bank of river Ganga and is an old part of the city. It resembles Varanasi, in its temples, lanes and traditions. The area is also known for its great personalities, such as the great poet Nirala.

Nagvasuki Temple- Bhismapitamah Temple

This temple in Daraganj, on the bank of the Ganga, is dedicated to Nagraj Vasuki.

Adjacent to the temple is a unique big statue of Bhismapitamah in reclining posture.

Dashashwamedha Temple

It is an ancient temple on the bank of the Ganga in Daraganj locality. It is said that Lord Brahma had performed Ashwamedha Yajna here. Dashashwamedheshwar Mahadev-Shiva linga, idols of Nandi, Sheshnag and a big Trishul (trident) are enshrined in the temple. A marble slab bearing the image of a footprint in memory of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is also installed here. Nearby are the temples of Goddess Annapoorna, Lord Hanuman and Lord Ganesh.



Shiv Ling / Lingam at Shiva Temple; Anand Bhawan

Sankatmochan Hanuman Temple

In Daraganj locality, on the bank of the Ganga, is the Sankatmochan Hanuman Temple. It is said that Saint Samarth Guru Ramdasji had established the idol of Lord Hanuman here. The idols of Shiva-Parvati, Ganesh, Bhairav, Durga, Kali and Navgrah are also enshrined in the premises of the temple. Nearby are Shri Ram-Janki temple and Harit Madhava temple.

Alopi Devi Temple

Situated in front of the Shankaracharya Ashram in Alopibagh locality, this Siddhapeeth has a sacred Kund atop a small platform. Above the Kund hangs a small Jhoola (swing). Both the Kund and Jhoola hold religious significance for the devotees who throng here. Roop Gauriya Math in Tularambagh locality was established in 1929 by

Bhakti Siddhant Saraswati Prabhupadaji. The founder of ISKCON, Shri A.C. Bhaktivedanta Maharaj got Deeksha here. The idols of Shri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Shri Radha-Krishna, Shiva and Goddess Annapoorna are enshrined here. Nearby is ancient Kal Bhairav Temple.

Bharat Sevashram Sangh

Also in Tularambagh, it was established in 1930 by Swami Pranavanandji Maharaj. Evening Pushpa-Shashtra Arti on Sundays is worth seeing.

◆ Tel 2434897

Chitragupta Temple

This temple is dedicated to Lord Chitragupta and is situated on M. G. Road, near K.P. Inter College. In front of the temple is Swami Narayan Temple.

Bharadwaj Ashram

Associated with Sage Bharadwaj, it is a renowned religious place. During the time of Sage Bharadwaj it was famous as an educational centre. It is believed that Lord Rama visited this place with mother Sita and Lakshmanji while proceeding to Chitrakoot during his exile. At present there are temples of Bharadwajeshwar Mahadeva, Sage Bharadwaj, Teertharaj Prayag and Goddess Kali etc. Nearby is the beautiful Bharadwaj Park.

Swaraj Bhawan - Anand Bhawan - Planetarium

In 1930, Pt. Moti Lal Nehru donated SWARAJ BHAWAN to the nation, to be used as the headquarters of the Congress Committee. Former Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi was born here. Now it houses a museum.
♦ **Entry** Indians ₹5 (without Light & Sound show ₹2) ; **Foreigners** ₹50

Chandra Sekhar Azad Park

Timings 9.30am–5.30pm **Closed** Monday **Tel** 2467674

Anand Bhawan was the ancestral home of the Nehru family. Today, it has been turned into a fine museum. Many momentous decisions and events related to the freedom struggle took place here.

♦ **Entry** ₹5 **Timings** 10.00am–5.00pm **Closed** Monday **Tel** 2467071, 2467096

Nearby is Jawahar Planetarium that takes one on a celestial journey which makes the eyes twinkle like stars.

NOTE Children below 3 years are not allowed inside the Sky Theatre.

♦ **Entry** Adults ₹50; School students/Children ₹30 (upto 16 years) **Timings** 11.00am–4.00pm **Closed** Monday **Tel** 2467093

Theosophical Society

In the year 1881, this society was established in Allahabad. Later on in 1936 the Annie Besant Library was formed by the society at Lowther Road-Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Statue Crossing where at present the Head Office of the society's Allahabad branch is situated.

University: Allahabad University, established in 1887, has been a reputed centre of learning. Its science faculty, once known as Muir Central College, has a magnificent building. It has an arcaded quadrangle which is dominated by a 200 ft. minaret tower in cream coloured sandstone from Mirzapur with marble and mosaic floors. The domes of the Indo-Saracenic structure are clad in Multan glazed tiles. This building was also associated with the Legislative Council meetings, three of which were held here. The Arts Faculty is also situated nearby. Its

**Bharadwaj Ashram**

buildings, constructed between 1910 to 1915, are fine examples of architecture. Nearby is the place where Rudyard Kipling stayed during 1888-89.

Chandra Shekhar Azad Park: The park spread over a vast area is dedicated to great martyr Chandra Shekhar Azad who laid down his life fighting British forces here. His statue has been installed in the park. Nearby are G.N. Jha research Institute and the publication centre from where renowned Hindi magazines 'Saraswati', 'Balsakha' were once published.

Museum: The museum was established in 1931, located at the edge of the Chandra Shekhar Azad Park, has an excellent collection of terra cotta artefacts and other rare articles. The valuable collections of the museum include-the famed pistol

of Chandra Shekhar Azad, the vehicle that carried Mahatma Gandhi's ashes to Sangam, manuscripts-books-citations donated by Pt. J.L. Nehru etc.

♦ **Entry** ₹5 **Museum Entry** ₹50 **Tel** 2408690 **Timings** 5.00am– 8.00pm **Closed** Monday and every Sunday following second Saturday of the month

Public Library: Situated within the Chandra Shekhar Azad Park premises, this is the oldest library of the city. This library was established in 1864 at the Chaitham Lines area. After the construction of the present building in 1878, the library was shifted here. This imposing building has been associated with another glorious chapter too. The first Legislative Council of the State organised its first meeting in this building on

January 8, 1887. Fourteen Council meetings were held here. Constructed in the memory of Lord Thornhill and Mayne (then commissioner & collector, respectively), this building is a beautiful example of Gothic architecture. Today it houses a large number of rare books, manuscripts and journals.

♦ **Timings** 10.00am–5.00pm **Closed** Thursday **Tel** 2600581

Nearby are Hindustani Academy and Prayag Sangeet Samiti.

♦ **Timings** 10.00am–5.00pm **Closed** Thursday **Tel** 2600581

Victoria Memorial

Large canopy made of Italian limestone, dedicated to Queen Victoria. It was opened on 24th of

March 1906 by James Digges La Touche. The canopy once sheltered a huge statue of Queen Victoria which was later removed.

Kalpavriksha (Parijat Tree)

Kalpavriksha (Devanagari: कल्पवृक्ष), also known as kalpataru, kalpadruma or kalpapadapa, is a wish-fulfilling divine tree in Hindu mythology. It is mentioned in Sanskrit literature from the earliest sources. It is also a popular theme in Jain cosmology and Buddhism. Sage Durvasa and Adi Shankaracharya, meditated under the Kalpavriksha. The birth of Ashokasundari, the daughter of Shiva and Parvati, is attributed to the Kalpavriksha tree. Another daughter Aranyani was also gifted to Kalpavriksha for safekeeping.

The Kalpavriksha originated during the Samudra manthan or "Churning of the ocean of milk" along with the Kamadhenu, the divine cow providing for all needs. The king of the gods, Indra, returned with this tree to his paradise.

Kalpavriksha is also identified with many trees such as Parijata (Erythina variegata). Ficus benghalensis, coconut tree (Cocos nucifera), Madhuca longifolia, Prosopis cineraria, Bassia butyracea, and mulberry tree (Morus nigra tree). The tree is also extolled in iconography and literature.

This tree is inside Alfred Park or Company Bagh near south boundary of Sport Complex (Madan Mohan Malviya Stadium).

Hanumat Niketan Temple

In Civil Lines area, this grand temple has fine idols of Lord Hanuman, Lord Ram-Sita-Lakshman, Goddess Durga, Saraswati and Shiva lingas.



All Saints' Cathedral

Sports Complex

Once known as Mayo Memorial Hall, it has a very attractive building, built in 1879 with red bricks and a 180 ft. high tower. Seventeen Legislative Council meetings were held in this building too in its early period. Now it houses a Sports Complex having sports facilities.

All Saints' Cathedral

This magnificent Cathedral near the Railway Station, designed by William Emerson in 1870, is one of the finest Anglican Cathedrals in Asia. Built in the 13th century Gothic style, its stained glass panels and impressive marble altar are extremely beautiful. It is also famous as Patthar Girja. There are many other old churches

in the city, such as the Holy Trinity Church (1839), Jamuna Church (1847), St. Peter's Church (1874), St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Cathedral (1879).

Shri Shridi Sai Dham Temple

This temple is situated near A.G. Office and attracts large number of people, especially on Thursdays.

High Court

It was transferred from Agra to Allahabad in 1869. Located in an imposing stone building built in 1916, it's Chief Justice's Court room is the biggest of all the High Courts' in India. Nearby are the Govt. Press and the place from where famous Hindi magazine 'Chand' was published.



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Nearest airport is Bamrauli - 16km, daily flight for Delhi is available. Another nearest airport is at Babatpur, Varanasi - 147km.

Rail Allahabad is well connected by trains with all major cities of India.

Road National Highways 2 and 27 connect Allahabad to all other parts of the country. Some important road distances are : Vindhyachal - 93km, Varanasi - 125km, Chunar - 125km, Sarnath - 135km, Chitrakoot - 137km, Ayodhya - 167km, Kanpur - 193km, Lucknow - 204km, Bithoor - 215km, Khajuraho - 294km, Naimisharanya - 298km, Patna - 368km, Jhansi - 375km, Agra - 433km, Bhopal - 680km.

Khusrobagh

Khusrobagh is a large historical garden in which are located the tombs of Prince Khusro, the eldest son of Emperor Jahangir and his mother Shah Begum. It was also associated with the freedom struggle of India.

Kalyani Devi Temple

It is a famous Siddhpeeth in Kalyani Devi locality.

Lalita Devi Temple

It is a prominent Siddhpeeth in Meerapur locality.

Gurudwara Pakki Sangat

Situated in Ahiyapur-Malviyanagar locality, this historical gurudwara has been constructed to commemorate the visit of Guru Teg Bahadur ji who came here in 1666 and stayed for several months.

Khusrobagh**Diara Shah Ajmal**

Allahabad is also famous for its ancient Khan Kahs and Diaras, the holy places related with Sufi saints, situated at the different places of the city. The Diara Shah Ajmal (1713) near the Kotwali and other Diaras situated at Kydganj, Bahadurganj, Himwatganj, Rani Mandir, Chak etc. are among them.

ISKCON Temple

This newly established temple is situated near Balua Ghat.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Takshakeshwar Nath Temple, Bargadghat, Hatkeshwar Nath Temple, Kali Bari, Rishabh Dev Jain Swetamber Temple, Digamber Jain Temple, Sindhia's Veni Madhav Temple, Nimbark Ashram, Hindustani Academy, Prayag Sangeet Samiti etc.

NIRALA TRIPATHI



Hindu pilgrimage during the royal bath on Makar Sankranti at the start of the Kumbh

Shiv Koti-Narayan Ashram-Nepali Temple

Shivkoti Temples, on the bank of Ganga, has great religious significance. It is said that Lord Rama had visited here. The Narayan Ashram, situated nearby, is unique place as it is managed by the female saints. The Nepali Temple or Shiv Kachehari, also nearby, houses 108 Shiv Lingas.

Sri Akhileshwar Mahadev Temple

Shree Akhileshwar Mahadev complex is spread over an area of about 500 sq. feet in Allahabad near Rasulabad Ghat road under Chinmaya Mission. The foundation stones were laid on 30th October, 2004 by Parampoojya Swami Tejomayanandaji and Poojya

Swami Subodhanandaji of Chinmaya Mission.

Pink sand stones from Rajasthan are being carved and fixed to give shape to Shree Akhileshwar Mahadev Dhyana Mandapam over the Foundation floor. The foundation floor is designed to accommodate a Satsang Bhavan having a capacity of about 300 persons and all the essential services for Shree Akhileshwar Mahadev.

Allahabad Heritage Walk

Allahabad Heritage Walk is a guided tour of the city of Allahabad to help the people who visit the city explore it to its fullest and also promote Allahabad as a tourist destination. The routes which are recommended on the walk are of

International standards which help the tourist in not just seeing the monument but also getting the full knowledge of the architecture and history involved with it.

"Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad Park- Allahabad Museum - Public Library - Victoria Memorial - Muir Central College - Mathematics Department - Department of Botany - University Road - Department of Ancient History - Central Library - Senate Hall - K.P.U.C. - Belvidere Printing Press - Holy Trinity Church - Jawahar Bal Bhawan - Swaraj Bhawan - Anand Bhawan - Bhardwaj Ashram"

EXCURSIONS

Jhunsi (9km)

Once known as Pratishtanpuri, today's Jhunsi is across the river Ganga. Places of interest include the

Tirthankar Rishabhdev Tapasthali, Jhunsi



ruins of fort (Ulta Kila)-Caves- Lord Hanuman Temple-Samudra Koop, Majar of Sheikh Taki, Dayaram Kot, unique tree, Ved-Vyas Ashram, Hans Tirtha, Gangoli-ka-Shivala, Sankeertan Bhawan, Parmarth Ashram, Ganga-Yamuna-Sarwaswati Ashram, Teekermafi Ashram, Kriyayog Sansthan, Yogi-tree, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Harish Chandra Research Institute, Sankh Madhav Temple, Sadaphal Ashram and many other temples and ashrams. Accessible by road/boat.

Arail (11km)

Across the river Yamuna, Arail is a prominent religious centre. It was known in olden times as Alarkpuri. Someshwar Nath Temple, Chakramadhav Temple, Adiveni Madhav Temple, Nrisingh Temple, Vallabhacharyaji-ki-Baithak, Falahari Baba Ashram, Sachcha Baba Ashram, Lalita Devi Temple, Maharshi Mahesh Yogi Ashram and 108 ft. high magnificent pillar-Triveni Pushpa are places worth visiting. Accessible by road/boat.

Nandan Kanan Water Park (13km)

On Allahabad-Varanasi route near Andawa, it is an ideal picnic spot.

Tirthankar Rishabhdev Tapasthali (13km)

On Allahabad-Varanasi road, this Jain pilgrim site has a 14 ft. high statue of Lord Rishabhadevi in Padmasan posture at specially created 50 ft. high Kailash Parvat, 31 ft. high Keerti Stambha, Vat Vriksha, Tapovan Cave Temple etc.

Padila Mahadev Temple (16km)

An ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.



Shringaverpur

Aindri Devi Temple-Durwasa Ashram (18km)

Prominent religious places of Allahabad towards Allahabad-Varanasi route, are dedicated to Goddess Aindri and Sage Durwasa respectively.

Shringaverpur (40km)

Situated on Allahabad-Lucknow road, said to be once the kingdom of Nishadraj (King of Boatmen). There is a platform on the bank of the river Ganga, Ramchaura, believed to be the place where Lord Ram stayed overnight while proceeding to his exile and where his feet were washed by Nishadraj before taking him in his boat. Temples and excavation site are the attractions.

Shri Krishna Temple (52km)

This beautiful Shri Krishna Temple-Shri Kripaluji Maharaj Ashram is situated near Kunda on Allahabad-Lucknow road.

Sitamarhi (57km)

On the bank of the Ganga, Sitamarhi is believed to be the place where mother Sita lived during her exile and later on she went into the lap of mother Earth. Important attractions here are Valmiki Temple, Lord Shiva Temple, mother Sita Temple depicting beautifully and touchingly her going into the lap of mother Earth. There is a fine lake where boating facility is available. A guest house is also here with modern facilities.

Garhwa - Bhita - Sujhavandev Temple -Mankameshwar Temple - Masurian Devi Temple (55km)

On the road from Shankargarh to Pratappur, lies the ancient fort of Garhwa which consists of a group of temples surrounded by walled enclosure. Nearby are Bhita (an archaeological site), Sujhavandev Temple (situated in the middle of Yamuna river-said to be visited by Lord Rama), Mankameshwar Temple (the ancient temple situated at Lalapur) and Masurian Devi (famous temple at Imilian Village).

Kaushambi (60km)

Once the capital of the old Vatsa kingdom, ruled by King Udayan, Kaushambi is a famous centre of Buddhism and Jainism. Lord Buddha is said to have delivered several discourses here. Ashokan column, Ghosita Ram Vihar, Syen Chiti, a ruined palace and some of the archaeological remains are the major attractions. There is a Digambar Jain Temple. A PWD Rest House and Jain dharmashala are available for travellers. Nearby is Prabhashgiri, the birth place of Jain Tirthankar

Padma Prabhu having ancient and beautiful Jain temples.

Kara Dham(69km)

On the bank of the Ganga, there is a famous temple of Kara Devi (Goddess Shitla). It was once the provincial capital of Mughals and its ruins extend 3.5 kilometers along the Ganga. Kara Devi Temple, Samadhi of Sant Maluk Das, mound of Jai Chand's fort, Jama Masjid, Kshetrapal Bhairav Temple, Hanuman Temple, Kaleshwar Mahadev Temple, Khwaja Karak's Dargah and Shivala Maharshi Ashram are other attractions.

Vindhyachal (90km)

(See Index)

Varanasi (125km)

(See Index)

Chunar (128km)

(See Index)

Chitrakoot (137km)

(See Index)

Ayodhya (167km)

(See Index) ■

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- Bharti Bhawan Library, 54, Bharti Bhawan Marg, Chowk
Tel: 2240188

- North-Central Zone Cultural Centre, 14, C.S.P. Singh Marg
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■ Manavvikas Sangrahalaya (Museum of Ethnography and Socio Economic Development, with worth visiting galleries)

■ Harish Chandra Research Institute, Chhatnag, Jhansi



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■ Mera Gaon Village Resort
Bamrauli
Cell: 9235507402
■ Hotel Orchards One
Civil Lines
Cell: 9415217305
■ Hotel Ravisha Continental
Near High Court
Tel: 2420764
■ Hotel Prayag Inn
Ashok Nagar
Tel: 2656329
■ Hotel Harsh Anand
Civil Lines
Tel: 2427697
■ Hotel Vilas
Civil Lines
Tel: 2260878
■ Hotel Galaxy
Civil Lines
Tel: 2400503
■ Hotel The Legend
Near Hira Halwai Chauraha
Tel: 2277220
■ Hotel Star Regency
Civil Lines
Tel: 2420713
■ Hotel Crown Palace
Ram Bagh
Cell: 9336619107
■ Hotel Polo Max
Near Allahabad Jn., Civil Lines

Tel: 7706001509
■ Hotel Millennium
Near High Court
Tel: 9415697821

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■ Prayag Darshan: ₹500/- per head (with veg. lunch), ₹400/- per head (without lunch). Timings: 8.30am-2.00pm (Railway Station Tourism Counter - Visit to Sangam- Boating on Ganga - Fort - Hanuman Temple - Anand Bhawan - Company Bagh - Central Public Library - Cathedral Church - Khuroo Bagh - Illawart Hotel)
■ UPSTDC Illawart Tourist Bungalow, 35, M.G. Marg, Civil Lines
Tel: 0532-2407440, 2408374
■ UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow Triveni Darshan, Yamuna Bank Road, Kydganj
Tel: 2558646

RESTAURANTS

The city restaurants serve a variety of Continental, Chinese and Indian cuisines. Some of them are:
■ UPSTDC Illawart Tourist Bungalow, 35, M.G. Marg Civil Lines
Tel: 0532-2407440, 2408374
■ Jade Garden, Hotel Tepso Civil Lines
Tel: 2421443, 2561409
■ El Chico Restaurant
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Tel: 2427696
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Civil Lines

- Swagat Restaurant

Civil Lines

Tel: 2440127

- Urban Masala

Civil Lines

Tel: 2260074

- Fusion Food Mall

Civil Lines

Tel: 3251395

- Sagar Ratan

Balson Crossing

Tel: 2465370

- Govinda's (Pure Veg.)

Hotel Saket, Civil Lines

Tel: 2427677

SHOPPING

The prominent shopping areas are Civil Lines, Chowk and Katra. Allahabad is also famous for its guavas, especially red guavas and Namkeen.

BANKS

- State Bank of India, Main Branch

Tel: 2266457

- Allahabad Bank

Main Branch

Tel: 2622288

- Canara Bank

Near Indian Coffee House

Civil Lines

Tel: 2427671

- Bank of India

10, Sardar Patel Marg

Civil Lines

Tel: 2561435

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Head Post Office

S.N. Marg

Tel: 2622990

- Sub Post Office Near

Johnstonganj

Tel: 2400059

HOSPITALS

- Dufferin Hospital

Chowk

Tel: 2242522

- Kamla Nehru Hospital

Tagore Town

Tel: 2408830

- Motilal Nehru Hospital

Tel: 2242141

- Nazareth Hospital

Kamla Nehru Marg

Tel: 2407430, 2407796

- Tej Bahadur Sapru Hospital

Stanley Road

Tel: 2642687

- Swaroop Rani Nehru

Hospital

M.G. Road

Tel: 2256782

- Northern Railway Hospital

Tel: 2427113

TOURIST INFORMATION

OFFICE

- UP Government Regional

Tourist Office, Illawart

Tourist Bungalow Campus,

35 M.G. Marg

Civil Lines

Tel: 0532-2408873

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TRAVEL AGENCIES

- Krishna Travel Agency

Bai-ka-Bagh

Tel: 2418421

- Varuna Travel Agency

Maya Bazar, Civil Lines

Tel: 2427259

Fax: 2427287

- Airodia Travels

Clive Road

Tel: 2427279

- Gupta Motels

Auto Sales Building

18 Kanpur Road

Tel: 2422082

TRAVEL RESERVATION

Air

- Indian Airlines

Auto Sales Building

18, Kanpur Road

Tel: 2624105

- UPSTDC UP TOURS

Tourist Bungalow

Illawart 35, M.G. Marg

Tel: 2407440, 2408377

Rail

- Allahabad Junction Station

Tel: 131,1331, 2600179

- Allahabad City Station

(Rambagh). Tel: 2557978

- Prayag Station

Tel: 2466831

- Naini Station

Tel: 2697252

Bus

- UPSRTC Bus Stand

Civil Lines

Tel: 2407257

- UPSRTC Bus Stand

Leader Road

Tel: 2615625

- UPSRTC Bus Stand

Zero Road

Tel: 2564009

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Allahabad

Tel: 2250300, 2440515

- S.S.P., Allahabad

Tel: 2440700, 2641902

- Foreigner's Registration

Office, (LIU)

Opp Anand Bhawan

Tel: 2461097



AYODHYA

Saryu Ghat, Ayodhya

AYODHYA

Ayodhya counted among the seven most sacred cities of ancient India, is situated on the right bank of the river Saryu, just 7km from Faizabad, once the capital of Avadh region.

Ayodhya holds a place of pride among the devotees of Lord Rama, who was a descendant of the Surya Vansh which is believed to have been founded by Manu, the law-giver of the Hindus.

According to Atharvaveda, Ayodhya was built by gods themselves and was as prosperous as paradise. As per scriptures, Ayodhya had been the capital of Kosaladesh for centuries

and was ruled by many illustrious kings, such as Ikshvaku, Prithu, Mandhata, Harishchandra, Sagar, Bhagirath, Raghu, Dileep, Dasharath and Rama under whom the glory of the dynasty reached its zenith. The greatest and largest read epics, the *Ramayana* and the *Shri Ramcharitmanas* are the mirror of the glory of Ayodhya.

Ayodhya is an equally important place for Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs. According to legends, five Jain Tirthankaras were born here and the city was visited by Sikh Gurus-Guru Nanak Dev ji, Guru Teg Bahadurji and Guru Govind Singh ji.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Ramkot

The main place of worship in Ayodhya is the site of the ancient citadel of Ramkot which stands on an elevated ground in the western part of the city. The area is occupied mostly by temples and shrines.

Lord Nageshwarnath Temple

Visited by pilgrims throughout the year, it attracts pilgrims in a large number on Ram Navami (March-April), the birthday of Lord Rama.

♦ **Timings** 6.30–10.30am & 3.00–6.00pm (summer); 7.30–10.30am & 2.00–5.00pm (winter)

Hanumangarhi

It is one of the most important temples of Ayodhya. Situated in the heart of the town, the temple is approached by a flight of 76 steps. This 10th century temple, built in shape of a four-sided fort with circular bastions at each corner, is believed to be the place where Lord Hanuman used to live in a cave to guard the town. The temple houses a golden idol of Lord Hanuman.

Kanak Bhawan

This beautifully decorated temple was built by the Queen of Teekamgarh (M.P.), Vrishbhanu Kuvari, in 1891. The main temple is built around an open inner court in which stands a small shrine of Rampada. The main idols installed inside the Garbhagriha are of Goddess Sita and Lord Ram with his three brothers.

Lord Nageshwarnath Temple

Lord Nageshwarnathji is considered to be the presiding deity of Ayodhya. As per belief, the temple of Nageshwarnathji was established by Kush, the son of Lord Rama. The Shiva linga installed here is an ancient one. The present temple was built in 1750.

Treta-Ke-Thakur

This prominent temple stands at the place where Lord Rama is said to have performed the Ashvamedha

**Kanak Bhawan**

Yajna. About 300 years ago, the King of Kullu (H.P.) built a new temple here, which was improved by Queen Ahilyabai Holkar of Indore (M.P.). The idols in black sand stone, believed to be of King Vikramaditya's time, are installed in the new temple, famous as Kale Ram-Ka-Mandir.

Goddess Chhoti Devkali Temple

Situated near Naya Ghat, this temple is dedicated to Goddess Devkali. It is believed that mother Sita offered her daily prayers here.

Mani Parvat

About 65 ft. high, it is believed to be a portion of the hill containing the Sanjivani booti (herb) which Lord Hanuman carried to Lanka to save the life of Lakshmanji. Some scholars think it to be of Buddhist origin.

Ram-Ki-Pairi

The river front at Ram-ki-Pairi, Naya Ghat on the bank of Saryu, presents an excellent view, especially in floodlit night, with a long stretch of ghats and beautiful gardens skirted by a row of temples.

Jain Shrines

Ayodhya has close association with Jainism too. There are many Jain temples in the city, such as the Lord Adinath Temple near Swargdwar, Lord Anantnath Temple on Cola Ghat, Lord Sumantnath shrine at Ramkot, Lord Ajitnath Temple near Sapsagar and Lord Abhinandannath Temple in Sarai. A large Jain Temple stands in Raiganj locality also, which houses a unique 21 ft. high statue of Lord Adinath (Rishabhdevji), the first Tirthankar.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 10.2 sq. km.

Population 55,890 (2011 Census)

Altitude 26.90 mtrs. above sea level

Season October-March

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, English

Local transport Taxi/Tonga/Tempo/Bus/Cycle-rickshaw

STD code 05278

Festival Shravan Jhoola Mela (July-Aug), Parikrama Mela (Oct-Nov), Ram Navami (March-April), Rathayatra (June-July), Saryu Snan (Oct-Nov), Ram Vivah (Nov), Ramayan Mela (Dec-Jan)

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Gurudwaras

The Gurudwaras at Brahm Kund and Nazarbagh are associated with Guru Nank Dev ji, Guru Teg Bahadur ji and Guru Govind Singh ji.

Tulsi Smarak Bhawan

Built in the memory of Goswami Tulsidas ji, the great saint-poet, this memorial houses Ayodhya Shodh Sansthan which has a large collection of literary works on Goswami Tulsidas

Guptar Ghat, Faizabad



→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Nearest airports at Amausi, Lucknow - 134km and Babatpur, Varanasi - 209km.

Rail Ayodhya is situated on the broad gauge Northern Railway line on Mughal Sarai-Lucknow main route and is connected with all major cities.

Road Some of the major road distances are : Faizabad - 7km, Gonda - 51km, Sravasti - 109km, Lucknow - 134km, Allahabad - 166km, Varanasi - 209km.

ji. Daily Ramleela performance (6.00 –9.00pm) at Tulsi Smarak auditorium is a major attraction.

Ram Katha Museum

It has an excellent collection of paintings, photographs and artefacts related with the life of Lord Rama.

◆ **Entry Free Timings** 10.30am–4.30pm **Closed** Monday

Suraj Kund

4km. Situated in the Darshan Nagar locality, it is a large tank with Ghats around.

Guptar Ghat, Faizabad

It is believed to have been built by the rulers of Surya Vansh of Ayodhya as a homage to the Sun God.

Ghats And Kunds

Raj Ghat, Ram Ghat, Lakshman Ghat, Janaki Ghat, Naya Ghat, Brahmakund Ghat, Swargdwar Ghat, Ram-ki-Pairi and Suraj Kund, Vibhishan Kund, Dant Dhavan Kund, Vidya Kund are some of the important ghats and kunds.

Other places of interest include Amawan Temple, Mattagayandaji Temple, Lakshman Quila, Dasharath Mahal Kaushalya Bhawan, Kaikeyi Bhawan, Raj Gaddi, Lav-Kush Temple, Kale Ramji Temple, Shri Ram-Janaki Birla Temple, Janaki Mahal, Valmiki Ramayan Bhawan.

EXCURSIONS

Faizabad (7km)

Saadat Khan, the second Nawab of Awadh, laid the foundation of Faizabad while his successor Shujaud-Daula made it the capital of Awadh. The Nawabs graced Faizabad



Gulab Bari, Faizabad

with several beautiful buildings, notable among them being the Gulab Bari, Moti Mahal and the tomb of Bahu Begum. These buildings are particularly interesting for their assimilative architectural styles.

The Gupta Ghat here is said to be the site where Lord Rama took Jal Samadhi. It comprises a series of fine well-maintained Ghats built by Raja Darshan Singh in the first half of the 19th century. On the top of the Ghats there are the Sita-Ram Temple, the Chakrahari and the Gupta Hari shrines and Narasingh Temple. The beautiful Military Temple in Cantt. area is another attraction of the city.

Bharat Kund-Nandigram (15km)

South of Faizabad on Allahabad road lies Bharat Kund, also known as Nandigram, which is believed to be the place from where Bharatji used

to rule over Kosal kingdom on behalf of Lord Rama, keeping his wooden sandals on a Chowki (stool) as a symbol. The Jata Kund here is believed to be the place where Lord Rama and Lakshman cut their matted hair at the end of their exile.

Shringi Rishi Ashram (50km)

This beautiful scenic spot is on the bank of Saryu having the Samadhis of Saint Shringi and his wife Shanta Devi.

Swami Narayan Temple, Chhapia (60km)

Chhapia, situated on Ayodhya-Katra-Mankapur route, is the birth place of Swami Narayanji, the famous saint and founder of Swami Narayan-Akshar Dham Temples. The beautiful temple, dedicated to him, is the major attraction here.



Devipatan Temple

Kichhauchha Sharief (92km)

Kichhauchha Sharief is the Dargah of famous Sufi Saint Saiyad Makhdhum Shah Jahangir Asharfi. A big fair is held here every year.

Sultanpur (70km)

Sultanpur district has variety of tourist places, such as Sita Kund, Samadhi of Malik Mohammed Jaisi, Dhopap, Nand Mahar, Bijethua Mahabeeran, Kalikan Dham Temple, Devi Temple-Lohramau, Durgan Bhawani, Data Karim Shah Mazar, Pancho Peeran, old Masjid of Isauli, Telia Burj Temple at Bhagpur, Brick Tower at Majhgaon, Siddhanath Hanumangarhi, etc.

Pratapgarh (100km)

The major attraction of Pratapgarh district are Belha Devi Temple, Ghuisar Nath Temple, Chandrika Devi Temple, Shanidev Temple, Baba Belkharnath Temple, GarhiManikpur,

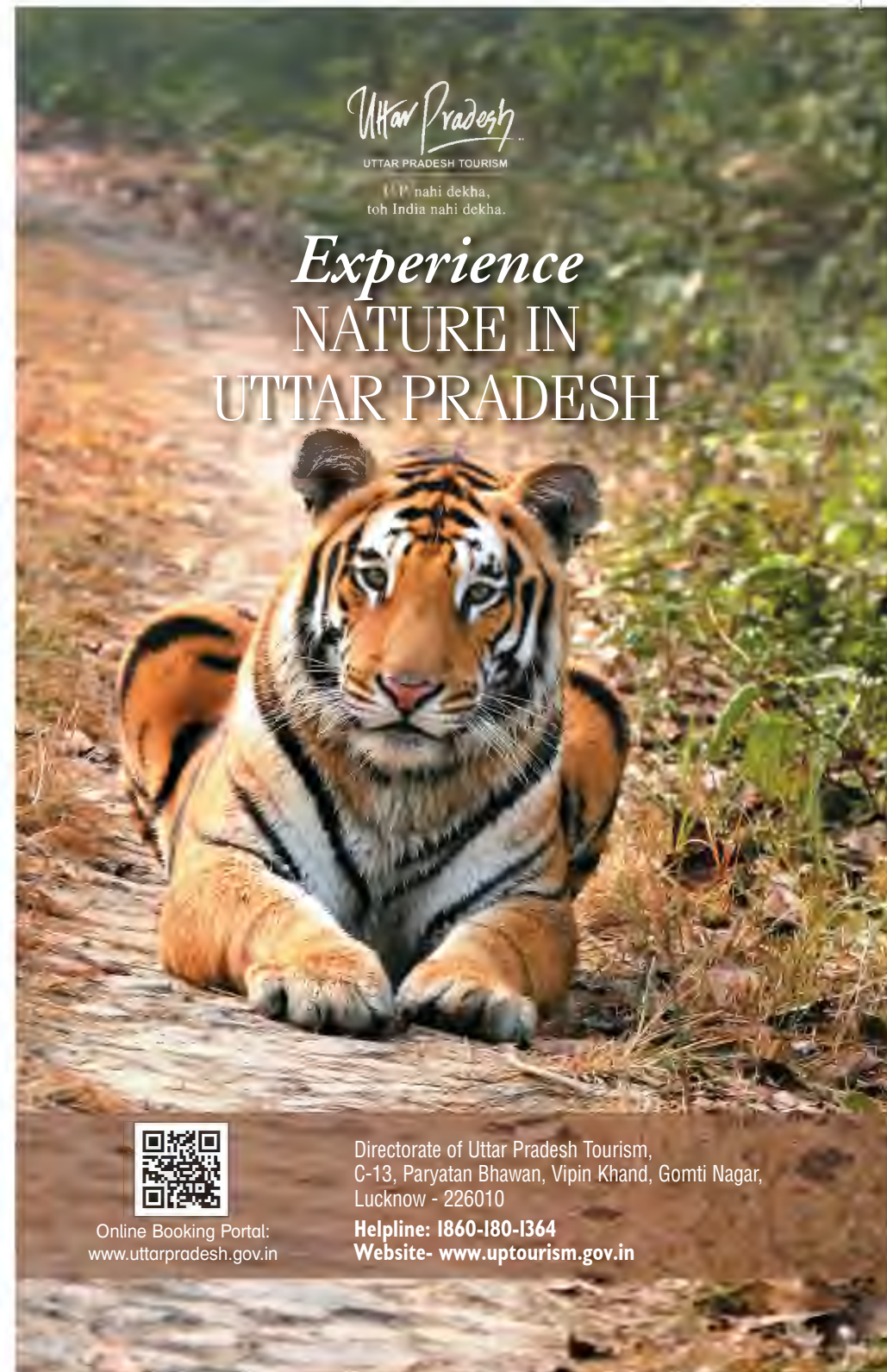
Raniganj Ajgara etc. The district is also known for the major Aonla (Indian gooseberry) cultivation.

Barabanki (100km)

The famous places of Barabanki District are Nageshwarnath Temple (1.5km), Dewa Sharif Dargah (12km), ancient Lodheshwar Mahadeva Temple (34km), ancient Parijat Tree (42km), Kotwa Dham (48km), Aushaneshwar Mahadev Temple (55km), Imambara and mosque at Rudauli (68km).

Devi Patan Temple (127km)

On Ayodhya-Balrampur route at Tulsipur in Balrampur district, this renowned Siddhapeeth is dedicated to Goddess Patan Devi. Built in a large area, the temple houses a tank, believed to have been built by Karna of the Mahabharat fame, and statues of deities, Akhand Dhuni etc. ■



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- Taraji Resorts
Ramopali Faizabad bypass
Faizabad
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- Hotel Panchvati
Near Devbali Crossing
Faizabad
Tel: 05278-244500
- Hotel Kohinoor Palace
Chana Kyapuri
Reedgunj
Faizabad
Tel: 05278-242555
- Hotel Ramprasth
Near Ramghat Halt
Railway Station
Cell: 9721691096

ACCOMMODATION

- Sri Ramprasth Hotel
Cell: 9721691096
- Sri Ram Hotel
Near Dant Dhawan Kund
Tel: 232512
- Ram-Dham Guest House
Railway Station Road.
- Ram Anugrah Vishram
Sadon
Chhoti Chhawani Marg
- Kanak Bhawan
Dharmashala
Cell: 9450448499
- Birla Dharmashala
Near Old Bus Station
Tel: 232252
- Gujarat Bhawan
Dharmashala
Near Dant Dhawan Kund
Tel: 232075;
Cell: 8849392784
- Jain Dharmashala
Rai Ganj
Tel: 232308
- Janaki Mahal Trust
Dharmashala, Naya Ghat

- Ram Charit Manas Trust
Dharmashala
- Charit Manas Trust
Dharmashala

Quality accommodation is available at Faizabad town, just 7km away :

- Hotel Krishna Palace
Civil Lines
Tel: 221367-70
- Hotel Shan-e-Awadh
Civil Lines
Tel: 223586
- Tirupati Hotel, Civil Lines
Tel: 223231
- Abha Hotel, Moti Bagh
Tel: 222550

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ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist
Bungalow, Near Ayodhya
Railway Station
Tel: 05278-232435
- UPSTDC Yatri Niwas
Naya Ghat, Ayodhya

RESTAURANTS

At local level eateries/ restaurants which offer largely vegetarian food.

SHOPPING

The pilgrim centre offers the visitor a variety of trinkets and ritual items on sale.

BANKS

- SBI, Shringar Haat
Tel: 232053
- Central Bank of India
Sh. Haat
Tel: 232084
- Bank of Baroda
Tel: 232048

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Sub Post Office
Shringar Haat
Tel: 232025

HOSPITALS

- Shri Ram Hospital
Tel: 232149
- Govt. Ayurvedic
Dispensary

TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

- UP Govt. Tourist Office
Tourist Bungalow Campus
Near Ayodhya Railway
Station
Tel: 05278-232435
- UP Govt. Tourist Office
House No.1-3/152/4, Behind
Pushparaj Guest House
Civil Lines, Faizabad
Tel: 05278-223214

TRAVEL RESERVATIONS

Rail

- Ayodhya Railway Station
Enquiry and Reservation
Tel: 232023, 222355
- Faizabad Railway station
Enquiry and Reservation
Tel: 131

Bus

- UPSRTC Bus Stand
Ayodhya
Tel: 232067
- UPSRTC Bus Stand
Faizabad
Tel.: 222964

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Faizabad
Tel: 05278-222221, 224205
- S.S.P., Faizabad
Tel: 05278-224214-15



Dhopeswarnath Temple

BAREILLY

Bareilly city was founded by Katheria King Jagat Singh as Jagatpur in 1517, later on due to his two sons Baans Dev and Baral Dev, the city found its name as Baans-Baral that later became famous as Baans Bareilly and Kather. It is also said that once there was a dense cane (bamboo) forest around the city, so its name became Baans Bareilly. In the Mahabharat era this place was known as Ahichhatra, the capital of north Panchal kingdom. Since Mughals, it was the headquarter of Rohilas and continued to be so till British Period.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Shaheed Smarak

Situated in the Commissionery compound, it is famous for the Banyan tree on which 258 freedom fighters were hanged during the First War of Independence in 1857.

Hafeez Rahmat Khan Maqbara

The Maqbara of famous Rohila Knight Hafeez Rahmat Khan, who was sacrificed while fighting with the British army in 1794, is situated in Bakarganj graveyard.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 41.20 sq. km.

Population 51.42 Lakh

Altitude 185 mtrs. above sea level

Season October-March

Clothing Summer: Light Cottons;
Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, Urdu, English

Local transport Bus/Taxi/Tonga/Auto
Rickshaw/Cycle Rickshaw

STD code 0581

Festival Ramnagar Chaubari Mela
(Nov), Ahichhatra Jain Meta (March,
April), Aala Hazrat Urs (Safar -
Muslim Calendar), Khankahe Niyazia
Urs and Kul (May-June), Dhopeswar
Mela (July).

Aala Hazrat Dargah



Cemetery Lanes

It is situated adjacent to Sadar Bazar Police Station having graves of British officers who died during the freedom struggle.

Naumahala Masjid

It is a historical mosque.

Jama Masjid

Situated in the Quila area and is the part of old Quila (Fort). The remains of the Fort are still visible.

Aala Hazrat Dargah

This holy place is also known as Buland-Akide-Wali-Dargah.

Khankahe Niyazia (Kutub Khwaja)

This historical devotional place is situated at Khwaja Kutub area.

Freewill Baptist Church

It was formed in 1838 and is situated in front of the Bareilly club.

Lakshmi Narayan Temple

A symbol of Hindu-Muslim unity, this Temple was made by Chunnu Miyan.

Alakh Nath Temple

Situated near the Quila on Bareilly-Nainital road, this ancient shrine is associated with the Nath sect.

Bankhandinath Temple

It is an ancient temple in the Joginawada locality.

Tibrinath Temple

Situated close to the Dharmakanta and B.D.A. colony, this ancient temple is associated with the Nath sect.

Dhopeswarnath Temple

It is another ancient religious place of the city.



Ramnagar Ahichhatra Fort

Tapeshwarnath Temple

This ancient holy place is situated in the Subhash Nagar locality.

EXCURSIONS

Fatehganj Paschhimi (16km)

Situated on N.H. 24 towards Delhi, it is famous for the graves of Rohila knights Najju Khan and Buland Khan who sacrificed their lives while fighting against British in 1794.

Pachomi Temple (27km)

This temple is in the village Pachomi of Fareedpur Tehsil and is dedicated to Lord Shiva.

Guladia Gaurishankar Temple (40km)

Situated on the Bareilly-Rampur road and is famous for the red-stone shrines.

Budaun (47km)

Budaun District is famous for the places of Badi Ziyarat-Bade Sarkar, Chhoti Ziyarat-Chhotey Sarkar, Surya Kund, Naubat Rai Temple, Hari Baba Dham Ashram, Gandhi Park and Kachhala Ganga Ghat.

Pilibhit (53km)

The major attractions of Pilibhit District are : Sharda Sagar Dam, Chuka Point, Gomti Udgam Sthal-Madhotanda, Gauri Shankar Temple, Moti Mosque etc.

Ramnagar Ahichhatra (54km)

It is a famous pilgrim place of Jains having a huge temple of Teerthankar Parshwanathji. It is believed that Naga dynasty had ruled over it in the 8th and 9th century B.C.

BAREILLY

Ramnagar Fort (54km)

The Fort at Ramnagar near Ahichhatra is said to be related with Mahabharata era. In the ancient times there were North and South Panchaal and Ahichhatra was the capital of Northern part. It also witnessed the Swayamver ceremony of Dropadi, the daughter of Panchaal King Drupad. The Mitra dynasty reigned here in 100 B.C. Cunningham discovered three mounds and a Stupa here in 1862-63.

Parshwanath Jain Temple (54km)

The Parshwanath Jain Temple is situated at the Tapasthali of 23rd Jain Teerthankar Parshwanath ji.

Rampur (63km)

District Rampur is situated on Bareilly-Delhi highway. The famous Raza library and Gates of Rampur, Kothi Khaas Bagh Palace, Bhul-Bhulaiyan, Rampur Quila, Mahatma

Gandhi Memorial etc. are worth visiting attractions here.

Amroha (76km)

It is said that Amroha found its name due to Aam (Mango) and fish (Rohu), found here abundantly. The ancient Vasudev Temple, Tuts' Park, Shah Vilayat Dargah, Tigri Mela, Brij Ganga Ghat, Bai Ka Kuan, Naseeruddin Shah Mazar, Baba Faridi Mazar etc. are the important places of the district.

Shahjahanpur (80km)

On the Bareilly-Lucknow highway, Shahjahanpur is closely associated with great freedom fighters Ashfaq Ullah Khan, Pandit Ram Prasad Bismil and Thakur Roshan Singh. There are plenty of places to visit in and around the District, such as Shaheed Udyan, Visrat Ghat, Shaheed Sthal, Kaanch ki Masjid, Bahadur Khan Mazar, Pathano ka Quila, Shaheed Maulvi Hafeez Ullah Khan ki Mazar, Buland Burj Wali Masjid, Peer Gaib Mazar, Bird Sanctuary and Shaheed Roshan Singh memorial etc.

Moradabad(93km)

District Moradabad situated on N.H. 24, is famous for Brass work. Another place of interest is Sambhal city.

Bijnore (188km)

Bijnore is the birth Place of King Bharat. It is said that in the era of Mahabharat, the place was a small state and was ruled by the brave King Ben who founded this city on the left bank of river Ganga. Thus the place got its name as Ben which converted in Bijnore later on. Vidur Kuti, Kandwa Ashram, Dargah-a-Allia Jogirampura, Fort of Najibuddaulah, Mandawar Palace, Moraddhwaj Quila etc. are the attractions. ■



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

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Rail Bareilly Railway Station is connected with major cities.

Road Some important road distances are : Fatehganj -16km, Budaun - 47km, Pilibhit - 53km, Ramnagar Ahichhatra - 54km, Rampur - 63km, Shahjahanpur - 80km, Moradabad - 93km, Jyotibaphule Nagar (Amroha) - 76km, Bijnour - 188km, Nainital - 135km, Dudhwa National Park - 140km, Delhi - 250km, Agra - 250km, Lucknow - 250km, Haridwar - 265km.



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Tel: 2473143
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Continental
Station Road
Tel: 2511881
- Hotel Sita Kiran
Ayub Khan Crossing
Tel: 2577078

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ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Hotel Rohila
Near Gandhi Udyan
Civil Lines
Tel: 0581-2422862, 2510447

RESTAURANTS

- Hotel Rohila
Near Gandhi Udyan
Tel: 24228862
- Hotel Clarksin, C.B. Ganj,
Bareilly. Tel: 2561777
- Hotel Swam Towers,
Station Road
Tel: 2473143
- Hotel Pancham
Continental, Station Road
Tel: 2511881
- Hotel Sita Kiran, Ayub
Khan Crossing
Tel: 2577078

SHOPPING CENTRES

Bareilly is famous for Zari & Zardozi, Surma, Patang Manjha, Cane & Wooden furnitures. Kutub Khana,

RECREATION

- Fun city (8km), on Pilibhit road, is a popular Amusement Park. Cell: 9837601153

Timings	Summer	Winter
Amusement Park	11.30 Hrs. to 20.00 Hrs.	11.30 Hrs. to 19.00 Hrs.
Water Park	10.45 Hrs. to 18.30 Hrs.	December to March Close in winter

ENTRY FEE

Amusement Park & Water Park (combined) ₹695/- per person
For Amusement Park or Water Park ₹245/- per person
Mini package for Amusement Park only ₹135/- per person
Gandhi Udyan, Gandhi Bagh, Children Park, Akshay Vihar are the other Parks in the city.

Butlar Plaza, Bada Bazar, B.I. Bazar, Model Town etc. are the main shopping centers.

BANKS

- State Bank of India
Near Kachehari
Tel: 2422474
- Punjab National Bank
Near Kachehari
Tel: 2570669
- HDFC Bank
Near Kachehari
Tel: 2421025

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Head Post Office,
Near Bada Bazar
Tel: 2424158

HOSPITALS

- Maharana Pratap
District Hospital
Tel: 2557014
- Mental Hospital, Civil Lines
Cell: 8445096594
- Siddhi Vinayak Hospital,
Civil Lines. Tel: 2510044
- Ganga Charan Hospital,
Civil Lines. Tel: 2510083

- Sri Ram Murti Institute of
Medical Sciences
Nainital Road
Cell: 9897791466
- Spinal Injury Centre,
Pilibhit Road
Cell: 7754925877

TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

- Regional Tourist Office
Gandhi Udyan, 2, Civil Lines
Tel: 0581-2511858

TRAVEL AGENCIES

- Saviks Tour and Travels
Butler Plaza
Tel: 2554020
- Rana Travel
Gopalji Market, Civil Lines
Cell: 9412293310
- Skyway Travels
Ayub Khan Crossing
Tel: 2578437

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Bareilly
Tel: 2558764
- S.S.P., Bareilly
Tel: 2457021



Pilgrims at the annual Bateshwar Religious Fair

BATESHWAR

70 km away from Agra, Bateshwar is essentially a temple town, situated on the bank of the holy river Yamuna. The name Bateshwar appears to have been derived from Vateshwarnathji, one of the many names of Lord Shiva who is the presiding deity of this pilgrim town. Flanked by the holy Yamuna, Bateshwar has a plethora of temples, once totalling to 101. Out of these 42 temples still stand here. The beauty of this pilgrim town is its long line of Ghats dotted with a series of temples. Some of the temples' ceilings still retain their beautiful original

frescos painted with traditional vegetable paints.

The pilgrim town finds references in old scriptures like Ramayan, Mahabharat, Matsya Puran etc. From 8th century to 17th century, it remained an important town under the Gurjar, Chandela and Bhadawar kings. The illustrious King Badan Singh of Bhadawar dynasty shifted his capital from Mai to Bateshwar about 400 years ago. The present temples are said to be constructed by him.

The Jain scriptures too contain description of Bateshwar. According to legends, the 22nd Tirthankar, Lord



Shiv-Parvati with Ganesh

Neminathji, was born here. Presently there are several beautiful Jain temples here.

Bateshwar is also famous for its annual Cattle Fair, which is now

almost four centuries old. It is held today also between Bateshwar and Mai, at the same site which was earmarked by King Badan Singh for the fair. It is the biggest and the most spectacular Cattle Fair of northern India.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

- Area** 795.64 Hectares
- Population** 9,210 (As per Gram Panchayat, Bateshwar)
- Altitude** 169 mtrs. above sea level
- Season** October-March
- Clothing** Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens
- Language** Hindi
- Local transport** Rickshaw/Tempo
- STD code** 05614
- Festival** Shivaratri & Saawan Month (July/ Aug), Bateshwarnath Fair - Cattle Fair (Kartik - Nov)

PLACES OF INTEREST

Bateshwarnath Temple

This is the main temple of Bateshwar wherein an ancient Shiva Linga is enshrined. The spectacular evening Aarti with ringing of the bells and blowing of conch shells offer a soul-stirring experience.

River Front

The long river front of Yamuna with fascinating rows of temples at Bateshwar is worth seeing.

Other attractions are Bhimeshwar Temple, Narmadeshwar Temple, Moteshwar Temple, Jageshwar Temple, Panchmukhi Yati Temple, Gaurishankar Temple, Pataleshwar



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Nearest airport : Kheria, Agra - 70km.
Rail The nearest railway station is Shikohabad. Convenient rail connections are available from the nearest town Agra.
Road Bus On Agra-Fatehabad-Bateshwar route, bus service is available from Agra. Some important road distances are: Agra - 70km, Fatehpur Sikri - 107km, Mathura - 124km.

Temple, Mandal Temple, Bihariraj Temple and the ruins of the old palace of Mai.

EXCURSIONS

Shaouripur (3km)
 A famous Jain pilgrim centre where, as per belief, Lord Neminathji, the 22nd Tirthankar, was born. Surrounded by a dense forest teeming with fauna and flora, there are seven big Shwetambar Jain temples. Two Digambar Jain temples in the vicinity are other attractions.

Agra (70km)
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Fatehpur Sikri (104km)
(See Index)

Mathura (124km)
(See Index)

Vrindavan (134km)
(See Index) ■

FACT FILE

ACCOMMODATION

- Zila Parishad Guest House
- Dharmashalas

NEAREST UP TOURISM

ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist

Bungalow
 Raja-ki-Mandi, Agra
 Tel: 0562-2850120, 2851720
 ■ UPSTDC Taj Khema
 Taj Ganj, Agra
 Tel: 0562-2330140, 2230001

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

- UP Govt. Tourist Office
 64, Taj Road, Agra
 Tel: 0562-2226431
- UP Govt. Tourist Information Counter
 Agra Cantt.
 Rly. Station
 Tel: 0562-2421204

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Agra
 Tel: 0562-2260184, 2461251
- S.S.P., Agra
 Tel: 0562-2227255, 2227256

Bateshwar Cattle Fai





Bramhavarat Ghat

BITHOOR

Bithoor, described as Brahmvarta in ancient scriptures, lies 22 km from Kanpur, on the road to Kannauj. Situated on the banks of the holy Ganga, this secluded, tranquil place is full of religious and historical significance. It is believed that after the destruction of the Universe and its subsequent restoration by Lord Vishnu, Bithoor was chosen by Lord Brahma as his abode. It is also said to be the place where Dhruv, the legendary child who grew up to be revered as the constant Northern star, meditated and acquired divine insight.

However, it is with the famous epic Ramayana that Bithoor is more closely associated and hence also known as Ramale. Saint Valmiki meditated, and later wrote the immortal epic-Ramayan here. It is also the birthplace of Lord Rama's sons, Lav and Kush. It was here that they spent their childhood. Later, they were reunited with their father in Bithoor. More recently, Bithoor has been associated with Rani Laxmi Bai of Jhansi and Nana Saheb Peshwa, who played a key role in the first war of Independence in 1857. They had spent their early childhood in Bithoor where they learnt the skills of warfare.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 05 sq. km.
Population 11,300 (2011 Census)
Altitude 126 mtrs. above sea level
Season October-March
Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi
STD code 0512
Local transport Tempo/Taxi/Rickshaw/Tonga
Festival Makar Sankranti Mela and Magh Poonnima (Jan-Feb), Kartik Poonnima (Nov), Bithoor Mahotsav



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Nearest airports are Chakeri, Kanpur - 30km and Amausi, Lucknow - 100km.
Rail Kalyanpur is the nearest station, serviced only by passenger trains. Kanpur junction is the most convenient station for visiting Bithoor as it is connected with all other major cities of India.
Road The nearest city Kanpur is connected by bus service to other parts of the State. Some major road distances are: Kanpur - 22km, Kannauj - 103km, Lucknow - 109km, Sankisa - 166km, Allahabad - 224km, Ayodhya - 252km, Agra - 308km, Delhi - 430km.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Valmiki Ashram

There is a small pond inside Valmiki Ashram, famous as Sita Kund. Sita Rasoi is still preserved here, near which stands 'Swarga Nasaini' or Deep Malika Stambha, a tower studded with niches all around for illumination. The tower has about 48 steps leading to its top which is surmounted by a cupola, from where one can have a panoramic view of the entire area.

Brahmavart Ghat

Bithoor is also famous for its Ghats and was once known as 'Bavan Ghaton ki Nagari' (City of 52 Ghats). Brahmavart Ghat is considered to be the holiest of all Ghats of Bithoor. The Brahmeshwar Mahadev Temple, Brahma-ki-Khoonti, believed to be installed by Lord Brahma, and a horseshoe nail embedded in the steps of the Ghat are objects of special reverence.

Patthar Ghat

The foundation stone of this red sandstone Ghat was laid by Tikait Rai, a minister of the old Awadh State. There is a big temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. The Shiva Linga in the temple is made of "Kasauti" or the philosopher's stone.

Dhruva Teela

This is believed to be the place where Dhruva, the legendary child, meditated standing on one leg and was blessed by God that he would shine for all times as a star.

Palace of Nana Saheb

The palace of Nana Saheb, a hero of the First War of Independence, was



Valmiki Ashram

reduced to rubble in 1857. The only traces remaining of it are large well heads and broken palace walls. Next to the Nana Saheb palace a new facility of UP Tourism has come up with 08 (₹1850/- Per Cottage) cottages, huge parks, restaurants, fountains, canteen, museum & an open air theatre.

◆ **Entry** ₹25 per person

Other places of interest include Tripura Sundari Temple, Gyaneshwar Mahadeva Temple, Mahakaleshwar Temple, Pantha Devi Temple, Ram-Janaki Temple, Pataleshwar Shiva Temple, Lav-Kush Ashram, Gajanan Temple, Balaji Temple, Dhruva Temple, Haridham Ashram, Gayatri Dham, Nana Saheb Memorial, Baradari, Maqbara of Almas Ali and Ashrams.

Bithoor Museum

Nanarao Smarak Park, Bithoor.

◆ **Entry** ₹25 **Timings** 9.00am-6.30pm
Closed Monday Cell 9415013609

EXCURSIONS

Kanpur (22km)
(See Index)

Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary (45km)
 An ideal picnic spot on Kanpur-Lucknow road. UPSTDC Motel Priyadarshini is available.
 ◆ **Tel** 05143-277050, 277360; **Cell** 9415013041

Lucknow (102km)
(See Index)

Blue World Water Theme Park, Mandhana
 Blue world one of the biggest theme park, established by 'Blue World Corporation Pvt. Ltd.'; is located at Mandhana Bithoor Road, just a stone's throw distance from Mandhana Circle, just 22km away from Central Station. Blue World accompanies exceptionally structured and well planned,

aesthetically illuminated restaurants, rides, theaming and much more. Being an ideal place for people to spend quality time with their loved ones, it has facilities at par with the global standards, providing people a healthy environment to include entertainment in their busy lifestyle. Spread over 25 acres of land, featuring over 35 rides and a serene water body, soothes your senses. It possesses country's

biggest private musical fountain and laser show which is a feather in its crown along with some world class rides like Suhana Safar, Chair Lift, 7 D theater and many more. It has endless future plannings of and indoor game plaza, Dinosaur Park, cultural theaters, and many more attraction; it's a place that can be your dream destination.

◆ **Timings** 11.00am–8.00pm ■

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ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Nanarao Smarak Park Tourist Bungalow, Bithoor Cell: 9415013609
- PWD Inspection House Bithoor

NEAREST UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow, Madhana Tatyaganj (10km) Cell: 9415013609
- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow, (Rania - 24km) Cell: 9415013365

RESTAURANTS

- Only local eateries are available.

SHOPPING

Souvenir items are available in the markets on the Ghats.

BANKS

- Central Bank Tel: 2710422

ENTRY RATE

Monday to Friday	Entry Fee	Saturday & Sunday
Full Park	500.00	650.00
Fairyland Water Park	350.00	450.00
Adventure Dry Rides	350.00	450.00
Full Park Child	250.00	330.00
Fairyland Water Park Child	180.00	230.00
Adventure Dry Rides Child	180.00	230.00

Child package Applicable between 90 cm to 110 cm of height. Tel: 0512-2780055, Toll Free No.: 18002008335, Cell: 7080110458

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Post Office Tel: 2710421

Phoolbagh Kanpur

HOSPITAL

- Primary Health Centre

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Kanpur Tel: 2306577, 2304436
- S.S.P., Kanpur Tel: 2303300
- S.D.M., Sadar, Kanpur Tel: 2305905

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

- UP Govt. Tourist Office 16/99, K.E.M. Hall



Ghat at Chitrakoot

CHITRAKOOT

Celebrated in ballads and scriptures for its religious importance and close association with the epic Ramayana, Chitrakoot or "The Hill of Wonders" is a hallowed centre of pilgrimage. It is believed to be the place where Lord Rama and mother Sita spent 12 years of their exile and where Sage Atri and Sati Anusuiya meditated. The holy town, spread over both the states of U.P. and M.P., is set in sylvan surroundings on the banks of the river Mandakini, also known as the river Payasvini. The river side is lined with ghats and the town is dotted with temples.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Kamadgiri

This sacred hill is of great religious importance and is believed to be the original Chitrakoot. Circumambulating of Kamadgiri is the most important ritual for the pilgrims who come here to seek blessings. Circumambulation route has various temples, important among them are Lord Kamtanath Temple, Bharat Milap Temple etc.

Ram Ghat

Situated on the bank of river Mandakini, this Ghat is the most



Ganesh Bagh

frequented one in Chitrakoot. The sun-set Aarti performed here is particularly worth seeing, Raja Matagayendranath Temple, Bharat Temple, Tulsidas ji Temple, Budey Hanuman ji Temple are the other attractions here. Nearby is Lord Tirupati Bala ji Temple.

Hanuman Dhara

It is one of the most revered places, located on a steep hill side, is approachable by a flight of 360 steps. Here, the waters of a natural spring falls on an idol of Lord Hanuman.

Janki Kund

It is an unusual cave over the Mandakini river, said to be the place where mother Sita used to bathe.

Sphatik Shila

This picturesque place is marked by two immense rocks. It is believed to be the place where Lord Rama and mother Sita used to sit and watch the beauty of Chitrakoot's serene surroundings.

Ramdarshan

Managed by Pt. Deen Dayal Research Institute, it is a worth visiting place where different aspects of Lord Rama have been attractively exhibited through the statues.

♦ **Entry** Adults ₹5; Children ₹3
Timings 6.00am–6.30pm

Udyamita Peeth, Gramodaya Park, Ram Nath Ashram Shala etc. running under the supervision of the institute are other attractions.

EXCURSIONS

Ganesh Bagh (11km)

On the Karvi-Devangana road, near Siddhapur Banari village, is located Ganesh Bagh, where a richly carved temple with erotic sculptures, a seven-storeyed Baoli and ruins of a residential palace exist. Nearby are Banke Siddha Koti Teerth and Devangna Valley.

Gupt Godavari (19km)

This is a tiny rivulet which flows into tanks at the end of an underground cave. The source of this rivulet remains a mystery. It is believed that Lord Rama and his brother Laxman held court here during their exile.

Bharat Koop (12km)

It is situated on the Chitrakoot-Banda

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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 38.2 sq. km.

Population 9,91,730 approx. (2011 Census)

Altitude 207 mtrs. above sea level

Season July-March

Clothing Summer: Light Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, English

Local transport Rickshaw. During fairs and festivals, taxis also ply between Chitrakoot, Rajapur and Karvi.

STD code 05198 (U.P.) & 07670 (M.P.)

Festival Ramayan Mela, Deepawali (Oct-Nov), Ramnavami (March-April), Vijay Dashmi (Sept-Oct), Amavasya Mela (every month), Shraavan Jhoola Mela (Aug).

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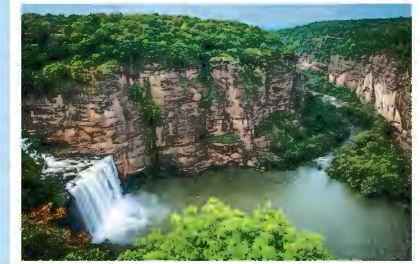
→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air The nearest airports are Bamrauli at Allahabad - 145km and Khajuraho (M.P.) - 185km.

Rail The nearest railway stations are Karvi - 8km and Banda - 70km from where trains are available for important cities.

Road Chitrakoot is well connected by road. Some important road distances are: Banda - 70km, Satna - 75km, Kalinjar - 88km, Allahabad - 127km, Mahoba - 127km, Jhansi - 274km, Lucknow - 285km.

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Climb to Hanuman Dhara

road having the temples of Lord Ram, mother Sita, Laxman and an old well.

Rajapur (36km)

It is famous for being the birth place of great poet-saint Goswami Tulsidas ji who composed the world famed epic Shri Ramcharitmanas.

Kalinjar (88km)

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ACCOMMODATION

■ Matoshri Jaidevi Anand Ram Jaipuria Smriti Bhawan

Tel: 05198-210204

■ Kamad Giri Bhawan Near Ramgha

Tel: 05198-224313

■ Annapurna (Vinod Lodge) Near Ramghat

Tel: 05198-224415

■ Roopali Lodge Railway Station Karvi

Tel: 236248

■ MPSTDC Tourist Bungalow, Near Ramghat

Tel: 07670-265326

■ Hotel Panchvati Arogyadham Campus

Tel: 07670-26560

■ Ram Darbar Near Arogyadham

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ACCOMMODATION

■ UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow

Tel: 05198-224219, 222218

■ UPSTDC Yatri Niwas offers affordable accommodation for groups and is specially designed with facilities for self cooking.

RESTAURANTS

Only local eateries/dhabas serving Indian cuisine are available.

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■ Tourist Bungalow Restaurant

Tel: 05198-224219

■ Annapurna Restaurant (Vinod Lodge) Near Ramghat (M.P.)

Tel: 05198-224415

■ Ashok Restaurant Ramghat (M.P.)

Tel: 05198-224415

BANK

■ State Bank of India

Sitapur

Tel: 05198-224216

POST AND TELEGRAPH

■ Post Office Chitrakoot Dham Sitapur
Tel: 05198-224252

HOSPITAL

■ Government Hospital Near Bus Stand Sitapur

TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

■ U.P. Govt. Assistant Tourist Office Tourist Bungalow Campus Chitrakoot Dham
Tel: 05198-222218, 224219

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

■ D.M., Chitrakoot
Tel: 235305, 235118
■ S.P., Chitrakoot
Tel: 235241, 235500



Chunar Fort

CHUNAR

40 km from Varanasi and Mirzapur, Chunar is the place where religion, history and nature intermingle with each other. Situated in the Vindhya ranges on the bank of the holy river Ganga, its scenic and calm atmosphere enchants visitors.

In scriptures Chunar has been referred to as Charanadri, the place where the first step of Lord Vishnu in his Vaman incarnation, was set on this hillock, in order to measure the three steps of land, donated to him as dakshina by King Bali, which left the shape of his charana (feet) on this adri (hill), hence it become famous as charnadri which is known today as Chunar. It is also said that a very powerful man had travelled from Himalayas to Kanya Kumari in the

Dwapar age. During the journey he took rest here for a while on a rock. This rock which bears the impression of this mythological man, developed later as the present day Chunar. A third story deals with Bhartrihari, the philosopher king of Ujjain, who came here for penance. The fourth story sheds light on a rock idol of Naina Yogini built by King Sahadev, who named the place as Nainagarh.

However, Chunar came into limelight after the visit of Babar followed by Sher Shah Suri, Humayun, Akbar, Aurangzeb and finally, the Britishers. The Charnadri hillock and fort have been the silent spectator of about 2500 years of history. It was impossible to gain control of Eastern India without

hoisting a flag on the Chunar Fort. Chunar is also an important health resort due to its ideal climate.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Fort

This massive fort stands at a height of 80' to 175' from the ground level. Tradition asserts that the legendary King Vikramaditya of Ujjain, the founder of Vikrama era, established Chunar Fort in honour of the stay of his brother, the well known philosopher King Bhartrihari. Spread over an area of 3400 sq. yards, the fort houses, about 1000-800 years old monolithic stone temples, Samadhi of Bhartrihari ji, an ancient well, Sonya Mandap, Bavan Khambha, Bungalow of Warren Hastings and a Sun Dial. About 1500 years old rock-cut images of Lord Vishnu and other deities may be seen on the face of the western cliff-section of the fort hillock.

Gangeshwar Nath Temple

It is a very old temple related with the mythological stories and dedicated to Lord Shiva.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 1,12,304 Hectare

Population 7,11,445 (2011 Census)

Altitude 80.7 mtrs. above sea level

Season July-March

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, English

STD code 05443

Goddess Durga Cave Temple

2 km away, amidst the forest on the bank of a water stream, stands this Cave Temple, believed to be of the 3rd century A.D. Near the temple there is the Samadhi of Gosain Kamal Giri.

Ashcharya Koop Or Acharya Koop/ Saint Vitthalnath Prakatya Sthal

It is the birth place of Saint Vitthalnath ji who was the son of famous Saint Vallabhacharya ji, the founder of Pushti Marg, a school of Vaishnav cult.

Durga Khoh

This famous temple is situated about a km. to the south-west of the Chunar Railway Station on a small stream-the Jhirna Nala. Dedicated to Goddess Durga, the temple is close to a natural rock-shelter, hence called as Durga Khoh. Major-General A. Cunningham explored this site during 1883-84. The back wall of the Durga Khoh rock shelter has several rare figures and inscriptions. The religious sanctity of this place seems to have evolved due to its perennial pool, natural beauty and the quite environs.

Dargah Sharief

One km away, on the bank of the Ganga, is the Dargah of Sufi Saint Baba Quasim Suleman, built in Mughal style of architecture. There is a mosque in its premises.

Baragaon

About 2 km. to the south-east of the Chunar Railway Station is this 2300 years old stone-quarry site. It is believed that Ashoka the great, procured famous Chunar sand-stone from this quarry for his pillars



The Samadhi of Saint Bhartrihari, Chunar Fort

including the Lion Capital pillar of Sarnath. The stone-blocks lying here bear ancient inscription, datable to 3rd century BC downwards.

Shopping

Chunar is famous for its special pottery ware.

EXCURSIONS

Jargo Reservoir Dam (20km)

A beautiful picnic spot with boating and fishing facilities in a reservoir, spread in a vast area and surrounded by natural panorama created by the confluence of several rivers. A beautiful Inspection House of the Irrigation Department is available here for stay.

Siddhanath-Ki-Dari (20km)

A picturesque 300' waterfall creates a bewildering scene. Across the waterfall is the Samadhi of Saint Siddhanath ji. Nearby is a famous

imposing fort of Sakteshgarh built by Sakat Singh during the 16th century.

Ashokan Period Inscription (25km)

Near Ahraura, there is a temple of Bhandari Devi on a hillock. An Ashokan period inscription near the temple is of great historical value.

Lakhanja Dari (30km)

On the right side of the road to Robertsganj from Ahraura, there is a beautiful waterfall. Rock paintings are also found here.

Chunadari (40km)

On the way to Robertsganj from Ahraura, Chunadari, an enchanting location, is famous for its rock paintings and beautiful waterfall. Forest Rest House is available for stay.

Varanasi (40km)

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→ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air Nearest airport is Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport, Babatpur, Varanasi - 61km.

Rail Chunar is well connected with all major cities.

Road Bus One can reach here conveniently from Varanasi, Mirzapur and Allahabad which are well connected with prominent cities by bus service. Some important road distances are: Varanasi - 40km, Mirzapur - 40km, Allahabad - 130km.

Vindhyachal/Mirzapur (48km)
(See Index)

Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (60km)
60 km. The dense forest cover of the Vindhya hills here, is an ideal spot for winter tourism. Its rich flora and fauna and numerous waterfalls leave all wildlife lovers awestruck. The park is also a treasure trove of pre-historic caves, rock paintings and fossils.

Salkhan Fossils (100km)
At Salkhan, near Robertsganj, which lies in the way to Renukoot, tree fossils have been found. These are a major attraction for visitors.

Allahabad (130km)
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FACT FILE

ACCOMMODATION

- U.P. Cement Corporation Guest House
- PWD Inspection House
- Hotel Saga City Guest House
Mangaraha, Chunar
Tel: 05443-228052

NEAREST UP TOURISM

ACCOMMODATION

- Rahi Touris Bungalow (Hotel Janhvi)
Tel: 9415609454
- Hotel Glaxy, Lal Dhiggi
Tel: 05442-220826
- Hotel Markone, Lal Dhiggi
Tel: 05442-222011
- Hotel Palace, Ratan Ganj
Tel: 05442-223926
- Hotel Sandeep

- International
Amrawati Chawraha,
Vindhyachal
Tel: 05442-242100
- Hotel Gayatri Palace,
Vindhyachal
Tel: 05442-242080
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- Hotel Yashoda Nikunj,
Shivala
- Hotel A-One Place,
Bharuhana
- Hotel The Spring

DHARMSHALA

- Tulsi Bhawan
Tulsi Chowk
- Kamla Yatri Niwas
Vindhyachal
- Agrasen Dharmshala
Bartar

- Rahi Yatri Niwas
Vidhyachal

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

- UP Govt. Tourist Office
Janhavi Tourist Bungalow
Campus, Mirzapur
Tel: 0542-263494
- UP Govt. Tourist Office
Sanskritik Sankul
Urban Haat, Chauka Ghat
Varanasi
Tel: 0542-2505033

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D. M., Mirzapur
Tel: 05442-252480
- S. P., Mirzapur
Tel: 05442-252578



DEOGARH

Jain Temple Complex

DEOGARH

Deogarh, of great antiquarian-epigraphical and archaeological importance, is situated on the right bank of the Betwa river, at the western end of the Lalitpur in a natural forest area.

It remained in glory during the rule of the Guptas, the Gurjara-Pratiharas, the Gondas, the Muslim rulers of Delhi, the Marathas and the British. Here one finds the remains of a magnificent Dashavatar temple (5th century) dating back to the Gupta period and several Jain temples. The architecture and sculptures of these temples display a high level of craftsmanship. There

are more than 2000 sculptures at one place which is probably nowhere in the world.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Dashavatar Temple

This fine temple of the Gupta period, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, is the earliest known Panchayatana Temple in North India. The figures of the Ganga and the Yamuna adorn the carved doorway leading to the sanctum sanctorum. The carved panels along the side walls depict scenes from Vaishnava mythology i.e. Gaj-Grah (Gajendra Moksha),

Lord Vishnu on Sheshnag and Nar-Narayan. These panels are unique and found nowhere in the world. In 5th-6th century Shikhar architecture was introduced for the first time here. Scholars visit this temple for this purpose. Lord Vishnu panel has got place on the cover page of the book on Vishnu published by Penguin publications.

Dashavatar Temple



Jain Temple Complex

There are 31 Jain temples, all situated inside the Fort of Karnali on the hill overlooking the river Betwa. The site was a Jain centre from the 8th to the 17th century. The temples depict scenes from Jain mythology. It houses more than 2000 sculptures at one place, which is not so anywhere in the world.

Varah Temple

The temple is dedicated to Varah Avatar (incarnation) of Hindu mythology. It is situated in the forest on the bank of Betwa river. Now in ruins.

Archaeological Museum

The museum has a fine collection of sculptures.

Other attractions are Nahar Ghati, Raj Ghati, Siddha Gupha on Betwa river bank in the forest.

EXCURSIONS

Pali (25km)

Situated in the natural surroundings, A.S.I. protected Neel Kantheshwar Mahadev Temple in a hillrock, has a unique sculpture of Lord Shiva (3 headed-showing different moods). Pan (Betel) is grown here which can also be seen.

Dhaujari (25km)

via village Dhaurra. Archeologically protected Ranchhorji Temple, on the bank of Betwa, is worth visiting.

Muchkund Caves (5km)

from Dhaujari and 30 km. from Deogarh is approachable by forest road. These natural caves, situated in the valley, are interesting in natural look. Saints still live



Anantasaji Vishnu Dashavatar Temple, Deogarh

here in the caves. As per local saying Saint Muchkund lived and meditated here and Lord Krishna visited here.

Dudhai (40km)

In the natural forest surroundings, A.S.I. protected 36 feet high rock-cut sculpture of Lord Narshima Avtar is unique attraction near the Dhudhai village. Varah ruins Temples are the other attractions at Dhudhai village.

Raj Ghat (55km)

It is a big water reservoir of Betwa river board.

Jhansi (133km)

(See Index)

Chandpur (10km)

This place is rich in Chandil and Jain period archaeological remains. Famous Jain temple are Shantirath

Jain Temple, Laxmi Narayan Temple, Bhandariya and Hazaria Mahadeo Temple and Varah temple. ■



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Lalitpur District (Deogarh)

Area 10.49 sq. km.

Population About 783 (2011 Census)

Height 428 mtrs. above sea level

Season August-March

Clothing Summer: Light Cottons;
Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, English, Budeli

Local transport Bus/Private Jeep/
Private Car

STD code (+91) 5176 (Lalitpur)

Festival Jain Meta and Gajrath
Mahotsav



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air The nearest airport is at Gwalior (M.P.) - 235km. Bhopal (MP) - 255km.

Rail The nearest railway station is Jakhlaun - 13km, which can be reached by Jhansi-Bina passenger train. Lalitpur (33km) is the most convenient railhead.

Road Deogarh is connected by road via NH 26 with all important centres in the region. Some of the major road distances are: Lalitpur - 33km, Matatila Dam - 93km, Jhansi -133km.

FACT FILE

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels are available at the nearest town Lalitpur:

- Hotel Aryan Inn
Cell: 8979860538
- Hotel Aryan
Cell: 9415113826
- Hotel Lalit Palace
Cell: 7408439991
- Hotel Budelkhand Palace
Cell: 9415401355
- Hotel Aakash
Cell: 9415112048
- Hotel Rajdarbar
Cell: 9919393424
- Hotel Prakash Inn
Cell: 9695527283
- Hotel Anand Residency
Cell: 9415112047
- Hotel Golden Drive
Cell: 9453031414
- Hotel Preeti
Cell: 9044909825
- Hotel Piyush
Cell: 9450067088
- Hotel Paras
Cell: 7860998449

- Hotel Sandeep Garden
Cell: 9451577935
- Hotel Gopal Shri
Cell: 9452686663
- Hotel Good Luck
Cell: 9450036528
- Hotel Chandra
Cell: 9450034451
- Hotel Regent
Cell: 988551014

UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow
Deogarh
Tel: 05176-282681

RESTAURANTS

Local eateries/dhabas offer largely vegetarian food.

- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow Restaurant
Deogarh
Tel: 05176-282681
- Shri Digambar Jain Dharmashala

Deogarh
Tel: 282533, 293699

BANKS/POST AND TELEGRAPH

Available at Jakhlaun and Lalitpur.

HOSPITAL

Nearest Hospital at Jakhlaun.

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

- U.P. Govt. Tourist Office
Hotel Veerangana Campus,
Jhansi
Tel: 0510-2441267

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Lalitpur
Tel: 272200, 272201
- S.P., Lalitpur
Tel: 272387, 278100
- Police Station, Jakhlaun
Tel: 282518, 272999

Carvings at Dashavatar Temple



DEWA SHARIF

Situated at a distance of 25 km from Lucknow and 13 km from Barabanki, the small town of Dewa is a famous pilgrim centre being the seat of great Sufi Saint Haji Waris Ali Shah, an exponent of universal brotherhood. Haji Waris Ali Shah commanded mystical powers and is revered by members

of all communities. His father Qurban Ali Shah too was a Sufi Saint. Devotees from far off places visit their 'Mazars', popularly known as 'Dewa Sharif', throughout the year. On the occasion of the annual Urs, a 10-day fair is held here in the month of November every year.

Mazar of Haji Waris Ali Shah





People gathered at the dargah of Haji Waris Ali Shah



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 0.82 sq. km.
Population 15,662 (2011 Census)
Height 118 mtrs. above sea level
Season November-April
Clothing Summer: Light Cottons;
 Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi, Urdu, English
Local transport Bus/Tempo
STD code 05248
Festival Urs (Aug & Oct/Nov)

PLACES OF INTEREST

Mazar of Haji Waris Ali Shah

This fine monument was built by the devotees of Haji Waris Ali Shah, the great Sufi Saint, in 1905. People from far and wide come to pay homage to the Sufi Saint throughout the year. An Urs in memory of Haji Saheb's father Qurban Ali Shah is held in Oct-Nov. Another Urs is organised in the memory of Haji Waris Ali Shah in the month of August. During the Urs, apart from cultural and sports programmes, a big cattle fair is also organised every year.

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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Nearest airport is Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow - 60km.

Rail Nearest rail head is Barabanki - 13km. Convenient rail connections are available from Lucknow station - 30km.

Road Bus service is available for major cities of Uttar Pradesh from Barabanki. Some important road distances are: Barabanki - 13km, Lucknow - 25km, Faizabad - 113km, Ayodhya - 121km.

EXCURSIONS

Lucknow (25km)
(See Index)

Mahadeva (47km)
The place is famous for its ancient Lodheshwar Mahadev Temple. On the occasion of Maha Shivaratri devotees come here in large numbers.

Parijat Tree (55km)
This unique tree is of immense importance from religious as well as botanical point of view. As per belief, it is bestower of wishes.

Faizabad-Ayodhya (113km-121km)
(See Index) ■

FACT FILE

ACCOMMODATION

- Warsi Guest House
Near Dargah, Dewa
- Tauheed Guest House
Near Dargah, Dewa
- Chaudhary Guest House
Near Dargah, Dewa
Tel: 05248-2454
- Baba Guest House
Near Dargah, Dewa
- Ziyarat Guest House
West Gate of Dargah, Dewa
Cell: 8090161855

NEAREST UPTOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Hotel Gomti
6-Sapru Road, Lucknow
Tel: 0522-2612291,
2620624
- UPSTDC Rahi Tourist
Bungalow
Mela parisar, Dewa



NIRALA TRIPATHI

Flowers to offer at Dargah of Haji Waris Ali Shah

- Ritz Resorts
Radua Paldi (Mati)
Dewa Road
Barabanki
Cell: 9839013411,
9838009899

BANKS/POST OFFICE/ HOSPITALS

- These facilities are available at the nearest town Barabanki.

TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

- UP Govt. Assistant Tourist
Office, Near Tasty Bite
Restaurant, Barabanki

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Barabanki
Tel: 05248-222229
- S.S.P., Barabanki
Tel: 05248-222244



Tomb of Sheikh Salim Chishti

FATEHPUR SIKRI

Perched atop a rocky ridge, 37 km west of Agra, Fatehpur Sikri came into being four centuries ago when Emperor Akbar, not yet 28 years old, set out to build the first planned city in Indo-Islamic architecture. The plan was started with great vigour but abandoned a decade later.

By 1568, Akbar had secured his empire but his only grief was that he had no son and heir. His search for blessings for the birth of a successor brought him to the Sufi mystic Salim Chishti, who lived in Sikri village. The saint prophesied the birth of three sons and soon Prince Salim,

who later became Emperor Jehangir, was born. To express his gratitude Akbar decided to build imperial residences in Sikri, which would function as a joint capital with Agra. He also named the new city as Fatehpur Sikri. Akbar was a keen builder and the plan of Fatehpur Sikri reveals an architectural mastermind at work. Researches have established that it was planned on a definite mathematical grid.

The construction of the Jama Masjid marked the actual beginning of the city which came up around it. The palace courts were laid out parallel to the cardinally aligned

mosque and the sequential order of the palaces was emphasised by change in level.

Even today its redstone architecture, richly ornamented with carvings and fretwork, is in a perfect state of preservation.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Diwan-I-Aam

Diwan-i-Aam, the first enclosure of the palace, is a vast courtyard in

Diwan-e-Khas



→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 8.0 sq. km. 28804
Population 163448 (2011 Census)
Altitude 194 mtrs. above sea level
Season October-March
Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Light Woollens
Language Hindi, Urdu, English
Local transport Bus/Cycle-rickshaw/Tonga
STD code 05613
Festival Urs (in the month of Ramzan)

which the Emperor gave daily public audience and dispensed justice.

Diwan-I-Khas

The Diwan-i-Aam gives access to the second enclosure, a large quadrangle where all the major functions of the palace were held. It is one of the finest buildings of Fatehpur Sikri. At the northern end is the Diwan-i-Khas, also referred as the Hall of Private Audience. It is a magnificent chamber dominated by a massive carved pillar which supports a fantastic capital above which is a balcony.

Pachisi Court

The paving at this courtyard has been laid out to resemble a Chess Board on which the game Pachisi is played. It is believed that Akbar used to play chess here with live models.

Private Living Quarters

These are at the southern end of the quadrangle, clustered around a pool, the Anup Talao. The structures here include Akbar's library, the place of his intellectual activity. A window overlooks the Daftarkhana or records office. Above this is the Khwabgaah, 'the palace of dreams' or Akbar's bedroom. This whole space was warmed or cooled by water channels. Nearby, the Turkish Sultana's Palace is an exquisite pavilion, carved with Persian, Turkish and even Chinese motifs.

Mariam's Palace

The women's quarters lie to the east of the 'male zone'. A small doorway leads to Mariam's palace, the residence popularly ascribed to Akbar's Goan wife. Till as late as the 19th century, its interior was richly embellished with gold.



Buland Darwaza

Jodhabai's Palace

The largest of all the palaces, it housed Akbar's queens. Here architectural elements of Gujarat, Mandu and Gwalior are blended with traditional Islamic designs. Its blue-tiled roof is the only splash of colour in Fatehpur Sikri.

Hawa Mahal

It is a small screened wind tower attached to the women's palace.

Birbal's Palace

This ornately carved palace is ascribed to Birbal, the legendary wit and Akbar's favourite courtier, though it is unlikely that he lived in the women's quarters.

Panch Mahal

This is an extraordinary five-storeyed columnar structure

set in the corner of the male and female zones of the palaces. It is a pleasure pavilion which was used by Akbar for his special guests.

Jama Masjid

The first, largest and highest building in Fatehpur Sikri, it is approached by the Badshahi Darwaza in the east. The prayer chamber is splendidly painted.

Tomb Of Sheikh Salim Chishti

The famous Sufi Saint Sheikh Salim Chishti died in 1572 and his tomb was built here in 1580-81. The portico of the tomb, its ornamental columns, serpentine brackets and the screens with lattice work (jalisi) are superb in conception and execution.



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→ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air Nearest Airport, Kheria-Agra - 40km.
Rail Convenient rail service is available from Agra Cantt. Railway Station - 40km.
Road Bus Fatehpur Sikri is connected to Agra and neighbouring towns by regular bus services of UPSRTC. Some of the major road distances are: Bharatpur - 21km, Agra - 37km, Mathura - 60km, Vrindavan - 75km, Gwalior - 150km, Delhi - 210km, Jaipur - 225km, Jhansi - 259km.

Buland Darwaza

It is the highest and the grandest gateway in India and ranks among the biggest ones in the world. The Buland Darwaza forms the southern

gateway of the Jama Masjid. It was completed in April 1575 to commemorate Akbar's victory over Gujarat. The 15-storey high stupendous gateway, measuring 176 feet, is the most majestic portal of Fatehpur Sikri.

EXCURSIONS

Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary (25km)
A famous bird sanctuary in neighboring Rajasthan State.

Agra (37km)
(See Index)

Mathura (60km)
(See Index)

Vrindavan (75km)
(See Index)

Jaipur (193km)
The famous Pink city in the state of Rajasthan. ■

FACT FILE

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GARHMUKTESHWAR

Situated on the bank of the holy river Ganga, 68km from Ghaziabad, Garhmukteshwar is a revered pilgrim centre. Also referred to as Khandavi Van and Shiva Vallabhpur because of its being an important centre of the Vallabh cult, Garhmukteshwar has been associated with mythology. It is said that this was the place where King Shivi, an ancestor of Lord Rama, had passed the fourth period of his life as an ascetic. Later, with the help of renowned sage Parshuram, he built a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. It is also believed that two disciples of Lord Vishnu had achieved salvation

at Shiva Vallabhpur, hence it came to be known as Ganamukteshwar. With time it became Garhmukteshwar. During the Mahabharat period, this place was an important centre of trade and also formed part of the capital of Hastinapur State. Garhmukteshwar and its twin city, Brijghat have over 100 temples. It is also famous for its big annual fair.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Mukteshwar Mahadev Temple

The ancient Shiva temple, said to be built by King Shivi, stands with the Shiva Linga established by sage

Brijghat





Ganga Temple, Garhmukteshwar



→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 32 sq. km.
Population 13,38,211 (2011 Census)
Altitude 223 mtrs. above sea level
Season October-March
Clothing (Summer) Cottons; (Winter) Woollens
Language Hindi, English
Local transport Taxi/ bus/ rickshaw
STD code 05731 Garhmukteshwar
 0122 Hapur
Festival Kartik Poornima Meta Ganga Dussehra

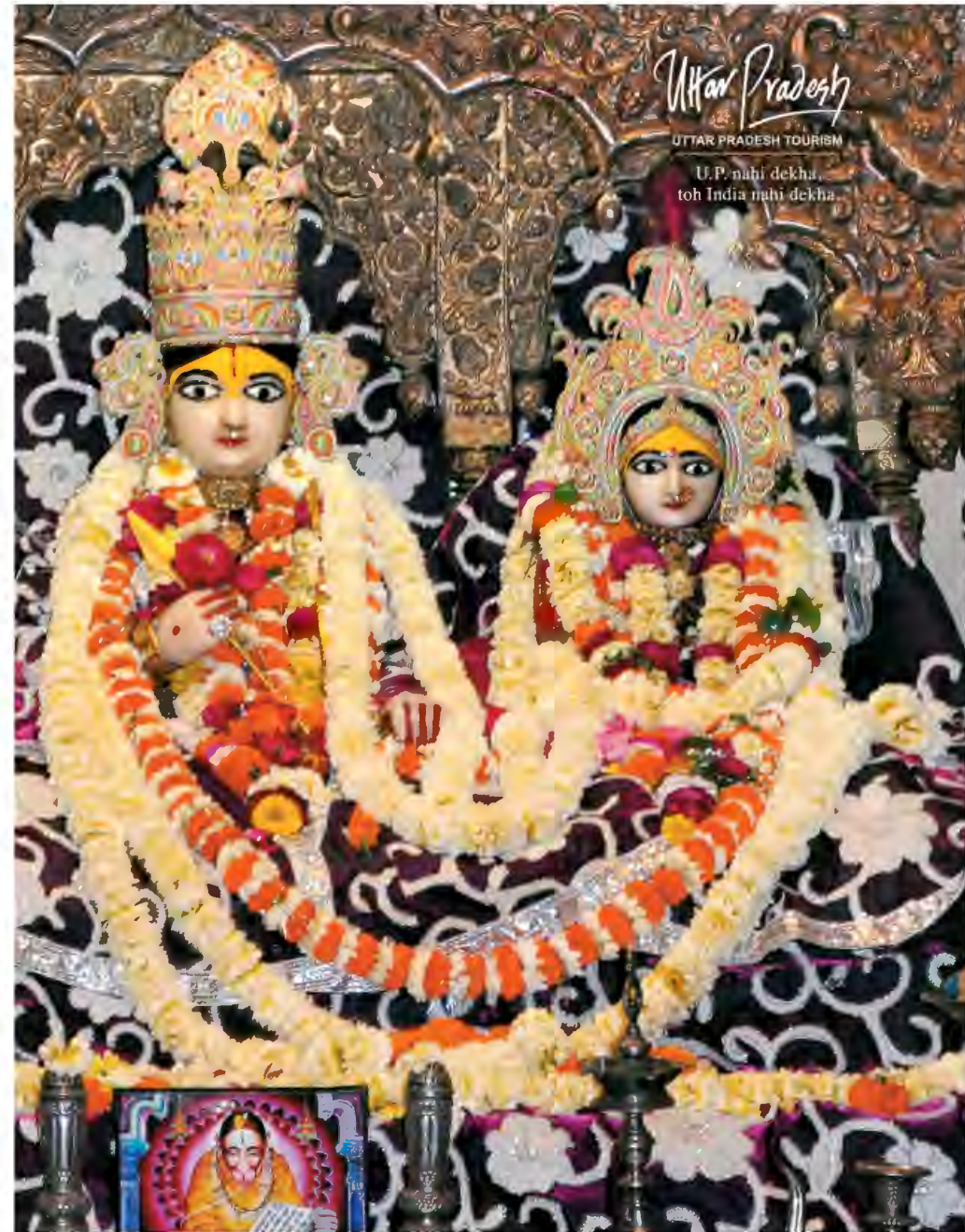
Parshuram. This Shiva Linga is known as Mukteshwar Mahadev.

Meerabai-Ki-Reti

The sandy stretch of land opposite Mukteshwar Mahadev Temple where Meerabai of Udaipur had stayed for Ganga Snan, is known as Meerabai-ki-Reti. Meerabai had built a temple here.

Nahush Koop (Nakka Kuan)

It is said that after getting salvation King Nahush had performed a Yajna here and had constructed a well (Baoli) in the premises of Mukteshwar Mahadev Temple. Water in this well comes from the Ganges itself. The well is famous as Nahush Koop or Nakka Kuan.



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→ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air Nearest airport is Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.
 Rail Nearest railway stations are Garhmukteshwar - 1km and Brijghat - 6km.
 Road Some important road distances are: Parikshitgarh - 31km, Bulandshahar - 50km, Meerut - 52km, Hastinapur - 60km, Ghaziabad - 65km, Delhi - 85km.

Ganga Temple

It is an ancient temple dedicated to the sacred Ganga which used to flow past this temple. The temple stands on top of a mound. Earlier, the temple had 101 stairs cascading down to the Ganges of which 85 still exist. The temple houses the idol of Mother Ganga and a unique white stone idol of Lord Bramha.

Old Mukteshwar Temple

There is another Mukteshwar temple in which Ravana is believed to have offered prayers. The Shiva Linga in this temple is said to be of ancient origin.

Jama Masjid

It is an ancient mosque, built in 1283 AD by Ghayasuddin Balban.

Brij Ghat (7km)

Brij Ghat is a part of Garhmukteshwar and is famous for its temples numbering about one hundred. Shri Krishna Ashram, Vedant Temple, Lord Hanuman Temple, Gita Bhawan etc. are the prominent attractions. Big fairs are held here every year on Kartik Poornima (Nov) and Jyestha Dussehra (May).

EXCURSIONS

Hastinapur (60km)

(See Index.)

Sardhana (70km)

(See Index.) ■

FACT FILE

<p>ACCOMMODATION Inspection houses of P.W.D. and District Panchayat are available. There are many ashrams and dharmshalas in Garhmukteshwar and Brijghat.</p> <p>UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION ■ UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow Delhi Road</p>	<p>Garhmukteshwar Tel: 8859096644 Cell: 9415902716</p> <p>NEAREST UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION ■ UPSTDC Hindon Motel, G. T. Road Ghaziabad Cell: 9871017751</p> <p>NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE ■ UP Govt. Regional Tourist</p>	<p>Office, IInd Floor MDA Building Meerut Tel: 0121-2656164</p> <p>IMPORTANT TELEPHONES ■ D.M., Hapur Tel: 0122-2304833, 2304433 ■ S.P., Hapur Tel: 0122-2315625 ■ S.D.M., Garhmukteshwar Tel: 05731-221144</p>
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Guru Gorakhnath Temple

GORAKHPUR

An important centre of eastern U.P., Gorakhpur has been an integral part of the erstwhile empires of the Mauryan, Shunga, Kushana and Gupta dynasties. The city is named after the Saint Gorakshnath ji who was an eminent Propounder Saint of Nath Sect. It is the H.Q. of N.E. Railway and the main terminus for the prominent Buddhist sites - Kushinagar, Kapilvastu and Lumbini (Nepal). The famous freedom fighters Pt. Ram Prasad Bismil and Shachindranath Sanyal, the founder of Gita Press, Hanuman Prasad Poddar and renowned Urdu poet and scholar

Firaq Gorakhpuri were also associated with the city.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Shri Gorakshpeeth, Guru Gorakhnath Temple

It is one of the most prominent and magnificent temples in the area dedicated to Guru Gorakhnath ji, the renowned Saint of Nath Sect. A month-long Makar Sankranti Mela (Jan) is organised here every year.

Lord Vishnu Temple

Situated on the Medical College road, it has a full-size statue of Lord Vishnu,

made of black stone. It belongs to Pal dynasty of 12th century A.D. The traditional Ram Lila is organised here every year on the occasion of Dussehra.

Gita Press

It is a world famous publication centre, situated at Reti Chowk. All 18 parts of Shrimad Bhagawat Gita are written on the marble-walls here. There are wall-hangings and paintings also which reveal the events of life of Lord Rama and Krishna.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Built by Fr. Raphael of Livorno in 1860 in the Civil Lines area, it is the fifth oldest Catholic Church in U.P. It was blessed and opened by Bishop Hartmann and dedicated to St. Joseph. There are several other churches too, such as Saint John Gothic Church, Saint Mark Church, Christ Church, Saint Andrews Church, Messiah Church.



→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 3321 sq. km.
Population 6,73,446 approx. (2011 Census)
Altitude 100 mtrs. above the sea level
Season October-April
Clothing Summer: Light Cottons;
 Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi, English
Local transport Bus/ taxi/ auto rickshaw
STD code 0551
Festival Khicheri Mela (Jan)

Kusumi Vinod Van

It is an ideal picnic spot, on N.H.-28 just ahead of Air Force Station.

Geeta Vatika

Situated on Pipraich road, it has enchanting statues of Radha-Krishna.

Ramgarh Tal

This is a huge lake spread in 1,700 acres of land. It is a good picnic place having a water sports complex, Buddha Museum, Planetarium, Tourist Bungalow, Champa Vihar Park and Circuit House.

Rail Museum

Situated in the mid of the city near Railway Golf Ground, it is worth visiting. The museum has rare collections related with the Railways, such as Lord Lorens Engine made in 1874 at London, rich library, photo gallery, tools etc.

Basantpur Sarai

Basantpur Fort was built in the year 1456 by Raja Balwant Singh. In the year 1688, Kazi Khalilur Rehman appointed as Chakledar and since then Mughal Platoon stayed here. Some part of this fort was used as the prison by Kazi Khalilur Rehman. In year 1801 East India Company changed its name as Moti Jail. The building still stands strong and the Nagar Nigam Gorakhpur has proposed its development on the basis of Delhi Ghar.

Moti Jail

East India Company built Moti Jail in front of Sahebganj Lal Diggi in 1801 and after sunset, DOM was also closed with the captives and after sunrise, they were sent to work.



Rail Museum

Shah Inayat Ali was hanged in 1857 in this jail and hundreds of freedom fighters were put in a well, which still exists. Presently this prison is visible as a memorial in memory of freedom fighters.

Reed Sir's Hospice

Kozli Khalilurrahman, the Chalkedar of Gorakhpur had built a fort for the Mughal warriors in the year 1680 in the Dharamsala of Reed Sahib built near the Betiyaahata crossroads of the city. In 1839, the then Collector of Gorakhpur, E.A. Reed Sir, took a loan of ₹5,880 and 1 aana in donation from the then races and merchants, this fort was turned into a hospice. At present, the main gate of the Dharamsala is the remains, which is an outstanding sampling of Mughal carpet architecture.

Nehru Park

Ismail Park is located on the banks of Herbert Dam in Sahebganj, the busiest market in the city of

Gorakhpur. On June 3, 1940, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru was arrested by the then collector after the speech in this park. Presently the park stops the tourists from its splendor.

Premchand Niketan

Built in 1903 at Munshi Premchand Park, Betiyaahata, the renowned story writer Munshi Premchand lived from 1916 to 1921. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's speech at the Gazi Mian ground on February 15, 1921, he resigned from his government job and after 3 days, the family moved to Varanasi. This complex is a cultural heritage which is currently being operated as a library.

Nagar Nigam Library

In the municipal premises, this library is located in front of AIR. In 1925, it was established by the Executive of Aman O Aman Sabha. Currently there are 13,000 books available in this library. Its building is also an unique quote of architecture.



Guru Gorakhnath Temple lit up at night

Nagar Nigam Building (Town Hall)

An unprecedented sight of the architecture of the Victoria era, in which the municipal office is currently located was built in 1899. Surrounded by greenery in the middle of the city, this building is still the center of attraction due to its grandeur. A statue of Rani Lakshmi Bai has been installed in place of Victoria's statue in front of the building.

Jatashankar Gurudwara

Born on 15 April 1469, Guru Nanak, the first guru of the Sikhs, travelled to various places and presented a new form of God, establishing Sikhism and conveyed the message

of Sikhism to the masses. On his first visit, he came from Ayodhya to Gorakhpur in 1512 and stayed in place of this gurudwara and promoted his message. He made many Yogis his disciple. In the meantime, Dharamshala was constructed at this place, during this migration, he bathed in Jata Shankar's pond and saw the temple of Gorakhpur. Nanak Dev Ji went to Nepal via Deoria from here. A grand gurudwara has been built today by his followers.

Rajkiya Udhyan (Hui Park)

This park full of greenery located 35 acres in the quietest area of the city, built in 1895, is a place of entertainment for tourists. It is also a

natural heritage of the city. In this park, the statue of Giant Vishnu Ji and God Sun received from an ancient temple adjacent to Ranchak village near Rudrapur in 1923 has been kept. These idols are around 320-550 A.D. This is made of Black Malabar Stone which is an invaluable legacy. Between this park there is a domino of British architecture, on which evening the band played with the band, hence it is also called Bank stand.

Divisional Jail

The prison built in 1895 is in the form of our heritage today. In 1925, Kakori Kand was led by Pandit Ram Prasad Bismil. The final meeting was held in this jail on 18 December 1927 with his parents. His mother

said, "son, like a brave son like you, is fortunate enough. I am happy." At 6.00 a.m. on December 19, 1927, he kissed the hanging trunk with the sound of Vande Mataram and Bharat Mata Ki Jai.

St. Joseph Park

In 1860 Father Rafael created the St. Joseph Church for the first catholic missionaries. The grandeur of this 150-year-old church still attracts devotees.

Radha Krishna Temple

The Radha Krishna Temple located in the Alinagar Market, which is included in the ancient temples of Gorakhpur is about 250 years old. Although the temple has reached a shaky condition due to its ancientness but the magnificent architecture set up in the temple and the Annapurna Dev Temple and Narvedeshwar Temple located in the courtyard can be a center of attraction due to its architecture.

Suryakund Dham

In 1458, King Mansingh constructed a lake near some distance from the *samadhi* of Gorakhnath for the worship of Adi Purush Sun God, whose full name was Mansarovar and constructed the temple of God Sun and other God. Because of the worship of the sun, God is known as Suryakunda Dham in the form of time.

Jain Temple

Digambar Jain Temple is situated in Aaryanagar in the center of Gorakhpur. According to legend, this temple is 250-300 years old. Earlier this temple was of small size on the lower part. Later it was built on the

upper floor. According to the Shilpatta written on the temple, it was constructed in 1853. This temple has religious texts and books related to Jainism and also has a hospice.

Bangali Kali Badi

In 1786 Shri Phanindra Nath Sanyal was the guardian of the Mughal army. During his stay at Gorakhpur he resigned from his job after receiving a statue from a pucca tree and was absorbed in the worship of Kali Maa. This statue is of black test stone. It is said that this statue is of Paal Time period. He established Kali Badi in the place given by Shahmaruf.

St. Marks Church

In 1854, Reverent H Stern came to Gorakhpur and remained in Gorakhpur for nearly 40 years. In 1881 he established the village

Sternpur. In 1882 he sat in Sternpur. He established St. Marks Church in Sternpur which stands today with its recognition.

Basiyadih Devi Sthal

A temple dedicated to this goddess lies across the lines of Domingarh railway station. In 1653, a temple of this goddess was founded by Shinet Kings. Here are the temples of many deities, which include Shitala Mata, Annapurna Devi, Maa Kali, Maa Durga.

Basantpur's Sangi Mosque


In 1680, Qazil Khalillahman built it during the Shashan period of Aurangzeb. This mosque is an attractive example of contemporary architecture.

Shahi Jama Masjid, Urdu Bazar

In 1680 Aurangzeb's son Mawazam Shah came to Gorakhpur playing the hunt. Then he constructed this royal Jama Masjid and at the same time the name of the city was changed from Gorakhpur to Moazzamabad. But in 1801, East India Company again introduced the name of Gorakhpur in official functioning. Due to its privileged construction style, today it is a center of attraction.

Imambara

This Imambara is situated in mohalla Miyan Bazar. It was built in year 1717 by Nawab Asaf-ud-Daulah on request of Fakir Saiyad Roshan Ali Shah. Only in Gorakhpur there is Gold and Silver Tazia placed in this Imambara. On the occasion of Moharram every year these Gold and Silver Tazia are carried around the city in a public procession.



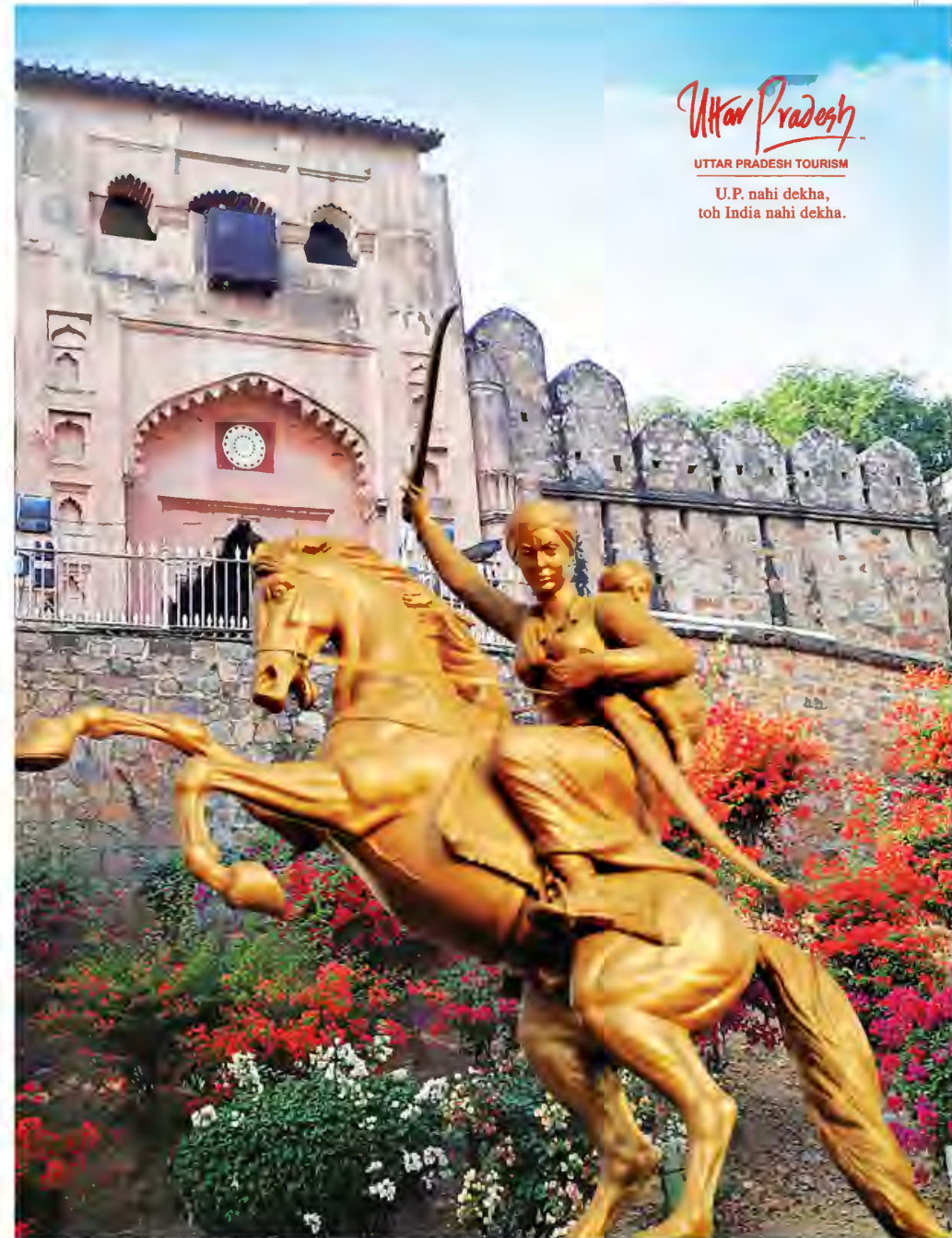
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→ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air Air Force station is 8km. Landing and take off facilities are allowed with due permission of the Air Force. Another airstrip of U.P. Civil Aviation Department is also available in Kasia-55km from Gorakhpur in Padrauna District.

Rail Gorakhpur is well connected with all major cities of India.

Road Some important road distances are: Maghar - 27km, Kushinagar - 51km, Kapilvastu - 97km, Lumbini (Nepal) - 124km, Sarnath-Varanasi - 215km, Shravasti - 203km.




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Tomb Of Mubarak Khan

The mazar of Baba Mubarak Shah was constructed in 1074. Baba was born in 1029 at Ajmer Sharief. Syed Salar Masood Ghazi revered him a lot. On his request, he came to Gorakhpur and propagated a message of brotherhood. At the age of 29, he was martyred right here.

St. Andrews Church

In 1998 Bangal and North Western Railway (BNW Railway) company built the St. Andrews Church in Kaula Baag Railway. This is a wonderful sample of architecture along with reverence.

Christ Church

In 1824 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Williamson came to Gorakhpur. After raising private donations in 1829, the church was built. This church is a wonderful example of architecture.

St. Johns Church

In 1831, Lord Betting, the then Governor General of India, handed over 200 bighas of land to Reverend Wilkinson. This land was used for agriculture by the Christian community. Presently this Land is known as Basharatpur. In 1835, the Christian community built St. Johns Church. It is a center of attraction because of its beliefs.

Mansarovar

Mansarovar near Gorakhpur was built by Tharu king Rathore Mansingh in Tenth century. The ancient Shivling of a black stone was found at the time of Mansarovar's construction which was established on the western corner by the King. There is a huge trident of Copper as well as Parvati temple and two sati places near the Shivling of Mansarovar.

Mausoleum of Khaki Baba

It is located in the busiest area of the metropolis, Chak Jalal of Bank Road. 300 years ago it was a jungle. On the prayer of Aulia Fakir Syed Raushan Ali Shah, Baba came to Gorakhpur from Chitrakoot. Baba performed penance in Tulsigupha in Chitrakoot for 12 years. He had written about 6000 posts on Ramcharit Manas, named Kallelini Tippani Granth, which is unfortunately unavailable. Roshan Ali Shah was very close to Baba. Both used to meet every evening for discussions. Nawab Asaf-ud-Daulah of Awadh also met Baba in 1795. Baba did not accept his gift. Khaki Baba went into Samadhi alive at this place.

Hanuman Gadi

The ancient legacy can be reached from the west side of the Laldiggi park (Nehru Park) on the far left of Herbard Dam. In 1819 this heritage was built. But the eruption of time has destroyed this legacy. The giant beautiful gates of its ancient temple had become shabby, which was beautified after installing the door of iron while restoring the temple a few days ago.

Gorakhpur Railway Station

The world's longest platform has been built at Gorakhpur railway station. The building of this railway station is a wonderful example of architecture. Other attractions are Jain Temple-Nandan Bhawan, Jain Temple-Sethi Flour Mills Campus, Gurudwara Mohaddipur, Veer Bahadur Singh Planetarium.

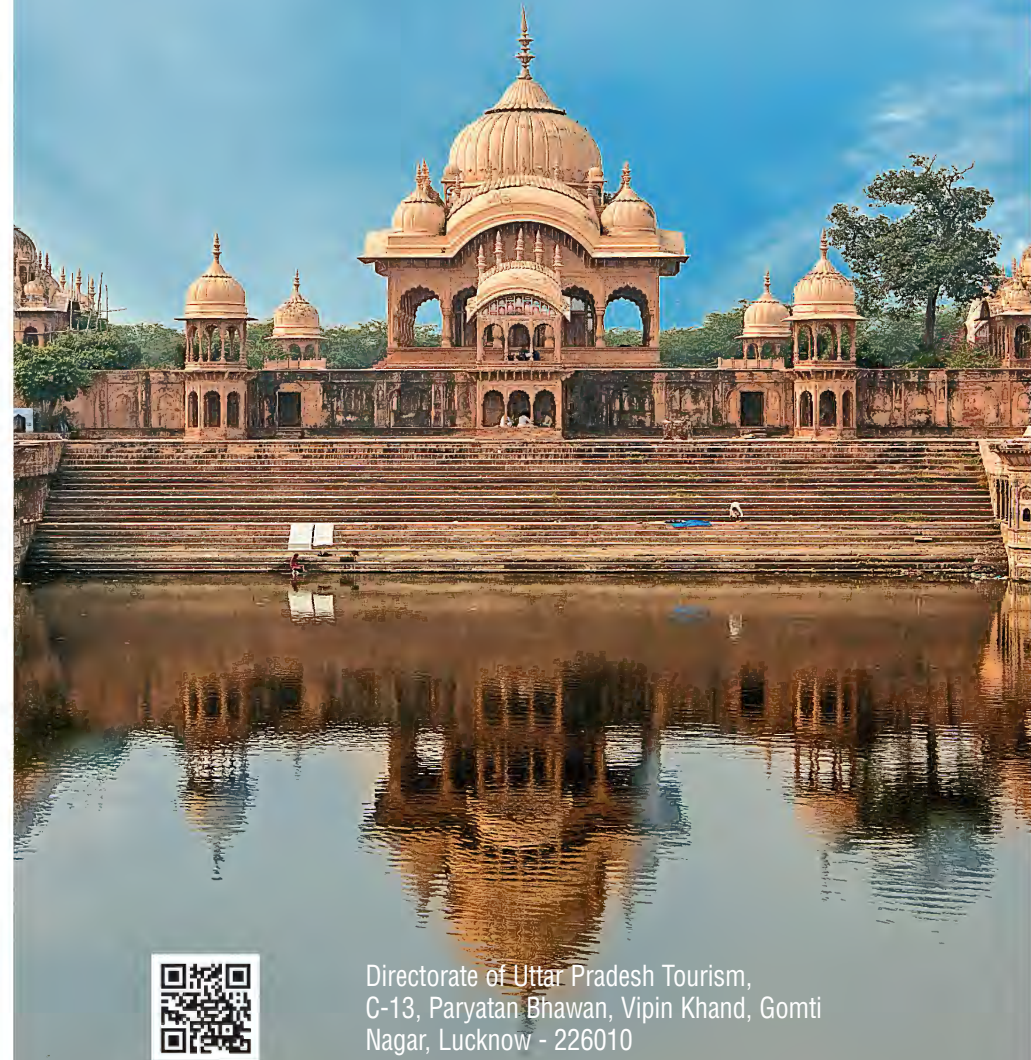
EXCURSIONS**Tarkulha Devi (23km)**

On Gorakhpur-Deoria State

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Ramabhar Stupa was built on the spot where he was cremated by the Malla people

Highway-1, this local deity is closely associated with the freedom fighter Bandhu Singh. A month long festival is organised here every year on the occasion of Chaitra Ram Navami.

Chauri-Chaura Shaheed Smarak (25km)

On Gorakhpur-Deoria State Highway-1, Chauri-Chaura was an important centre of Indian freedom movement. The famous Chauri-Chaura incident held here on 4th Feb, 1922, proved to be the turning-point in the history.

Maghar (27km)

Situated on N.H.28 in Basti District, is the place where great Saint Kabir Dasji left for his heavenly abode. The mazar and Samadhi sites of Kabir Dasji are side by side here and are living symbol of communal harmony.

Kushinagar (51km)

Situated on N.H.28, Kushinagar is an international tourist place closely associated with Lord Buddha. Lord Buddha delivered his last sermon here at Matha Kunwar Temple, got

Nirvana at Mahaparinirvana Temple and was cremated at Ramabhar Stupa.

Mukti Path (55km)

Situated at Badhalganj on the bank of Ghaghra (Saryu), it is a unique place having scientific system of cremation facility and 52 feet high statue of Lord Shiva. Navgrah Vatika, Library, earthen pot (Kalash) containing the soil of important Shaheeds, memorials relating to various incidences between 1857 to 1942. The daily evening Arti is worth seeing.

Sohagibarwa Wild Life Sanctuary (56km)

The sanctuary, drained by great Gandak, little Gandak, Pyas and Rohin rivers, have number of tals, swamps and open grass land. It is inhabited by a variety of animals which mainly include Leopard, Tiger, Jungle Cat, Small Indian Civet, Deer, Langur, Blue Bull, Wild Boar, Porcupine etc.

Pawanagar (72km)

It is believed to be the Nirvana place of Lord Mahavir. A festival is held here on the next day of Deepawali



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every year, when Lord Mahavir had attained salvation.

Kapilvastu (97km)

It was erstwhile capital of Shakya dynasty. Lord Buddha spent his early life here. There is a big Stupa having the relics of Buddha discovered

during excavations. Ruins of Monasteries can be seen at Ganvaria.

Lumbini (Nepal) (124km)

Lumbini, the birth place of Lord Buddha, is situated in Nepal. It can be reached via Sonauli Indo-Nepal Border. ■

FACT FILE

ACCOMMODATION

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- Avantika, Mohaddipur
Tel: 2209000, 2200765
- Vivek (Heritage category) Bank Road
Tel: 2330296
- Bobina, Nepal Road
Tel: 2336663
- President, Golghar
Tel: 2331010
- Marina, Golghar
Tel: 2337630
- Grand Chowdhry Vijai Chowk
Tel: 2200611, 2209210
- Sun Plaza, Cinema Road
Cell: 7523801008
- Vardan, opp. Railway Station
Tel: 2209192
- Shivoy, Town Hall
Tel: 2333696
- Park Regency, Park Road
Tel: 2204967
- Ganges, Tarang Crossing
Cell: 9670778877
- Yark Inn, Golghar
Tel: 2338233
- Royal Residency, Golghar
Tel: 2338331
- Kailash, Dharmashala Bazar

- Tel: 2336404
- Standard
Opp. Railway Station
Tel: 2201439

NEAREST UP TOURISM

- ACCOMMODATION**
- U.P.S.T.D.C. Pathik Niwas, Kushinagar
Tel: 05564-273045
- U.P.S.T.D.C. Tourist Bungalow, Sonauli Maharajganj
Tel: 05522-238201, 238516
- U.P.S.T.D.C. Tourist Bungalow, Kapilvastu
Tel: 05544-261489
- U.P.S.T.D.C. Tourist Bungalow, Gotha Bazar Dohrighat, Mau
Tel: 05461-232364

RESTAURANTS

- Bobis, Golghar
- President Hotel, Golghar
- Hotel Ganges Deluxe Cinema Road
- Bobina Hotel, Nepal Road
- Hotel Avantika, Mohaddipur

SHOPPING

- City Mall, Park Road Golghar (main market)
- 'V' Mart, Bank Road

SPORTS AND RECREATION

- Water Sports Complex Ramgarh Tal
- Regional Sports Stadium
- S. Modi Railway Stadium

BANKS

- S.B.I., Bank Road
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- I.O.B., Vijai Chowk
Tel: 2335636
- UCO Bank, Park Road
Tel: 2335226

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- H.P.O., Golghar

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Shri Kailash Parwat Jain Temple, Hastinapur

HASTINAPUR

Hastinapur, 100km from Delhi and 37km from Meerut, has been a silent witness to the majestic grandeur, royal conflicts and princely anecdotes of the Pandavas and the Kauravas. It was once a centre of power which later became a major cause of conflict leading to the battle of Kurukshetra, immortalised in the epic *Mahabharata*.

Hastinapur is also a sacred place for the Jain devotees who believe that three Tirthankars, Lord Shantinath, Lord Kunthnath and Lord Arhnath were born here. Their 12 Kalyanaks (congregations) were

held at this holy place. The first Tirthankar, Lord Rishabh Nath, Sage Mallinath, Sage Subrat, Lord Parshwanath and the 24th Tirthankar, Lord Mahavir Swami, also sojourned in Hastinapur.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Goddess Jayanti Devi Math

In the bygone times, the south of the city used to house huge idols of Lord Shiva and Goddess Kali. On this spot stands today the Jayanti Devi Math, an ancient temple associated with scores of mythological tales.



Jain Temple

Lord Pandaveshwar Mahadev Temple

South of Jayanti Devi Math, this ancient temple is believed to be the place where the Pandavas worshipped. Here two ageless banyan and peepal trees silently narrate the saga

of Kauravas and Pandavas and the celestial aura of Lord Krishna.

Goddess Durga Temple

Further the south of Pandaveshwar Temple, is the Goddess Durga Temple, having scores of caves, is believed to be the favourite place of meditation for saints.

Lord Draupadeshwar Mahadev Temple

1km South of Pandaveshwar Mahadev Temple, this temple is famous for its natural Shiva linga which, according to legends, is about 7200 years old. It is believed to be the place where Sage Ved Vyas had dictated the grand epic *Mahabharata* to Lord Ganesh.

Draupadi Ghat

Just opposite the Draupadeshwar Mahadev Temple, there is an ancient Devi Math. Here the Ghat is blessed by the sacred waters of the Burhi Ganga. It is believed to be the place where Draupadi used to bathe before proceeding to Draupadeshwar Mahadev Temple.

Jain Temples

There are a number of Digambar and Shvetambar Jain temples dating back to 10th, 14th and 17th centuries. These grand temples are epitome of tranquility and craftsmanship. The temples dedicated to Lord Rishabhdev and Lord Shantinath are specially worth seeing.

Trilok Sansthan


The Digambar Jain Trilok Research Institute was established here in 1974. Lotus Temple, Teen Murti Temple, Kala Temple, Meditation Temple and Indra Dhvaj Temple adorn this complex.



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→ **GENERAL INFORMATION**


Area 10.40 sq. km.
Population 26,452 approx. (2011 Census)
Altitude 126 mtrs. above sea level
Season November-February
Clothing Summer: Cottons;
 Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi, English
Local transport Bus/Taxi/Tempo
STD code 01233
Festival Kartik Poornima, Makar Sankranti Mela, Magh Poornima



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→ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air Delhi is the nearest Airport - 120km from Meerut.

Rail Nearest rail heads, Meerut Cantt. - 40km & Meerut city - 44km, directly link Hastinapur with other major cities of the state.

Road Regular bus services from Delhi, Meerut and other parts of Uttar Pradesh connect Hastinapur. Major road distances from Meerut : Ghaziabad - 47km, Muzaffarnagar - 58km, Shukratal - 60km, Bulandshahar - 70km, Garhmukteshwar - 82km, Haridwar - 141km.

Jamboo Dweep

Jamboo Dweep, man's attempt to translate fantasy in concrete form, gives a view of what paradise could be as described in Jain scriptures and legends. Numerous trees, rivers, gateways, pillars with mythical characters perched atop, the legendary Sumeru Parvat, all outwit the imagination the moment one steps into this 81 ft. high marvel which abounds with picnic retreats and solitary hideouts.

EXCURSION

Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary (3km)

Home to various wild animals. ■

FACT FILE

ACCOMMODATION

- 200-bedded accommodation at Jamboo Dweep
- Digambar, Shvetambar Jain Dharmshalas
- PWD and Forest Rest Houses at Hastinapur
- Quality accommodation is available at nearest town, Meerut
- Hotel Crystal Palace, Meerut
Tel: 2668500-02
- Hotel Naveen, Meerut
Tel: 2660125
- Hotel Samrat Heavens, Meerut
Tel: 2773131-33
- Hotel Mayur, Meerut
Tel: 2422693
- Hotel Raj Mahal, Meerut
Tel: 2661778-79

NEAREST UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Hindon Motel, G.T. Road, Ghaziabad
Tel: 0120-2731532
- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow, Garhmukteshwar
Tel: 05731-221319;
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BANKS

- State Bank of India
Tel: 280138
- Punjab National Bank
Tel: 280159

POST & TELEGRAPH

- Post Office
Tel: 2710421

HOSPITAL

- Govt. Ayurved Hospital

Tel: 280176

SHOPPING

High quality Khadi fabrics are prepared at the nearby town Meerut, which is also famous for sports goods, band baja, scissors etc.

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

- U.P. Govt. Regional Tourist Office
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IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

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JAUNPUR

Jaunpur, 58km from Varanasi, was founded in the 14th century by Feroz Shah Tughlaq to perpetuate the memory of his cousin, Sultan Mohammad, whose real name was Jauna. Later, around 1394 A.D., it became the centre of the independent Sharquie kingdom of Jaunpur, founded by Malik Sarvar. The Sharquie rulers were great patrons of art and architecture and constructed many fine tombs, mosques and madarsas here. Jaunpur was also an important centre of Islamic studies. The city is known

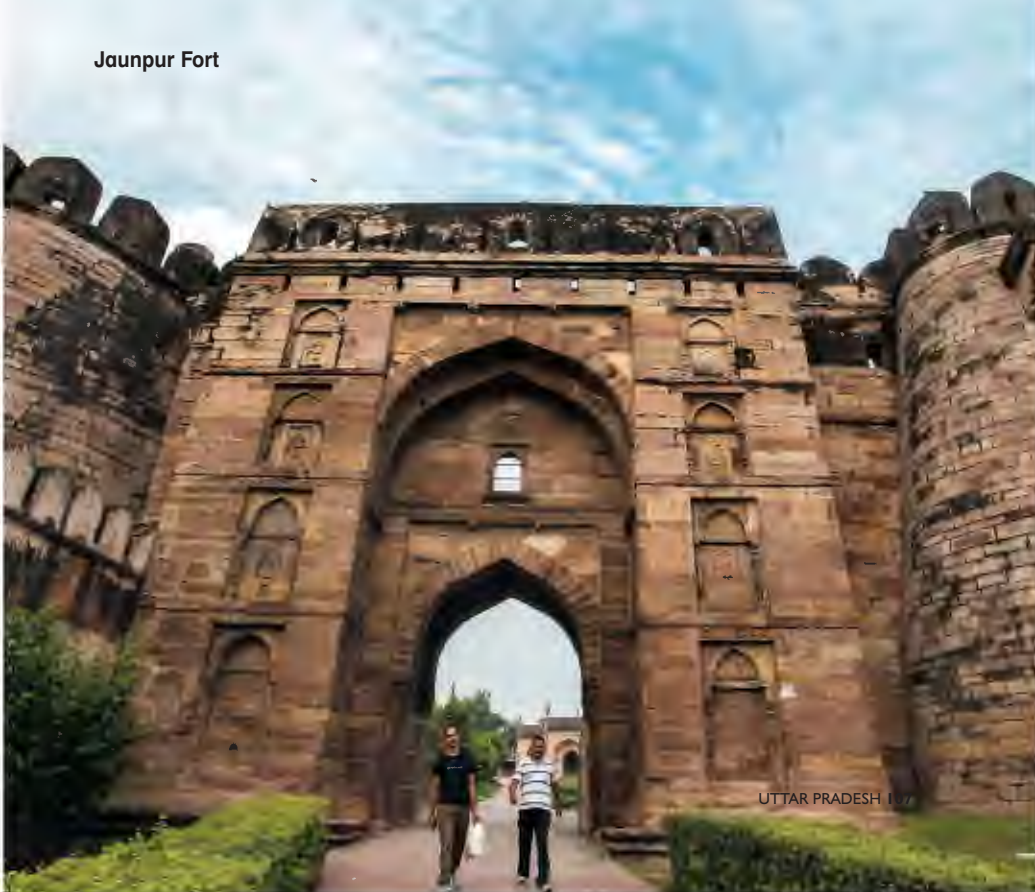
today for its jasmine oil, tobacco leaves, radish and Imarti, a sweetmeat.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Atala Masjid

This mosque represents the earliest and finest example of Sharquie architecture and conforms to the general plan of the orthodox mosque. Its construction started in 1377 but was completed only in 1408, during the rule of Ibrahim Sharquie.

Jaunpur Fort





Shahi Bridge



→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 11.2 sq. km.
Population 4,476,072 (2011 Census)
Altitude 79.80 mtrs. above sea level
Season October-March
Temperature Max. 41.50 Celsius to Min. 50 Celsius
Clothing Summer: Woollens; Winter: Cottons
Language Hindi, Urdu, English
Local transport Taxi/ auto-rickshaw/ cycle rickshaw
STD code 05452
Festival Durga Puja, Navratri, Id-ul-Fitr

Jama Masjid

The last and biggest mosque of Jaunpur, it was built by Hussain Shah during 1458-78. This imposing structure, raised on a high plinth, encloses a 66 mtrs. x 64.5 mtrs. courtyard.

Lal Darwaza Masjid

This mosque was constructed around 1450 and is attributed to Bibi Raji, the queen of Sultan Mahmud Shah.

Shahi Bridge

Constructed by Munim Khan in 1568, this picturesque old bridge was built in typical traditional style over the Gomti river.

Shitala Choukiya Dham

This famous ancient temple is dedicated to Goddess Shitala ji. There is a holy



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→ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air Nearest airport is Lal Bahadur Shastri airport, Babatpur, Varanasi - 38km.

Rail Located on the Lucknow-Varanasi-Mughalsarai section of Northern Railway, Jaunpur is connected with all major cities.

Road Jaunpur is easily accessible by road. Some of the major road distances are: Varanasi - 58km, Allahabad - 110km, Gorakhpur - 166km, Lucknow - 228km.

pond nearby. Other places of interest include Shahi Quila, Khwabgah, Dargah Chishti, Panj-e-Sharief, Khalis Mukhlis Masjid, Jahangiri Masjid, Akbari Bridge, the tombs of the Sharquie Sultans and the meditation place of Guru Teg Bahadur ji at Chachakpur.

EXCURSIONS

Trilochan Mahadev Temple (35km)
It is an ancient Shiva temple.

Allahabad (8km)
(See Index)

Varanasi (110km)
(See Index) ■

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- Hotel Dakshina, City Station
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Cell: 9795894625
- Hotel J.P., Oland Ganj
Tel: 05452-268056
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NEAREST UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow, Parade Kothi Opp. Cantt. Railway Station, Varanasi
Tel: 0542-2208413, 2208545

RESTAURANTS

- Options are limited to local restaurants serving Indian cuisine.

BANK

- State Bank of India
Station Road

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Post Office
Near Atala Masjid and D.M. Office

HOSPITAL

- District Govt. Hospital

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

- U.P. Govt. Tourist Office
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IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

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Jhansi Fort

JHANSI

Jhansi is the gateway to Bundelkhand and Uttar Pradesh for the tourists coming from Central, Western and Southern India. It was a stronghold of the Chandela kings but lost its glory after the downfall of the dynasty in the 12th century. It rose to prominence again in the 17th century under King Bir Singh Judeo of Orchha. However, its greatest claim to fame is its fiery Queen Rani Laxmi Bai, who, along with Jhalkari Bai, Gaus Khan and others, led forces against the British in 1857 and sacrificed her life for the cause of India's independence when

she was only about 22 years old. She was an exceptional example of leadership and valour. She also raised a women's army of about 1000 women who were trained in horse-riding and operation of arms and ammunition. Later on, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Pandit Parmanand, Bhagwandas Mahaur etc. led the Freedom Movement from here. The doyens of Hindi literature, such as Acharya Mahavir Prasad Dwivedi, Maithilisharan Gupta, Vrindavanlal Verma, Siyaramsharan Gupta and famous musician Adil Khan, hockey wizard Dhyanchand too added glory to this city.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Fort

This 17th century fort was built by King Bir Singh Judeo of Orchha on top of a hill as an army stronghold. The fort has been a witness to the fiery battle led by Queen Laxmi Bai. There are temples of Lord Shiva and Ganesh inside the fort. The Karak Bijli and Bhawani Shanker canons of the Queen are also kept here.

◆ **Entry** Indians ₹15; Foreigners ₹200
Timings 6.00am–6.00pm

Sound And Light Programme at Fort

The programme is based on the life of Rani Laxmi Bai and the First War of Independence of India in 1857.

◆ **Entry** Indians ₹50; Foreigners ₹300
Timings Summer: 7.45pm; Winter: 6.30pm



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 5024 sq. km.

Population 1998603 (2011 Census)

Altitude 131 mtrs. above sea level

Season October-March

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, Urdu, Bundeli, English

Local transport Taxi/Tempo

STD code 0510

Festival Kajli Teej, Bhaiya-Dooj, Jalvihar (Mauranipur), Nav Durga (Panch Koniya), Shivratri (Jhansi Fort), Ayurved Jhansi Mahotsav (Nov-Dec)

State Museum

Weapons, statues, dresses and photographs that represent the Chandela dynasty and a picture gallery of the Gupta period are the highlights of the museum. An exclusive gallery on Queen Rani Laxmi Bai is unique attraction.

◆ **Entry** Indians ₹5; Foreigners ₹25
Timings 10.30am–4.30pm **Closed** Monday **Tel** 2330035

Rani Mahal

This was the palace of Rani Laxmi Bai which is a fine piece of traditional architecture, and has now been converted into a museum. It houses a collection of archaeological sculptures of the period between the 9th and 12th centuries.

◆ **Entry** Indians ₹15; Foreigners ₹200
Timings 6.00am–6.00pm
Tel 2328220

Lord Ganesh Temple

It is an old temple built by the Marathas. Rani Laxmi Bai's marriage ceremony rituals were performed here.

◆ **Timings** 6.00am–6.00pm

Karguan Jain Temple

Situated on a foothill, it houses 14th century old idol of Lord Parshvanath ji. Other places of interest are: Laxmi Tal, Narayan Bagh, Gangadhar Rao-ki-Chhatri, Goddess Kali Temple, Kaimasan Mata Temple, Lahar Devi Temple, Murli Manohar Temple, Ram-Janaki Temple, Jeevan Shah-ki-Mazar, Laxmi Bai Park, St. Jude's Shrine, Panchtantra Park etc.

EXCURSIONS

Pahuj Dam (8km)

The Pahuj Dam and water fall on

**Baruasagar Fort**

Pahuj river, is a beautiful picnic spot on Jhansi-Gwalior route.

Sukwa-Dhukwa (9km)

From Babina on N.H. 26. Dhukwa weir was built in 1909 with a tunnel below the Betwa river. One can see about one km. wide waterfall during the rainy season. It is a thrilling experience to see waterfall from back side and also from inside the tunnel.

Garhmau Lake (12km)

This is a 14 km. long lake surrounded by the hillock, approachable from N.H.25 on Kanpur road behind the Medical College.

Jarai-Ka-Math (17km)

On Jhansi-Khajuraho road. It is famous for its 9th Century temple with beautiful sensuous sculptures.

Barua Sagar Lake and Fort (24km)

On Jhansi-Khajuraho road. The place is named after the Barua Sagar Tal, a large lake created about 260 years ago when King Udit Singh of Orchha built the embankment. The embankment structure is unique example of architecture and engineering because it is 5 in 1 protection wall, Ghats; Jetty meaning a multipurpose wall. Nearby is the remains of Chuna (Lime) Chakki which was constructed to prepare building material for construction of embankment wall. There is a beautiful waterfall in rainy season when lake is overflowing with the water. There is also a fort which is picturesquely located at a height and gives a panoramic view of the lake. It was summer Palace of Rani Laxmi Bai.



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Nearest airports : Gwalior - 98km, Khajuraho - 178km.

Rail Jhansi has direct and fast trains in all directions of India and is a major Rail Junction of India.

Road Jhansi, on National Highways 25 and 26, is linked by a good network of roads. Some major road distances are: Orchha - 18km, Datia - 28km, Lalitpur - 100km, Shivpuri - 100km, Kalpi - 142km, Khajuraho - 176km, Kanpur - 220km, Agra - 221km, Lucknow - 297km, Delhi - 414km.

Orchha (18km)

(M.P.). This 16th century city is situated on the banks of the Betwa river. The temple and palaces here are fine examples of Bundela architecture. Saket Museum, Ram Raja Temple, Chaturbhuj Temple and Betwa river front are worth visiting places.

Parichha (25km)

On N.H. 25-Kanpur road, there is a dam built on the Betwa river. The area is rich in scenic beauty.

Datia (28km)

(M.P.) An old town, mentioned in the Mahabharata as Daityavakra. The Palace of King Bir Singh Ju Deo, famous Shri Peetambara Devi Siddhapeeth and Shiva temple of Mahabharata era are the attractions here.

Sonagiri (45km)

(M.P.) Having 77 Jain temples stand on the slope of a hill. Among the temple, dedicated to Lord Chhatranath ji, is the most beautiful.

Pawagiri (45km)

It is a famous Jain site.

Jakhlau Boat Club

About 25 Kms. from the district H.Q. Lalitpur, it is lying on the beautiful bank of River Betwa. The boat club is an ideal picnic and paddle boating spot. It is also accompanied by a beautiful park and VIP Guest House.

Talbehat And Matatila (50km)

There is a vast Mansarovar Lake situated on the Jhansi-Lalitpur-Deogarh highway at Talbehat. An ideal picnic spot for boating and recreation. On the bank of the lake are Fort of Mardan Singh, Hazaria Mahadev Temple and ghats. 10 km. away is Matatila water reservoir built on the Betwa river.

Samthar Fort (70km)

It is fairly well maintained Fort. The royal gold throne, gilded palanquin's displayed inside the Fort are major attractions.

Todi Fatehpur (70km)

A massive fort on a hillock surrounded by three stone walls which houses Gusai Mahal, Ranwas, Rajgarh Palace and the four-storeyed Rang Mahal Palace which is embellished with fine paintings.

Deogarh (133km)

(See Index)

Kalpi (142km)

A famous historic town associated with the war of Independence in 1857. Mantrana Kaksha, Vyas Tila Temple, New Vyas Temple, Lanka Minar are to be seen.

Mahoba (155km)

(See Index)

Rampura Fort And Jagmanpur Fort (170km)

Situated in the district Jalaun. Major attractions here are natural rural scenic beauty, nearby 5 river confluence famous as Pachnada,

unique ravings on the Yamuna river bank. Heritage accommodation is available in the Fort. Nearby is Jagmanpur Fort, another heritage property.

Chitrakoot (270km)

(See Index)

Kalinjar (280km)

(See Index)

Other interesting excursions include Gwalior - 97km, Shivpuri - 100km, Chanderi - no km, Orai - 115km, Charkhari - 180km. ■

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ACCOMMODATION

- Hotel Sita, Shivpuri Road
Tel: 2444690, 2442956;
Fax: 2444691
- Hotel Chanda, Near
Laxmi Bai Park
Tel: 2301865; Fax: 2450027
- Hotel Yatrik, Elite-
Allahabad Bank Road
Tel: 2370999, 2371998
- Hotel Shrinath Palace
Railway Station Road
Tel: 2445555, 2445556
- Hotel Jhansi, Civil Lines
Tel: 2470360; Fax: 2470470
- Hotel Raj Palace
Shastri Marg
Tel: 2470554
- Hotel Tulsi, Chitra Crossing
Tel: 6981189
- Hotel Rahul Guest House
Chitra Crossing
Tel: 2451345
- Hotel Samrat
Chitra Crossing
Tel: 2444943

- Hotel Rishabh
Near Station Road
Tel: 2445106
- Hotel Central
Chitra Crossing
Tel: 2440509
- Hotel Highway
Shivpuri Road
Tel: 2380921

- Hotel Dreamland
Station Road
Tel: 2330088
- Hotel Vardaan,
Shivpuri Road
Tel: 2446390
- Hotel Ashoka
Shivpuri Road
Tel: 2448833

Paintings at Shiv Temple, Jhansi



JITENDER GUPTA

FACT FILE

- Hotel Apna Guest House
Elite Crossing
Tel: 2331914, 2330196
- Hotel Kasturi Plaza
Near City Kotwali
Tel: 2333772
- Hotel Kasturi Palace
Old Bus Stand
Tel: 2370424
- Hotel Sunrise
Near Elite Crossing
Tel: 2332112
- Hotel Sheela Shree
Opp. Medical College
Tel: 0510-2321133
- Hotel Ambience
Near Jeevan Shah Tiraha
Tel: 0510-2980048,
2452233
- Hotel Bundelkhand Pride
Gwalior Road
Tel: 0510-2331116
- Hotel Prakash Regency
Near Elite Chauraha
Tel: 0510-2330133
- Hotel Anand M.B.
Chauraha
Tel: 0510-2442929
- Hotel Kunwar Palace
Near Elite Crossing
Tel: 0510-2448226

UP TOURISM

ACCOMMODATION

- UPTDC Hotel
Veerangana, Exhibition
Ground, Shivpuri Road
Tel: 0510-2442402,
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RESTAURANTS

- Hotel Veerangana
Restaurant
Tel: 0510-2442402
- Hotel Sita
Tel: 2444690, 2442956

- Hotel Yatrik
Tel: 2370999, 2371998
- Hotel Samrat
Tel: 2444943
- Hotel Tulsī Restaurant
Tel: 6981189
- Sadar Bar & Restaurant
Hotel Prakash Regency
Tel: 2330133, 2330379
- Bundela Bar & Restaurant
Manik Chowk
Tel: 2441005
- New Bharat Restaurant
Sadar Bazar
Tel: 2470025
- Holiday Restaurant
Sadar Bazar
Tel: 2470129
- Janak Restaurant
Cell: 9415068318
- Hotel Central Restaurant
Tel: 2440509

SHOPPING

The main shopping areas are Sadar Bazar, Sipri Bazar and Manik Chowk.

BANKS AND ATM

- SBI, near Elite Crossing & Railway Station
Tel: 2440534
- Punjab National Bank
Station Road
Tel: 2440638
- Allahabad Bank, Civil Lines
Tel: 2471143
- Canara Bank, Elite Crossing
Tel: 2440669
- SBI ATM, Railway Station

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Head Post Office
Near Jhansi Hotel
Tel: 2440533, 2440261
- R.M.S. Post Office

Railway Station
Tel: 2440807

HOSPITALS

- Maharani Laxmi Bai
Medical College Kanpur
Road. Tel: 2441446
- District Hospital
Manik Chowk
Tel: 2440572

TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

Timings: 10.00am–5.00pm

- UP Govt. Regional Tourist
Office, Hotel Veerangana
Campus
Near Circuit House
Tel: 0510-2441267
- UP Govt. Tourist
Information Centre
Jhansi Railway Station

TRAVEL AGENCIES

- Sona Travel
Near Elite Crossing
Tel: 2449953
- Touraids, Jai Complex
Tel: 2331760
- Baghel Travels,
Civil Lines. Tel: 2441255
- Travel Bureau
Tel: 2443076

TRAVEL RESERVATIONS

Rail

- Jhansi Railway Station
Enquiry and Reservation.
Tel: 139

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Jhansi
Tel: 2470556, 2331520
- S.S.P., Jhansi
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Kalinjar Fort

KALINJAR

201 km from Allahabad and 256 km from Jhansi, the ancient fort of Kalinjar stands today wrapped in history and mythology. Located in the ancient land of Jejakbhukti, the present day Bundelkhand, the old massive fort of Kalinjar had been of strategic importance during medieval times. The fort remained a Chandela stronghold from 9th to 15th centuries and was invincible till 1569 when Akbar finally conquered it and later gifted it to Birbal, one of the 'nine jewels' of his court. From Birbal it went to the legendary Bundela King, Chhatrasal and thence to Hardev Shah of Panna before being captured by the British in 1812.

The township of Kalinjar was once protected by ramparts interspersed by four gateways, only three of which exist today Kamta Dwar, Panna Dwar and Rewa Dwar. Dotted with remnants of the past, this historic fort is well worth a visit.

PLACES OF INTEREST

The Fort

Situated at a height of 700 ft. in the Vindhya ranges, this old and massive fort is accessible through seven gateways-the Alamgir Darwaza, Ganesh Dwar, Chandi or Chauburji Darwaza, Budha Bhadra Dwar,



Rock-cut images at Kalinjar Fort

Hanuman Dwar, Lal Darwaza and Bara Darwaza.

Within containing a stone bed and pillow once used by hermits, a reservoir known as Patal Ganga, Pandu-Kund, where water trickles from the horizontal crevices of stratified rocks, Buddha-Budhi Taal, the water of which is believed to

possess healing qualities, Bhairav-ki-Jharia or Manduk Bhairav with the colossal figure of Lord Bhairav carved on the rock, the Mrigdhara or Antelope's spring, situated within an inner chamber of the rampart, and Kati Tirth pond, an important place of pilgrimage as lepers are believed to be cured by its water.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 25 sq. km.
Population 1,555 approx. (2001 Census)
Altitude 381.25 mtrs. above sea level
Season September-March
Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi, English
Local transport Tempo/Tonga/Rickshaw
STD code 05191
Festival Kartik Poornima Mela (Nov), Shivaratri Mela (Feb)

Neelkanth Temple

According to mythology, Lord Shiva, after consuming poison that emerged from the churning of ocean, came here and took rest for some time. To commemorate the event this temple was built by the Chandela ruler Parmardideva. A big Shiva Linga is installed here.

The outer part of the temple with its fine carvings testifies the grandeur it once had. In a niche by the rock-cut Swargarohan Kund, stands a colossal 18-armed, 17 feet broad and 24 feet high image of Lord Kal Bhairav.

Vankhadeshwar Mahadev Temple

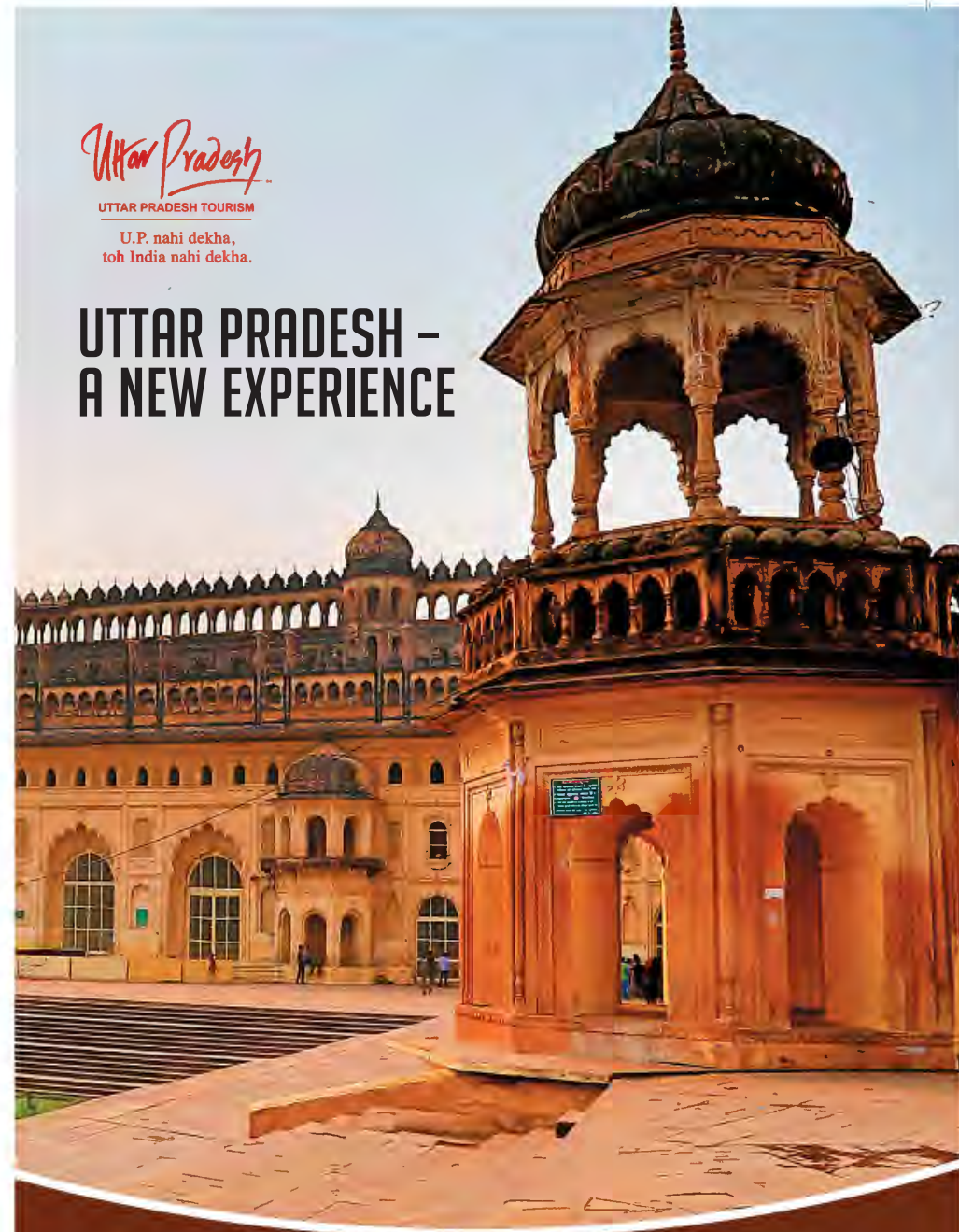
Located at the source of the Shivasari Ganga, this temple is well worth a



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→ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air Nearest airports are Khajuraho (M.P.) - 130km, Allahabad (Bamrauli) - 210km.

Rail The nearest railway stations are Atarra - 38km and Banda - 56km.

Road Kalinjar is linked by road to all important centres in the region with regular bus services. Some of the major road distances are: Banda - 57km, Chitrakoot - 88km, Khajuraho - 140km, Allahabad - 205km.

visit. Other attractions at Kalinjar fort are: Aman Singh Palace, Rani Mahal, Moti Mahal, Choubey Mahal, Rang Mahal, Ira Mahal, Chira Mahal, Mrigdhara, Vyankat Bihari Mahal and several images of Lord Shiva in Panchmukhi, Tandava and Bhairav

postures. Numerous fine pieces of sculptures are even today spread all over the fort area.

EXCURSIONS

Chitrakoot (88km)
(See Index)

Khajuraho (140km)
(MP). Khajuraho is famous for its temples depicting the blending of life, love and joy in a rare style.

Allahabad (205km)
(See Index)

Other excursions: Gurha Hanuman Temple, Banda - 15km, Ajaigarh, Panna (MP) - 40km, Madfa Fort - 48km, Bhuragarh Fort, Banda - 78km, Simauni Temple, Banda - 80km, Khandeh Temple, Hamirpur - 90km, Kalpavriksha, Jamuna bank, Hamirpur - 110km, Hanuman Temple, Hamirpur - 130km, Gayatri Tapobhumi, Hamirpur - 140km. ■

FACT FILE

ACCOMMODATION

- Govt. Forest Rest House
- Hotel Comfort Inn, Banda
Tel: 05192-290300
- Hotel Sarang
Intercontinental Banda
Tel: 05192-227799
- Hotel Sudha Saurabh, Banda
Tel: 05192-227166

NEAREST UP TOURISM

ACCOMMODATION

- Tourist Bungalow,
Chitrakoot
Tel: 05198-224218-19

RESTAURANTS

- Local eateries/dhabas are available at the town below.

BANKS

- Tulsī Gramin Bank
- Allahabad Bank

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Branch Post Office

HOSPITAL

- Primary Health Centre

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

- U.P. Govt. Assistant
Tourist Office
Chitrakoot
Tel: 05198-224219, 222218

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Banda
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- S.S.P., Banda
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- S.D.M., Naraini
Tel: 05191-266436



J.K. Temple

KANPUR

Kanpur, situated on the bank of the holy river Ganga, is an important industrial centre of Uttar Pradesh and is known for its historical and religious past. The present Jajmau area is believed to be situated on the mound where the capital of the Pauranic King Yayati existed. The present city of Kanpur was founded by Hindu Singh of Sachendi Estate and was originally known as Kanhpur. Later, it became a strategic and business centre during the British period and a large garrison was established here. During the war of independence of 1857, and afterwards too, Kanpur played an

important role in the freedom struggle of India. Great heroes like Nana Saheb, Tatyana Tope, Ajimullah Khan, Jwala Prasad, Azijan Bai, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh, Ganesh Shanker Vidyarthi have been associated with this city.

The propagation of Hindi also owes much to this city as great literateurs like Acharya Mahavir Prasad Dwivedi, Pratap Narayan Mishra, Ganesh Shanker Vidyarthi, 'Sanehi', 'Naveen', 'Parshad' etc. have propagated the cause from the city.

Today it is a flourishing commercial and industrial centre as a large number of leather, textile,



Kanpur Zoo



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 3005 sq.km.**Population** 45,72,951 (2011 Census)**Altitude** 126 mtrs. above sea level**Season** November-March**Clothing** Summer: Cottons; Winter:
Woollens**Language** Hindi, English**Local transport** Bus/Taxi/Tempo/
Auto-rickshaw**STD code** 0512**Festival** Kartik-Poornima (Nov),
Magh Poornima (Jan), Makar
Sankranti Mela (Jan), Ganga
Mela (March)

plastic and other factories are located here. The city is also an important centre for defence production.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Jajmau

The mound of Jajmau, on the eastern end of the city, Kanpur-Lucknow highway occupies a prominent place among ancient sites of the region. Excavations of the mound undertaken during 1957-58 unearthed antiquities ranging from 600 B.C. to 1600 A.D. Jajmau, known as Siddhapuri in ancient times, is believed to have been a capital city during the reign of King Yayati and the high mound over-hanging the Ganga is said to be the site of his fort. Today, Jajmau houses the Lord Siddhanath and mother Siddha Devi temples and the mausoleum of Makhdum Shah Alul-Haq, the famous Sufi Saint, built by Firoz Shah Tughlaq in 1358. A mosque built by Kulich Khan in 1679 also stands here.

J.K. Temple (Radha-Krishna Temple)

Built by the J.K. Trust in Lajpatnagar area, this architectural delight is a unique blend of ancient and modern architecture. Among the five shrines that the temple has, the central one is consecrated to Shri Radha-Krishna and the others are adorned with the idols of Lord Laxmi-Narayan, Lord Aradhanarishwar, Lord Narmadeshwar and Lord Hanuman.

◆ **Timings** 8.00am-12.00pm; 4.00-10.00pm Cell 08853638924

Zoo

The Kanpur Zoo in Azad Nagar, Nawabganj locality, opened in 4th February, 1974, ranks among one of the best zoological gardens of the



Lord Bhairav Temple, Bhairav Ghat

country. It is an ideal place for outing and picnics.

◆ **Entry fee** Ordinary days: Indian Adults/ Children ₹30/ ₹20; Foreigners/ Children ₹150/ ₹75 Gazetted Holidays, Sundays, and Jan 26 & Aug 15: Indian Adults/ Children ₹40/ ₹20; Foreigners/ Children ₹150/ ₹75 **Timings** 8.00am-5.30pm **Closed Monday Baal Train** Adults ₹50; Children ₹25 **Battery Operated Vehicle (Golf Cart)** Adults ₹30; Children ₹25 (Online Discount 10%) Cell 08765974100

Kamla Retreat

It is under the possession of the Singhanian family and is a beautiful spot of the city in the Civil Lines. There is a swimming pool which has an equipment for producing artificial waves and attractive arrangement for lighting. Besides, a park and a

canal with facilities for boating, a zoo is also maintained.

It also houses a museum which has a good collection of historical and archaeological artefacts. Visitors are allowed only with prior permission from Deputy General Manager (Administration), Kamla Tower.

◆ Tel 6716600

Jain Glass Temple

This highly decorated temple with glass and enamel work is situated in Maheshwari Mahal behind the Kamla Tower. Special activities : Aug 24 to 31st every year.

◆ **Timings** 6.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm Cell 09833710245

Phool Bagh

It is a large park in the heart of the city on the Mall Road. In the centre

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All Soul's Memorial Church, Kanpur



→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Chakeri airport, Kanpur - 18km and Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow - 80km.

Rail Kanpur is well connected to all the major cities of the country by express/superfast trains.

Road Kanpur is well connected with other important towns. It is situated on National Highway No. 2 on the Delhi-Agra-Allahabad-Kolkata route and on National Highway No. 25 on the Lucknow-Jhansi-Shivpuri route. Some important road distances are: Lucknow - 87km, Allahabad - 193km, Jhansi - 222km, Agra - 269km, Varanasi - 329km, Khajuraho - 398km.

of the park is a building known as Ganesh Shanker Vidyarthi Memorial (KEM Hall). Phool Bagh is now known as Ganesh Udyan.

Nana Rao Park

To the west of Phool Bagh is the Nana Rao Park where the Bibighar episode had taken place during the 1857 war of independence. The Park was renamed as 'Nana Rao Park' after independence.

Goddess Tapeshwari Temple

A little away from the Birhana road, this famous temple is dedicated to Goddess Tapeshwari and Dash Mahavidyas (ten forms of Goddess).

Prayag Narayan Temple-Shivala

Near Bara Chauraha, in a huge complex stands this temple. It is built in South Indian style and is dedicated to Lord Laxminarayan-Sripatiji. There is a market around the Shivala which is very famous among the citizens.

Kailash Temple-Kali Temple-Chhinnamasta Temple

The Kailash Temple complex, adjacent to Shivala, is dotted with several temples. In the same locality, there are two other important temples dedicated to Goddess Kali and Goddess Chhinnamasta. The latter one is unique as it opens only on Saptami, Ashtami and Navami of Navratras.

Anandeshwar Temple, Parmat

On the bank of the holy Ganga at Parmat, this old temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. Idols of Goddess Durga, Lord Kartikeya and other gods are also installed here.

Ghats

There are many ghats in Kanpur on the bank of Ganga. Some important one are Sarsaiya Ghat having the temples and Manji Saheb Gurudwara; Nanarao Ghat, Sati Chaura Ghat, Bhairav Ghat, Ram Ghat, Sawaldas Ghat, Siddhnath Ghat, Parmath Ghat, Guptar Ghat, Rani Ghat etc.

Varahi Devi Temple (Bara Devi)

Another famous temple of Kanpur, situated in Kidwai Nagar area, is popularly known as Bara Devi temple.

Lord Bhairavji Temple

Situated at the Bhairav Ghat on the bank of Ganga, it is an ancient temple.

Lord Hanuman Temple, Panki

It is an ancient and renowned temple of city dedicated to Lord Hanuman, situated in the Panki area.

Lord Shani Temple

This popular temple is situated near the Chunniganj crossing.

Kanpur Memorial Church

Built in 1875, it was designed by Walter Granville, an architect of the East Bengal Railway. The Kanpur Memorial Church has a uniqueness of its own. In a separate enclosure to the east of the church is the Memorial Garden, where a handsomely carved Gothic screen, designed by Henry Yule, stands. Its centre is occupied by a beautifully carved figure of an angel, the symbol of peace.

Other places of interest are Vankhandeshwar Temple, Buddha Devi Temple, Siddhi Vinayak Temple, Khurepati Temple, Keertangarh Gurudwara (Gumti No.5), Digamber Jain Temple, Moti Jheel-Tulsi Upvan-



Shiva Temple at Bithoor

Children Park, Shyam Hari Singhania Art Gallery, Ram Lala Temple (Rawatpur), Somnath Temple (Kalyanpur), Micky House, Jhoole Lal Temple etc.

EXCURSIONS

Unnao (16km)

Unnao district has a number of historical and religious places, namely Pariyar (said to have been the Ashram of Saint Valmiki where Goddess Sita lived during her exile), Doundiyakhera (associated with great martyr of the first war of independence, Rav Rambaksh Singh), Buxer (having ancient Goddess Chandika Temple), Bangarmau (having a beautiful temple of Goddess Raj Rajeshwari), Takia (famous for the Mazar of Mohabbat Shah and Shiva Temple, a big fair is held here every year and Badarka (associated

with the great martyr Chandra Shekhar Azad)

Bithoor (22km)
(See Index)

Angira Ashram (25km)

This Ashram is in Ankui village – near Bithoor – where, it is believed, sage Angira, one of the seven Vedic sages, used to meditate. Nearby is an ancient Lord Jagannath temple having an idol made of wood which is similar to the one in the Lord Jagannath Temple of Orissa.

Sobhan Sarkar Temple (30km)

On Kalyanpur-Shivpuri route, this complex has temples of Lord Hanuman, Lord Shiva and Lord Krishna.

Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary (45km)

On the Lucknow-Kanpur Highway, this bird sanctuary attracts rare Siberian migratory birds. Accommodation: UPSTDC Priya-darshini Motel.

Bhitargaon (59km)

On the Ghatampur - Sarh road, Bhitargaon is mainly known for its

ancient brick temple, a unique specimen of brick architecture of the early Gupta period. Dating back to the first half of the first century A.D., the temple is the oldest extant roofed Hindu shrine with a high Shikhara. It is protected under ancient monuments preservation act. Nearby are Behta Buzurg and Nimbha Khera places famous for their old Lord Jagannath & Shiva Temples.

Musanagar (65km)

The ancient site of Musanagar has a temple of Goddess Mukta Devi which is said to have been built by the mythological King Bali.

Kannauj (80km)

Once the capital of King Harshavardhan's empire, today the town is the centre of the Indian essence (ittar) industry. Gauri Shankar Temple, Ajaipal Temple, ruins of King Jaichand's fort, Makhdoom Jahania, Rauza Balapir and Rauza Mehandi, Museum etc. are the main attractions here.

Lucknow(87km)

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ACCOMMODATION

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The Mall
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Ashok Nagar
Tel: 2542415
- Kanha International
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Tel: 2540461
- Hotel Vijay Inter
Continental Khalasi Line

Tel: 2550447

- Rewant Hospitality
Civil Line
Tel: 2306508
- Hotel Gaurav, The Mall
Tel: 3012675
- Hotel K.D. Palace
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- Hotel West Western
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■ Hotel Royal Cliff
Swaroop Nagar
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- Malik Residency Pvt.
Braham Nagar
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- SB Castle, Fazalganj
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- Geetika Galaxy, The Mall
Tel: 2331555
- Royal Inn, Sarvodya Nagar
Tel: 6555511

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- Gagan Plaza
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- Geet Hotel
The Mall
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- Shiv Dayal, Ashok
Nagar, G.T. Nagar
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Bungalow, Bithoor
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Tatya Ganj (12km)
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Bungalow, Fatehpur
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Cell: 9415013365
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RESTAURANTS

The city abounds in restaurants and eateries that cater to vegetarian and non-vegetarian palates. Some restaurants also serve Chinese and Continental cuisine.

- Pandit's Upvan &
Restaurant, Murray Co.
Bridge, Katheri
Tel: 2381439, 2381539
- Yes Boss Restaurant &
Fast Food, Birhana Road
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- Bhatia Restaurant, Parade
Tel: 2365847
- Arena Restaurant
Swaroop Nagar
Tel: 2551753
- Anaicha Restaurant
Swaroop Nagar
Tel: 2550491
- Sagar Restaurant, P. Road
Tel: 2549407
- Tiwari Restaurant
Birhana Road
- Thaggu Ke Laddu
Bara Chauraha
- Ching Fang (Chinese Food)
Mall Road Crossing

SHOPPING

Kanpur is famous for its leather goods. The main shopping centres in the city are The Mall, Birhana Road, Gumti No. 5, Parade, Naveen Market, Meston Road, Z-Square Mall, Seesamau and P.P.N. Market. The city centre also offers the shoppers a delightful array of State Emporia, viz. : UPICA, UP Handlooms Emporium, Phulkari, Punjab Emporium, Manjusha and Bengal Emporium on The Mall.

INSTITUTES

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Technological Institute
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- Indian Institute of Technology
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- Chandra Shekhar Azad
Agriculture Technology
University
Tel: 2534157
- National Sugar Institute
Kalyanpur
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- Ganesh Shankar
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- Central Govt. Textile
Institute, Sutarganj
Tel: 2531814
- Gaya Prasad Library
Meston Road
Tel: 2366261
- Marwari Library
Birhana Road
Tel: 2353943
- Prasad Library, Phoolbagh

ENTERTAINMENT

- Defence Services Golf Club
Tagore Road, Cantt.
- Rave 3 Multiplex 11, Block
No. 6, Parvati Banhla Road
Tel: 2555050
- Rave Moti Mall
Rawatpur Crossing
Cell: 7710097900
- Mogli Water Park
Nawabganj, Unnao
Tel: 05143-248069
- Z-Square Mall
Bada Churaha

BANKS

- State Bank of India
Zonal Office, The Mall
Tel: 2304243
- PNB, The Mall
Tel: 2311577
- Union Bank of India
24/53, Birhana Road
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- RBI, The Mall
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POST AND TELEGRAPH

- G. P.O., Kanpur,
Bara Chauraha
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- P.O., R.K. Nagar

FACT FILE

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- P.O., IIT, Kalyanpur
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- P.O., Naya Ganj
Tel: 2318219
- P.O., Kanpur Central
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- Guru Nanak Hospital
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- Govt. L.P.S. Cardiology
Institute
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- J.K. Cancer Hospital
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- Chacha Nehru Children's
Hospital
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- Lala Lajpat Rai Hospital,
G.T. Road
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- Air India
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- Kanpur Central Railway
Station Enquiry
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- Anwarganj Railway
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- UPSRTC Bus Stand,
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UTTAR PRADESH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA SITES

- Lona Cross Garden
Katehri Bagh Cantt.
- Memorial Well Garden
Company Bagh - Mall Road
- Sawada Kothi Monument
C.O.D. Crossing
- Subedar-Ka-Talab
Chunniganj
- Kacheri Cemetery
Civil Lines

KANPUR DEHAT

- Brick Temple, Kanchilipur
- Temple of Phoolmati Devi
Bihupur
- Brick Temple, Nebiakhera
Bhadowara
- Ancient Brick Temple
Bhitargaon
- Jagannath Temple
Bujang
- Brick Temple - Mahadeo
Baba, Parauli
- Sanskrit Inscription in the
well of Gayadin
Sukal Subanpur, Billur
- Tomb of Sandal Shah
Bichhaipur
- Two Ancient Brick Temple
Khurda
- Dhurv Mound, Bithoor

U.P. STATE PROTECTION & CONSERVATION SITES IN KANPUR

- Jajmau Ancient Mound
Jajmau
- Tikait Rai Shiv Temple
Bithoor
- King Tikait Rai, Baradari
Bithoor
- Valmiki Ashram, Bithoor
- Nana Farnavish Ancient
Mound, Bithoor

KAPILVASTU

Today's Piprahwa, 20km from Siddharthnagar, is identified with ancient Kapilvastu where Lord Buddha spent the early years of his life. Kapilvastu was the capital of the Shakya clan whose ruler was the father of Lord Buddha, and therefore Lord Buddha is also called as Shakyamuni. The Shakya domain was one of the sixteen independent principalities of the 6th century B.C.

Prince Gautam, as Lord Buddha was then known, left his palace of Kapilvastu at the age of 29 and revisited it 12 years later, after attaining the Enlightenment.

Today, Kapilvastu comprises of several villages, mainly Piprahwa and Ganvaria. A large Stupa stands at

the ancient site which is said to have housed the bone relics of Lord Buddha. The presence of these relics is testified by an ancient Brahmi inscription found at Piprahwa. The ruins of the royal palace are spread over a large area.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Stupa

This is the main archaeological site which was discovered during excavations in 1973-74. Some seals and other material of historical importance were unearthed from the site. An inscription on the lid of a pot discovered from the site reads "Om Deoputra Vihare Kapilvastu Bhikshu Sanghasa". The title

Stupa





Ruins of ancient palace

Deoputra refers to Kushana ruler Kanishka, a great patron of Buddhism who built the biggest Vihara at Piprahwa and renovated the main Stupa.


Ganvaria Archaeological Palace Site
Excavations carried out by Archaeologist Dr. K.M. Srivastava have indicated the ruins to be the palace of King Shuddhodhan, the father of Prince Gautam (Lord Buddha). It is said to be the place where Lord Buddha spent the first 29 years of his life.

Salargarh Archaeological Site
Near Piprahwa, excavations have revealed a monastery dating to Kushan period. A small Stupa was also attached to the monastery.

EXCURSIONS

Palta Devi Temple (17km)
Its antiquity is related to Mahabharat era.

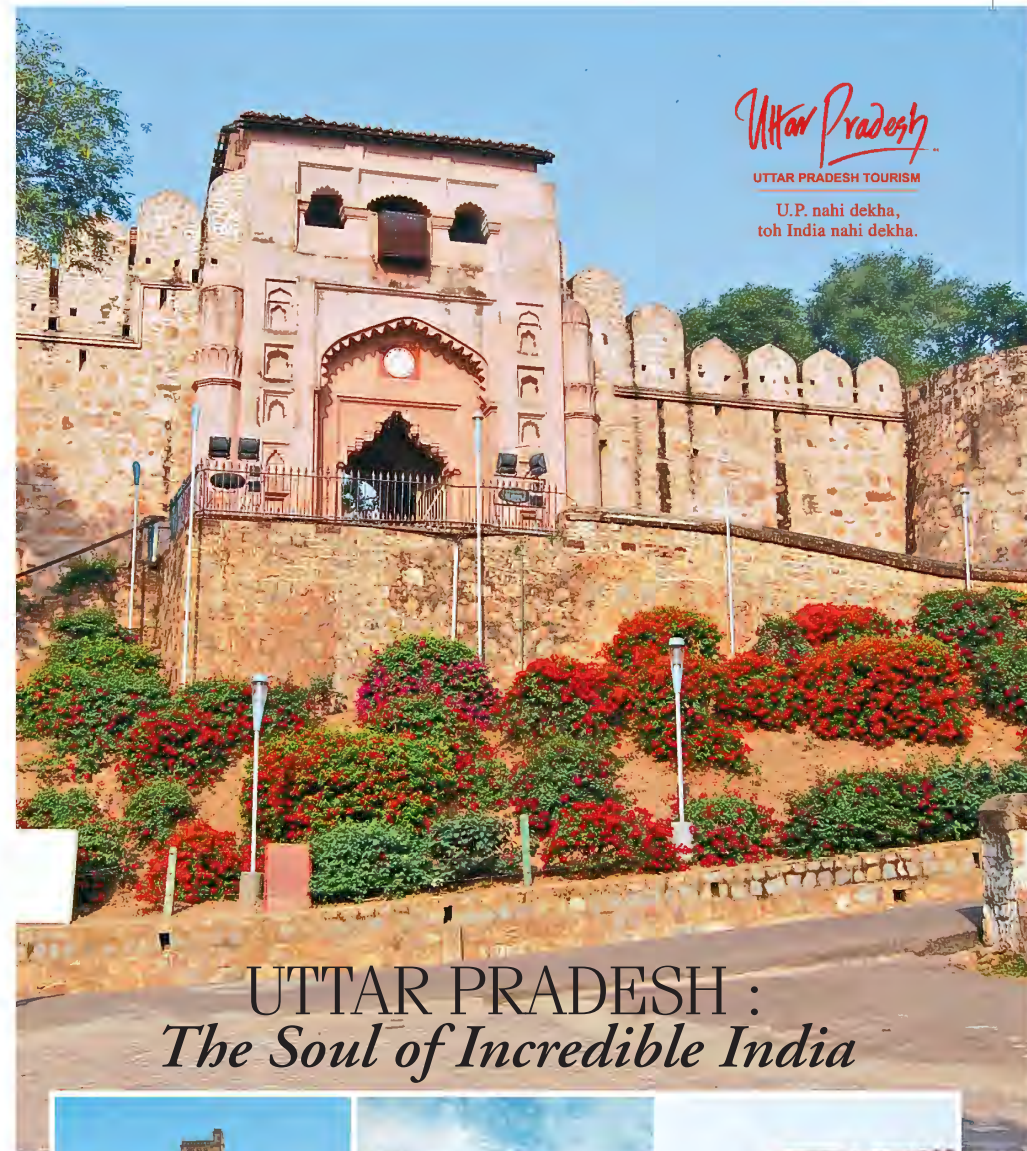
Singheshwari Devi Temple (22km)
Located at Naugarh, it is an ancient temple.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 04 sq. km.
Population 8,000 (2011 Census)
Altitude 100 mtrs. above sea level
Season October-April
Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi, English
Local transport Tempo/ taxi/ rickshaw
STD code 05544
Festival Buddha Poornima (April-May)



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→ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air Gorakhpur airport - 109km, Sravasti airstrip - 146km, Kasia airstrip - 160km, Amausi airport, Lucknow - 310km and L.B. Shastri airport, Babatpur-Varanasi - 330km.

Rail Nearest Railway Station is Naugarh - 20km.

Road Some of the major road distances are: Berdpur - 8km, Lumbini (Nepal) - 86km, Gorakhpur - 104km, Sravasti - 147km, Kushinagar - 157km, Lucknow - 308km, Varanasi - 327km.

Ban Ganga Barrage (25km)
Near Shoharatgarh, it is a popular picnic spot.

Deodah (60km)
On Gorakhpur-Sonouli route, the ancient village of Deodah was the maternal home of Lord Buddha.

Lumbini (86km)
In Nepal. It is the birth place of Lord Buddha.

Kopia (90km)
On Mahadeval-Bakhira road, it is the site where Lord Buddha is said to have given up his attire and chariot while taking renunciation.

Kushinagar (157km)
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ACCOMMODATION

- The Royal Retreat (Heritage Hotel)
Tel: 261219
- Mohana-Shohratgarh
- Sri Lankan Temple Dharmashala

UP TOURISM

ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow Kapilvastu
Tel: 05544-261489

NEAREST UP TOURISM

ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow Sonouli

Maharajganj
Tel: 05522-238201, 238516

BANK

- State Bank of India, at Berdpur (8.5km)

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- At Berdpur

HOSPITAL

- Primary Health Centre Berdpur

NEAREST TOURIST

INFORMATION OFFICE

- UP Govt. Tourist Office Siddharthnagar - 22km
- UP Govt. Tourist Office Carmel Road

Civil Lines
Gorakhpur - 104km
Tel: 0551-2335450

- UP Govt. Tourist Information Counter Gorakhpur Railway Station
- UP Govt. Tourist Office UPSTDC Tourist
Tel: 05522-238201
- Bungalow Campus Sonouli - 64km
Tel: 238516

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

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KAUSHAMBI

Sixty kilometres from Allahabad, Kaushambi has been an important Buddhist seat. When Lord Buddha traversed widely to convey the message of universal brotherhood and humanity, His sojourn here also glorified Kaushambi. Lord Buddha visited this place in the 6th and 9th year after attaining the Enlightenment.

It is believed that the legendary Hastinapur was destroyed by the flood of the river Ganga. Thereafter the Chandravanshi kings of the Kuru dynasty made Kaushambi their capital. Twenty-two of their descendants are said to have ruled from here. During the time of Lord Buddha, Kaushambi was the capital of the famous Vatsa kingdom, ruled

by King Udayan. It was also known as Kosam, Vatsa Desha etc.

A large number of architectural relics and ruins, sculptures and figurines, coins and other finds highlight the importance of the city during ancient times. The site has also yielded a large number of Punch marked and cast coins and unique terracotta articles which are preserved in the museum of the Ancient History Department of Allahabad University and Allahabad Museum.



Ashokan Pillar

KAUSHAMBI

Kaushambi is also an important place for Jain devotees. The sixth Tirthankar, Lord Padma Prabhu, was born here. Besides, Lord Mahavir Swami sojourned and meditated here for a considerable period. It has also been associated with Khwaja Kark Saha, Saint Maluk Dasji and Navga Saints.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Old Fort

Believed to be built during the 6th century B.C. by King Udayan on the bank of the river Yamuna.

Ghoshitaram Monastery

The ruins of Ghoshitaram Monastery prove that once this place was a renowned religious and commercial centre. It was one of the four famous monasteries of Kaushambi.

Ashokan Pillar

This Ashokan pillar has many rare

edicts. Though its upper part is missing, still it is of great historical value.

Digambar Jain Temple

Kaushambi is the birth place of the 6th Tirthankar, Lord Padma Prabhu. A Digambar Jain temple was built in his memory in 1834 which houses beautiful and rare idols of Lord Padma Prabhu and his footprints. The temple attracts a large number of Jain devotees on the occasion of 'Nirvana' festival (Feb.-March).

Other attractions are: Kaleshwar Mahadev Temple, Kshetrapal Bhairav Temple, Hanuman Temple, Samadhi of Saint Maluk Das, Khwaja Karak Shah's Dargah, Mound of King Jai Chand's Fort, Jama Masjid, Samadhies of Naga saints, Mazar of Jalaluddin Khilji, Shivala, Maharshi Ashram etc.

EXCURSIONS

Alwara Lake (15km)

It is a beautiful natural lake spread in about 40 acre area.

Dara Nagar (23km)

Believed to be established by Prince Dara Shikoh, the eldest son of Emperor Shahjahan, it has been associated with many historical events. Major attractions here are the old Lord Hanuman Temple and Jwala Devi Temple, unfinished mosque of Dara Shikoh and an old Jain temple dedicated to Lord Rishabhdev. The unique 'Ram-Ravan Kuppi Yuddha', during the Dussehra festival (Sept-Oct), is another highlight of the town.

Kara (25km)

Situated on the bank of the Ganga, Kara was once the provincial capital of Mughals. Kara is known for its famous



→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 1903.17 sq. km.

Population 1,596,909 (2011 Census)

Altitude 98 mtrs. above sea level

Season October-April

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, Urdu, English

Local transport Rickshaw/ tempo

STD code 05331

Festival Buddha Purnima (April-May), Jain Festival, Makar Sankranti (Jan), Shraavan Meta (July-Aug)

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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Nearest airports: Bamrauli, Allahabad - 40km, Babatpur, Varanasi - 200km, Amausi, Lucknow - 260km.

Rail Nearest railway station is Bharwari - 15km, but convenient rail connections are available from Allahabad - 50km, which is well connected with all major stations.

Road UPSRTC bus service connects Kaushambi with neighbouring towns. Some important road distances are: Allahabad - 60km, Fatehpur - 75km, Kanpur - 150km, Varanasi - 185km, Sarnath - 190km, Lucknow - 260km.

temple of Kara Devi (Goddess Shitala Devi). An impressive idol of Kara Devi is enshrined here. During the Navratras (March-April & Sept-Oct) and Shitala Ashtami, (April) a large number of devotees assemble here. The donkey fair is a unique feature of Kara as donkey has a special place among the local people being the 'Vahan' (carrier) of Goddess Kara Devi.

Prabhash Giri (30km)

It is a renowned Jain pilgrim centre near the river Yamuna. Lord Padma Prabhu meditated here after renouncing the world and attained eternal knowledge. There are two Jain temples, one at the foot of a hillock and the other one atop it. The first temple was built in 1824 in the premises of an ancient dharmashala. There are several rare Jain idols, unearthed during excavation. A new temple, dedicated to Lord Parshvanathji, also stands nearby. The temple atop the hillock is reached by a flight of 168 steps. It houses several beautiful idols and glass paintings. The glass work of the temple is a major attraction.

Allahabad (55km)

(See Index)

Other attractions are Sandeepan Ghat, Ganga Ghat and Pucca Talab near Shamshabad, which is famous for its brassware - 12km Rangile-Chhabeel Baba-ki-Mazar - 15km, Ram-Janaki Temple, Bajaha - 20km, parental house of Ratnawali, wife of Goswami Tulsidasji, at Mahewa Ghat - 25km, Devi Temple of Ambari - 35km etc. ■

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ACCOMMODATION

P.W.D. Inspection House and Jain Dharmashalas. Accommodation of all categories is available at Allahabad, the nearest town. Nearest Up Tourism Accommodation

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2408374

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

■ UP Govt. Tourist Office
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Allahabad
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The reclining Buddha

KUSHINAGAR

53km from Gorakhpur, Kushinagar, one of the principal centres of the Buddhist pilgrimage, is the place where Lord Buddha left His corporal self and attained Mahaparinirvana.

Kushinagar was previously known as Kushinara, which was the capital of Malla dynasty. It was one of the famous sixteen Mahajanapads of ancient India. The Chinese travellers Fa-Hien and Hieun-Tsang have also mentioned Kushinara in their travelogues.

The credit for bringing this ancient site to light goes to General

A. Cunningham and A.C.L. Carllyle who, after excavating the site in 1861, established its antiquity for the first time. Later, between 1904 and 1912, several excavations conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India at Kushinagar confirmed its identity.

The monuments of Kushinagar are clustered in three distinct groups comprising the main site at the Nirvana Temple, the central Stupa and surrounding monasteries, the Mathakuar Kot to the south-west and the Ramabhar Stupa, a kilometer to the east.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 21.63 sq. km.
Population 22,35,505 (2011 Census)
Altitude 100 mtrs. above sea level
Season October-April
Clothing Summer: Light cottons;
Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi, English
Local transport Rickshaw/Taxi
STD code 05564
Festiva Buddha Purnima (April-May)



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Kasia airstrip - 5km, Gorakhpur airport - 46km, Amausi airport, Lucknow - 252km, L.B. Shastri airport, Babatpur, Varanasi - 288km.
Rail The nearest railway stations are Deoria - 35km and Gorakhpur - 53km, which are linked with important destinations. Kushinagar does not have a railway station; one has to go up to Gorakhpur by train and from there reach Kushinagar by road.
Road Situated on National Highway No. 28, with frequent bus services, Kushinagar is well connected with other parts of the state. Some major road distances are: Gorakhpur - 53km, Kapilvastu - 157km, Lumbini (Nepal) - 170km, Sarnath - 253km, Sravasti - 274km.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Nirvana Stupa

This huge brickwork stupa stands on a 2.74 meter high plinth. Its top is 19.81 meter above the ground level. It was exposed by Carlleyle in 1876. A copper vessel covered with a copper plate having an inscription of Nidana Sutra along with silver coins of 5th century A.D. was unearthed at this site.

Mahaparinirvana Temple

This houses a 6.10 meter long statue of the reclining Buddha. The image was unearthed during the excavations of 1876. Carved from Chunar sandstone, this statue represents the dying Buddha reclining on his right side. An inscription below dates the statue to the fifth century.

Mathakuar Shrine

This shrine is about 400 yards from the Nirvana Stupa. A stone image of Lord Buddha in the 'Bhumi Sparsha Mudra' (earth touching posture) under the 'Bodhi tree' was excavated here. The inscription at the base of this statue dates it to 10th-11th century. Adjacent to this shrine, ruins of a monastery have also been discovered.

Ramabhar Stupa

About 1.5km away from Mahaparinirvana Temple, this large Stupa rises to a height of 15 metre. It marks the site where Lord Buddha was cremated. In ancient Buddhist texts, this Stupa has been referred to as the 'Mukut-Bandhan Chaitya'.

Watt Thai Temple

This is a huge temple complex built in the typical Thai Buddhist architectural style.



Ramabhar Stupa

Chinese Temple

Here, the special attraction is a beautiful statue of Lord Buddha.

Japanese Temple

A beautiful Ashta Dhatu (eight-metal) statue of Lord Buddha, which was brought from Japan, can be seen here.

Govt. Buddha museum

The Buddha Museum contains finds from the site excavations at Kushinagar

Timings 10.00am-5.00pm Closed Monday

Other places of interest include Indo-Japanese-Sri Lankan temples, Burmese Temple, Birla Hindu-Buddha Temple, Korean Temple, Shiva Temple, Ram-Janaki

EXCURSIONS

Sun Temple, Turkpatti (17km)

East of the Kushinagar at Turkpatti, there are two statues of Sun God dating

to 4th & 8th centuries which were recovered alongwith a Sun Temple.

Pawanagar (Fazilnagar) (22km)

It is said that while coming to Kushinagar from Vaishali, Lord Buddha had stopped here. According to the Jain texts, this is the place where Lord Mahavira attained salvation. A big festival is held here on the day following Deepawali.

Gorakhpur (51km)

At Gorakhpur is the Govt. Museum, which has an excellent collection of Thangka paintings and relics of Lord Buddha. Gorakhnath Temple is one of the most prominent and magnificent temples of this area. A month-long "Makar Sankranti Mela" is organised here every year from the 14th of January. Geeta Press, the famous publisher of religious books, is also located here. Lord Vishnu Temple, Kusumi Vinod Van, Geeta Vatika, Ram Garh Tal, Railway museum are some of the other attractions.



Nirvana Stupa

Tarkulha Devi Temple (63km)

This temple is dedicated to a local deity. A fair is held here on Ram Navami (March-April).

Chauri Chaura Shaheed Smarak (65km)

This place is closely associated with the freedom struggle of India. The Shaheed Smarak Park and museum are worth visiting.

Magahar (78km)

The great poet-saint Kabirdasji breathed his last here. His Mazar and Samadhi stand side by side. A festival is held here on Makar Sankranti.

Kapilvastu (Piprahwa) (157km)

(See Index)

Lumbini (178km)

Lumbini (in Nepal) is the birthplace of Lord Buddha. ■

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- International Guest House
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- Linhson Chinese Rest House
Cell: 9936837270
- Burmese Dharmashala
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- Hotel The Imperial
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UP TOURISM

ACCOMMODATION

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ACCOMMODATION

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- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow, Kapilvastu, Siddharthnagar
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RESTAURANTS

- UPSTDC Pathik Niwas Restaurant
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- State Bank of India, Kasia
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HOSPITALS

- Community Health Centre Deoria Road, Kasia
- Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital Buddha Marg, Kushinagar

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Asafi Imambara

LUCKNOW

Situated on the banks of the river Gomti, Lucknow, the capital of UP, is regarded as one of the finest cities of India. Being the principal centre of the erstwhile Awadh province, Lucknow had prospered under the Nawabs. This 'Golden City of East' abounds with majestic monuments and buildings which speak of its glorious past. The city has been the home of a galaxy of luminaries of Hindi-Urdu literature, freedom movement and exponents of dance-music. This includes Begam Hazrat Mahal, Udadevi, Rajendra Nath Lahiri, Ram

Krishna Khatri, Shachindranath Sanyal, Manmathnath Gupta, Mishra Bandhu, Roop Narayan Pandey, Dularey Lal Bhargawa,

B.B. Sahani, Pt. Shreenarayan Chaturvedi, Yashpal, Amritlal Nagar, Bhagwati Charan Verma, Meer, Meer Anees, Hasrat Mohani, Mazaz, Chakbast, A.N. Mulls, Dil Lakhnvi, Raja Tikaitrai, Munshi Naval Kishore, Babu Ganga Prasad Verma, V.N. Bhatkhandey, Begam Akhtar, Bindadeen Maharaj, Shambhu-Lachhu Maharaj etc. While keeping pace with modern developments, Lucknow has preserved its golden

past and its sublime culture - the Lakhnawi Tehzib.

Besides the old Lucknow the modern Lucknow is adorned by beautiful new monuments in sandstone, granite and marble like the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Samajik Parivartan Sthal, Manyawar Kanshiram Memorial, Samajik Parivartan Prateek Sthal, Samta Mulak Chowk, Bauddha Vihar Shanti Upvan & the latest Manyawar Shri Kanshiramji Green (Eco) Garden. Their beauty is to be seen not only during the day but also at night when these monuments are lighted up. A large number of visitors can be seen around these monuments on the pathways.

Apart from this, the Lakhnawi cuisine and fascinating 'Chikankari' or exquisite shadow work embroidery on fine muslin cloth, are renowned worldwide.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 2528 sq. km.

Population 45.8 Lakh (2011 Census)

Altitude 123 mtrs. above sea level

Season October-March

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, Urdu, English

Local transport Bus/tempo/auto rickshaw/taxi/tonga/cycle rickshaw

STD code 0522

Festival Holi, Dussehra-Ramlila, Diwali, Jamghat, Bada Mangal Mela, Id-ul-Zuha, Id-ul-Fitr, Shab-e-Barat, Lucknow Mahotsav (Nov 25-Dec 5)

PLACES OF INTEREST

Rumi Darwaza

This colossal, ornate gateway is said to be a facsimile of one of the gates of Constantinople. It was built by Nawab Asaf-ud-Daula to generate employment during the famine of 1784.

Asafi Imambara (Bara Imambara)

Also known as the Bara Imambara, it was built by Nawab Asaf-ud-Daula in 1784 and is one of the architectural wonders of that era. Its central hall is said to be the largest vaulted chamber in the world. Except for the galleries in the interior, there is no woodwork in the entire structure. It has large underground passages which have been blocked up. A staircase from outside leads to a series of labyrinths known as Bhool-Bhulaiyan which is a complicated entanglement of zig-zag pass. Visitors are advised to visit only with authorised guides. Within the compound of the Imambara is the grand Asafi Mosque. Shahi Baoli is another attraction here.

◆ **Entry** Indians ₹50; Foreigners ₹500 (inclusive of Bara Imambara, Chhota Imambara, Picture Gallery, Shahi Hamam) **Timings** Sunrise to Sunset

Hussainabad Imambara (Chhota Imambara)

The Hussainabad or Chhota Imambara houses the tombs of Muhammad Ali Shah, its builder and his mother. Built between 1837 and 1842, it is approached through a fine garden. The Imambara has a white dome and numerous turrets and minarets. Chandeliers, gilded mirrors, colourful stucco, Shahi Hamam, the King's throne



Hussainabad Imambara

and ornate tazias or replicas of the tombs at Karbala adorn the interior.

Clock Tower & Picture Gallery

Near Rumi Darwaza, this 221 ft. high Clock Tower was built in 1887 to mark the arrival of Sir George Couper, the first Lieutenant Governor of the United Province of Awadh. Near the Clock Tower, housed in an imposing building, is a picture gallery which has a fine collection of portraits of the rulers of Awadh.

Shahnajaf Imambara

This white domed mausoleum owes its existence to Ghazi-ud-din Haider, who on the bank of the Gomti near Sikanderbagh reproduced a copy of Hazrat Ali's burial at Najaf in Iraq. Ghazi-ud-din Haider, and later his three wives, were buried here. The silver tomb of Ghazi-ud-din Haider lies in the centre of this building and

is flanked by the more imposing silver and gold tomb of Mubarak Mahal on one side.

Residency

Built for the British Resident during 1780-1800, it was originally a large complex of many buildings. It was the scene of dramatic events during the first war of independence in 1857. The main building overlooks the river Gomti and is surrounded by terraced lawns and gardens. Today, only the scarred ruins bear witness to the turmoil of 1857. Check ahead of visit for the **Sound & Light Show**.

◆ **Entry** Indians ₹5; Foreigners ₹100
Tel 2328220

Kaiserbagh Palace Complex

The construction of the Kaiserbagh palace complex was started in 1848 by Nawab Wajid Ali Shah and was completed in 1850. The buildings on

three sides of the Kaiserbagh quadrangle, now under possession of erstwhile Taluqdars, once provided quarters for the ladies of Wajid Ali Shah's harem. In the centre stands the white Baradari, a grand white stone edifice which was earlier paved with silver.

Dilkusha



Tombs Of Saadat Ali Khan & Khurshid Zadi

The imposing twin tombs of Nawab Saadat Ali Khan and his wife Khurshid Zadi, stand near the historical Begum Hazrat Mahal Park.

Shaheed Smarak (Martyrs' Memorial)

On the bank of the river Gomti, stands in a beautiful park. This white marble memorial, dedicated to the martyrs who laid down their lives during the Freedom Movement of India.

Dilkusha

Dilkusha Kothi set amidst lush green lawns, was built in the Gothic style. The Kothi and its adjoining magnificent garden were created by Nawab Saadat Ali Khan. It is almost an exact replica of an English country house called Seaton Delavel, built in 1721.

La Martiniere

Built at the end of the 18th century by Major General Claude Martin, this fort-like building is a fine example of fusion of European and Mughal architectural styles. Today the building houses a leading educational institution which was started in it in 1840.

Charbagh Railway Station

Overpowering in dimensions yet aesthetically designed, Charbagh railway station built in 1914 incorporates the best of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. It gives an ideal traditional warm welcome to every visitor.

Vidhan Sabha Bhawan (The Council House)

Its foundation was laid in 1922 by Sir Harcourt Butler and the construction



Charbagh Railway Station

was completed in six years. Its octagonal shaped chamber has a domed roof decorated with peacocks in fully plumed splendor.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Samajik Parivartan Sthal

This major attraction to modern Lucknow, spread over 107 acres of land in Gomti Nagar, is dedicated to the memory of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. As one passes through the gateway erected on the Gomti river, this architectural splendor unfolds itself. In the heart of this sprawling complex, stands a 112 ft. high memorial resembling a Stupa with a 18 ft. high bronze statue of Dr. Ambedkar. The various buildings within this grand monument, its lush gardens and lanes with a 20 ft. wide canal surrounding the memorial and the serene atmosphere leave the visitors spell bound. This memorial also comes alive at night when the lighting of the monument and its surroundings is done, is a must see for every visitor to Lucknow.

Parking facility, cafeteria and public toilets are available. One can also enjoy delicious snacks at the UPSTDC Restaurant situated in front of the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Samajik Parivartan Sthal.

Samajik Parivartan Prateek Sthal

Nearby is Samajik Parivartan Prateek Sthal. It is an excellent example of beautification of a river front. The monument is an imposing sight and acts as a gateway to the Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Samajik Parivartan Sthal.

Samta Mulakchowk

The Samta Mulak Chowk (crossing), not far away from Samajik Parivartan Prateek Sthal, is built in a modern attractive style. The magnificent black stone statues of Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj, Sant Narayan Guru and Mahatma Jyotiba Rao Phule and greenery with specially created landscaping are the attractions here. Two km from here is Bahujan Samaj Prerna Kendra near the Lal Bahadur Shastri Annexe Bhawan.



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ACCESSIBILITY

Air Amausi airport, Lucknow - 15km is directly connected with Delhi, Patna, Kolkata, Mumbai, Varanasi, Hyderabad and Sharjah, Muscat, Jeddah, Dubai with regular flights.

Rail A major railway junction, Lucknow is conveniently linked with prominent cities.

Road Lucknow is well connected by roads with all major cities of the country. Some of the major road distances are: Kanpur - 79km, Ayodhya - 135km, Allahabad - 210km, Dudhwa National Park - 238km, Varanasi - 305km, Khajuraho - 320km, Agra - 363 km, Delhi - 497km, Kolkata - 985km.

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Bauddhavihar Shanti Upvan

5km away from Charbagh Railway Station on the V.I.P. Road, the Bauddha Vihar Shanti Upvan is another new attraction of the city. The site, spread over an area of about 27 acres, presents a rare picture of architecture and symmetry. Its magnificent buildings are built in sand-stone with tall pillars. The Meditation Hall, Library, International Bauddha Shodh Sansthan, Bhikshu Niwas, Restaurant, Parking and the lush green gardens are some of the major attractions here.

Manyawar Kanshiram Memorial

Manyawar Kanshiram Memorial, another grand memorial which has beautiful & imposing murals depicting various important events in the life of Manyawar Shri Kanshiramji.

Bauddha Vihar Shanti Upvan



The huge 34m diameter dome which extends upto 52m, from a distance is an imposing sight which gives Lucknow a unique place in modern architectural history.

Manyawar Shri Kanshiram Ji Green (Eco) Garden

Adjacent to the Manyawar Kanshiram Memorial is the new MSKJGEG, has also been inaugurated and has a beautiful layout. It has an area of 190 acres and has beautiful gardens, water bodies & other botanical attractions.

Smriti Upvan

Near Bauddha Vihar Shanti Upvan is the Smriti Upvan, situated at Bijnore road opposite the historical Bijli Pasi Quila. Spread over 11 acres of area, the structure within the Upvan is built with granite & sand-stone. The pathway, greenery and watch towers give the site a different look.

Adjacent to the Upvan is a big park, spread over 70 acres, where the annual Lucknow Festival and other events are held.

National Botanical Research Institute

Located at Sikanderbagh, where a pitched battle was fought during the first war of independence in 1857.

◆ **Timings** 9.30am–6.00pm **Closed** Saturday and Sunday **Tel** 2205831

Lord Hanuman Temples Of Aliganj

There are two highly revered Lord Hanuman temples in Aliganj locality, one built in 1783 and the other built in 1798 by Chhatar Kunwar, the queen mother of Nawab Saadat Ali Khan. 'Bara Mangal' fair (May-June) is held here on a grand scale.



Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Samajik Parivartan Sthal

Gurudwara At Yahiyaganj

Associated with the memories of Guru Teg Bahadurji and Guru Govind Singhji who had stayed here in 1671 and 1672, respectively. An art gallery depicting various events of Sikh Panth has been established here.

Churches

Christ Church, All Saints Church, St. Joseph's Cathedral Church, Assembly of God's Church, Lalbagh Church, Isabella Thoburn Church, St. Agnes' Church.

Jain & Buddha Temples

There are several Jain temples in the city. Prominent among them are the Lord Shantinath and Lord Padma Prabhu temples in Churivali Gali locality, the Lord Parshwanath Temple in Sondhitola, Lord Sambhawnath Temple in Phulwali Gali (Chowk), five temples in Dadabari premises at Thakurganj

and the Jain temple in Daliganj. Besides Jain temples, Buddha temples on Gautam Buddha Road and at Risaldar Park are also worth visiting.

Indira Gandhi Planetarium

Situated at Suraj Kund Park, it is a novel attraction of the city. The Saturn shaped building of the planetarium is unique of its kind. This completely air-conditioned planetarium has a state of art projection system, which gives special effects while projecting. Art projecting system, digital sound and lift-ramp for handicapped persons are the other worth mentioning facilities available here.

◆ **Entry** ₹25; ₹15 (for students if they come through the schools in a group of 100 or more); Free for handicapped **Show timings** (40 minute duration-based on title "Our world & beyond") Reserved for school bookings: 1.00–1.40pm; English: 2.00pm; Hindi: 3.00pm,

4.00pm, 5.00pm, 6.00pm Closed Mondays Tel 2629176, 2627416

Other places of interest include Maharaja Bijli Pasi Quila, Nadan Mahal, Chhatar Manzil, Moti Mahal, Alambagh Palace, Bari Kali Temple, Kalibari, Koneshwar Temple, Siddhanath Temple, Chhachhi Kuan Temple, Tikait Rai Talab, Buddha Park, Neebu Park, Hathi Park, Globe Park, Begum Hazrat Mahal Park, Surya Kund, Buddheshwar Temple, Mankameshwar Temple, Baba Bhutnath Temple, Ram Krishna Math, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Smritika, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Park, Chandrika Devi Temple, etc.

Museum And Galleries State Museum / Zoo

The Zoological garden at Banarsi Bagh and the Lucknow Museum within it are favourite spots. The Museum has a fascinating

Museum



collection of artefacts, including an Egyptian mummy.

The Zoo houses a large number of animals and birds of different species. ♦ **Museum Entry** Adults ₹5; Children (under 12 years) ₹2 ♦ **Museum Timings** 10.00am–5.00pm Closed Mondays Tel 2206157-58 ♦ **Zoo Entry** Adults ₹20; Children (5–12 years) ₹10; Holidays ₹25; Foreigners ₹100 ♦ **Zoo Timings** February to April: 8.30am–5.30pm; May to July: 8.00am–6.00pm; August to October: 8.30am–5.30pm; November to January: 8.30am–5.00pm Closed Monday Tel 2239588

Motilal Nehru Children Museum, Charbagh

A multipurpose museum for children between the age group of four to fourteen years.

♦ **Timings** 10.30am–5.00pm Closed Monday Tel 2636133



Indira Gandhi Planetarium

Lokkala Sangrahalaya

Established by the Department of Culture, U.P. Govt., it preserves a rare collection of 1600 artefacts which includes numerous photographs. It also houses a rich library. It is now situated in its new building next to the State Museum.

♦ **Timings** 10.00am–5.00pm Closed Monday Tel 2274638

Gandhi Museum

Situated near Residency, the Gandhi Museum gives an insight into the different aspects of Mahatma Gandhi's life. There is a rich library in the same premises having a collection of some 18,000 books.

♦ **Timings** 10.00am–5.30pm Closed Sunday Tel 2625396

Regional Science City

Regional science centre, set up in 1989, by The National Council of Science Museum on a sprawling 10 acre land at sector 'E' (Ekta Vihar, Aliganj Ext.), has now been upgraded

to a Regional Science City. An aesthetically designed new wing has been built in the midst of the lush green surroundings of the science park. Three large exciting galleries on the themes 'Underwater Exploration', 'Biotechnological Revolution' and 'Being Human' have been set up in the new wing along with the state of art facilities like a large format Scimax Theatre and a 3-D Science Show.

♦ Tel 2321804

Kalagaon (Arts Village), Anora

Kalagaon's goal is to gift awareness to the people for village tourism, country life, folk tradition, folk art, craft, culture, music, and the festivals of the country life. The guests are also served with traditional meals (Jeyee-Leyee), sitting on wooden planks on the ground, so that they enjoy the traditional Indian village life. It is situated at Anora, Faizabad Road, Lucknow.

♦ Cell 9305672691, 9336450334.

EXCURSIONS

Kukrail Reserve Forest (8km)

A picnic spot towards Khurram Nagar Ring Road developed by the Forest Department, it has a deer park and a crocodile nursery. A variety of birds and deer can be seen in their natural habitat.

Kashishwar Mahadev Temple (15km)

It is situated on Lucknow-Allahabad road at Mohanlalganj. Established in 1860 by Raja Kashi Prasad, the temple looks very beautiful due to its high structure.

Shaheed Smarak (Kakori) (22km)

Situated on Lucknow-Hardoi Road in Kakori (Malihabad), it is dedicated to the martyrs of freedom struggle in India.

Hulas Khera (25km)

It is situated on Lucknow-Rae Bareli road in Mohanlalganj. After recent excavations, this place proves its antiquity. Here the remains of 7th century BC have been unearthed. The findings testify its importance during the Shung, Kushan and Gupta periods.

Dewa Sharif (25km)

(See Index)

Malihabad (30km)

On Lucknow-Hardoi Road, is famous for its variety of delicious mangoes, known as Dashahari.

Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary (43km)

Situated on the Lucknow-Kanpur highway, this sanctuary attracts several migratory birds during winter.

The best season to visit the sanctuary is between October and March. Accommodation is available at UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow Priyadarshini Motel (Tel. : 05143-277050, 277360).

Mahadeva (62km)

This religious place is famous for its ancient Lodheshwar Mahadev Temple. On Maha Shivratri devotees come here in a large number from far off.

Kanpur (87km)

(See Index)

Naimisharanya (95km)

(See Index)

Bithoor (109km)

(See Index)

Samaspur Bird Sanctuary (122km)

from Lucknow and 30km from Rae Bareli on Lucknow - Unchahar Road. About 250 varieties of migratory birds can be seen here.

Sandi (130km)

To the north of Sandi, Distt. Hardoi, is the large Dahar Lake. It is about 5km. in length and 3km in breadth. It abounds in fish.

Ayodhya-Faizabad (134km)

(See Index)

Gola Gokaran Nath (167km)

from Lucknow and 35km from Lakhimpur, on Lakhimpur-Gola road, it is a famous religious place especially known for its ancient Lord Shiva Temple. There are many other temples and a large sacred pond.

Dudhwa National Park (238km)

(See Index) ■

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ACCOMMODATION

■ Taj Vivanta, Vipin Khand

Gomti Nagar

Tel: 6711664

■ Hotel Clarks Avadh

8, M.G. Marg

Tel: 2620131-33,

2616500-09

■ Sarover Portico (Park inn)

6, Shahnajaf Road

Tel: 4004040

■ Gemini Continental

10, Rani Laxmi Bai Marg

Tel: 4011111

■ Sagar international

Jopling Road

Tel: 2206601-05

■ Hotel SJR, Viraj Khand

Gomti Nagar

Tel: 2727777

■ Piccadilly Hotel

Kanpur Road

Tel: 4096000, 4036000

■ Meadows Inn

Gomti Nagar

Tel: 2305237, 2300187

■ Mukund Madhav

Cell: 8176009005,

9319407111

■ Hotel Life Style, Kanpur Rd.

Tel: 3297768

■ Comfort Inn, Gomti Nagar

Tel: 2720987-88

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16, Vidhan Sabha Marg

Tel: 2627221

■ Hotel Deep Palace

Cantt. Road

Tel: 2237248

■ Hotel Mera Mann

1, Station Rd., Hussainganj

Tel: 4011995

■ Hotel Deep, Hussainganj

Tel: 2636441

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Charbagh

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■ Hotel Deep Awadh

Naka Hindola, Aminabad Rd.

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Charges : Indian: ₹350/- per head,
Foreigner: ₹1000/- per head

Note : Package includes monuments fee, Guide and Transportation charges, starts 9.30am from Charbagh Railway Station. From the Tourism Counter special tours can be arranged for new monuments.

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Historical Places To Visit

Shahnajaf Imambara, Residency, Chhota Imambara, Bara Imambara, Picture Gallery, Clock Tower, Kabab Stop (Optional)

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Cell: 09919801709
- Shanghai Surprise 1-A,
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Cell: 09452064365
- The Treat Restaurant
Gale Market, Mahanagar
Tel: 0522-2337532
- Aahar Restaurant,
Lalbagh
Tel: 0522-2212030
- Cool Break, Ashok Marg
Tel: 0522-2287900
- Royal Cafe, Hazratganj
Tel: 2627070, 4017070
- Moti Mahal, Hazratganj
Tel: 0522-4048101-02-03
- Oudhyana Hotel Taj
Residency, Gomti Nagar
Tel: 2393939, 6711000
- Falaknuma Hotel Clarks
Avadh, 8, M.G. Marg
Tel: 2620131-35
- Mehrab/Dastar Khwan &
Coffee Shop, Hotel Gomti,
6, Sapru Marg
Tel: 2612291, 2614708

Cell: 8948758310,
8948628784

- Nadiya Kinare Restaurant
Near Water Sports Centre
Laxman Mela Ground
Cell: 9452733069,
9415609464
- Barista, Hazratganj
Tel: 2625946, 4004173
- Trinka Restaurant, Gomti
Nagar
Tel: 2397104, 4009677
- Beez, Gomti Nagar
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Faizabad Road, Indira Nagar
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- The Golden Treat, Gomti Ng.
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- Cell: 8052746765,
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- China Town, Gomti Nagar
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Vivek Khand, Gomtinagar
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9648500002

- Tunde Kabab
(i) Chowk. Cell: 9839609543
- (ii) Aminabad (Nazirabad)
Tel: 2622786
- (iii) Hazratganj Saharaganj Mall
Cell: 9839074937
- (iv) Alambagh
(v) Kapoorthala
- Dominos
(i) Faizabad Road.
Tel: 2348714-17
- (ii) Hazratganj
- Hazratganj Cafe Coffee Day
Gomti Nagar
Cell: 9839091735;
Tel: 18001025093
- C2C Restaurant, Gomti Ngr.
Tel: 2305782
- Restaurant Inox, Gomtinagar
- Amar Family Dhaba
Gomtinagar
- UPSTDC Restaurant
Opp. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
Samajik-Parivartan Sthal
Gomti Nagar

SHOPPING / MALLS & MULTIPLEXES

The main shopping areas in the city are:

- Hazratganj closed on (Sunday)
- Aminabad (Thursday)
- Chowk (Thursday)
- Nakkhas (Thursday)
- Sadar (Thursday)
- Narhi (Monday)
- Kaiserbagh (Thursday)
- Alambagh (Thursday)
- Aliganj (Wednesday)
- Indira Nagar (Wednesday)
- Gomti Nagar (Wednesday)

Prominent Shopping Malls are:

- Wave Complex
- Fun Republic

- Inox-Big Bazaar
(Gomti Nagar) Saharaganj
- Vishal Mega Mart
- Phoenix Mall

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- Lucknow Golf Club
Tel: 2620631, 2239275
- Kalidas Marg
Cell: 9415117455
- Raj Bhawan Golf Club
Raj Bhawan Colony
Tel: 05942232024
- Mouribagh Golf Course
Kasturba Gandhi Marg
Cantt.
Tel: 2296098
- Boat Club (Water Sports)
Near Laxman Mela Ground
- Mohammad Bagh Club
(M.B. Club), M.G. Marg
Tel: 2480045, 2480487
- Genesis Club (Disco)
9, Kursi Road
Tel: 2361005
- Anandi Water Park
Faizabad Road
Cell: 07755866860
- Amrapali-Water Fun Park
Shailamau
Malihabad
- Charan Resort, Dewa
Road, Chintahat
Tel: 2815736
Cell: 8564901901
- Green Valley Resort
Sultanpur Road
Arjunanj (22km)
Cell: 9936637659
- Four Season Fun City
Rae Bareli Road (22km)
- Dream World Indoor Water
Park, Near Banthara
Lucknow-Kanpur Road (22km)
Cell: 9919990957

- Shivgarh Resort
Celebrity Country Club
Rae Bareli Road (31km)
Cell: 8564960543
- Chancellor's Club,
Aashiana
Kanpur Road
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- Union Bank of India
Hazratganj
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- Head Post Office, Chowk
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- Sub Post Office
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Tel: 2628476
- Sub Post Office
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Tel: 2385909
- Sub Post Office
Gomti Nagar
Tel: 2727020
- Speed Post G.P.O.
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- Cantonment Hospital
- Fatima Hospital
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- Vivekanand Polyclinic
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- Dufferin Hosp., Golaganj
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- Dr. R.M. Lohia Hospital
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TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

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- Tourist Reception Counter
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- Mayfair Air Travel Services (Pvt.) Ltd.
Hazratganj
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- Hollywood (India) Travels, Hazratganj
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- Sindu Travels and Tours (Pvt.) Ltd.
Shahnajaf Rd.
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Cell: 9839019458
- Ananya Travel and Tours
Naval Kishore Road
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- Aliza Tours (Pvt.) Ltd.
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Tel: 4077705
- Seasons Travel (Pvt.) Ltd.
Vidhan Sabha Marg
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- Anand Shri Enterprises
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- Tomos, Tomos House
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- Nation Wide Travels
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- M.M. Malviya Marg
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- R.J. Trade Wings, Lalbagh
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- Farhan Travels, Aminabad
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- Amausi Airport
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- Oman Airlines
Tel: 2439154, 2439178
- Indigo Airlines
Tel: 2433268
- King Fisher
Tel: 2615261-62

Rail

- Pre-recorded Information
Tel: 1331, 1332
- Arrival-Departure of Trains
Tel: 131 (Manual), 139
- Computerised Reservation
Tel: 2635841, 2636132
- Enquiry Tel: 130, 1335

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- UPSRTC Bus Stand, Charbagh
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- UPSRTC
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MAHOBA

Mahoba, 140km from Jhansi and 63km from Khajuraho (M.P.) has been associated with the Chandela kings who ruled over Bundelkhand between the 9th and 12th centuries. The Chandelas, who are best remembered for the temples they built at Khajuraho (M.P.), were also great warriors. At Mahoba, the impregnable hilltop fort and the lakes they created are considered to be engineering feats. The wonderful water management system of the Chandela period can still be seen here. Mahoba was also a prominent cultural centre. Ballads praise its days of glory and narrate the inspiring saga of Alha and Udal, the two legendary warrior brothers

who sacrificed their lives for the honour of their land.

Today, the town is known for the betel farming and granite rocks. There are many places of historical and archaeological interest, besides the numerous lakes that dot the rocky islets. The temples of Mahoba are built in the same style as the Khajuraho temples. There are also some Jain shrines, built around the 12th century A.D.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Kakramath Temple

This granite temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, is located at the Madan Sagar. Its basic architectural plan is

Sun Temple at Rahila



similar to the temples found in Khajuraho. The Madan Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, stands nearby.

Sun Temple At Rahila

This 9th century granite Sun Temple lies to the west of Rahila Sagar, an artificial lake credited to Chandela ruler Rahila, who ruled between 890 and 910 A.D. Though in a ruined state today, the temple is a fine example of early Pratihara architecture in the area.

Maniya Dev Temple

This is the temple of the tutelary deity of the Chandelas. It stands on the banks of Madan Sagar, near the fort. In front of it is a monolithic granite pillar, 18 ft. high and 1.75 ft. wide at the base. The shrine of Pir Mubarak Shah, a Muslim sufi saint who came from Arabia in 1252 A.D., is nearby.

Vijay Sagar Bird Sanctuary (5km) from town, this picturesque bird sanctuary has been developed near



Betel farmin

Vijay Sagar which was constructed by King Vijay Pal Chandela (1035-1060 A.D.).


Lakes

Kirat Sagar, constructed by Kirtivarman between 1060 A.D. and 1100 A.D., has fine embankments with granite steps. Madan Sagar, constructed by Madan Varman between 1128 A.D. and 1165 A.D., is very picturesque.

Other lakes include Kalyan Sagar, Vijay Sagar and Rahila Sagar.

Gorakhgiri

This is the hill where famous saint Guru Gorakhnathji resided with his disciples. It has peculiar granite rock formations with caves and waterfalls. The spot is ideal for rock-climbing and picnics.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 8.1 sq. km.
Population 78,000 (2001 Census)
Season October-February
Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi, English
Local transport Car/ Jeep/ Auto-rickshaw/ Cycle-rickshaw/ Tonga
STD code 05281
Festival Sawan Kajji Meta (July-Aug)






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Website- www.uptourism.gov.in



→ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air Nearest airport: Khajuraho - 63km.
Rail Mahoba is well connected with rail service.
Road Mahoba is connected by roads with all major cities. State Highway No. 44 passes through Mahoba. Some major road distances are: Banda - 52km, Khajuraho - 65km, Chitrakoot - 125km, Kalinjar - 130km, Kanpur - 155km, Jhansi - 165km, Lucknow - 240km and Allahabad - 245km.

Other places of interest include the Bari Chandrika Devi Temple, Jain and Buddhist shrines, the Alha-Udal Chowk, Ram Kund, Suraj

Kund and Lord Shiva Temple at Katheswar. At the Betel Research Centre on Chhatarpur Road, a branch of NBRI-Lucknow, one can see Betel farming in its various stages.

EXCURSIONS

Khajuraho (65km) (M.P.)
 Famous for its temples depicting the blending of life, love and joy in a rare style.

Chitrakoot (125km)
(See Index)

Kalinjar (130km)
(See Index)

Jhansi (165km)
(See Index)

Allahabad (245km)
(See Index) ■

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ACCOMMODATION

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- Shivam Hotel, near UPSRTC Bus Stand
- Paras Hotel
Near Udal Chowk
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UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow, Bajrang Chowk
Gandhi Nagar, Mahoba
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BANKS

- State Bank of India
Gandhi Nagar
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- Bank of Baroda
Gandhi Nagar
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- Allahabad Bank
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POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Sub Post Office, Main Bazar
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Hospitals

- Distt. Hospital
- Distt. Women Hospital

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Radha Krishna, ISKCON Temple

MATHURA-VRINDAVAN

Mathura, traditionally recognised as the capital of Braj Bhoomi, is the land where Lord Krishna was born and spent his youth. The region is richly interwoven with the legend of Lord Krishna, kept alive today by millions of devotees who look upon him as the most endearing incarnation of Lord Vishnu.

Situated on the bank of the river Yamuna, Mathura had assumed great significance during the Mauryan era. It also received great stimulus under Emperor Ashoka. Later, under the Kushans, it became a centre of trade and learning and was practically

their southern capital for two centuries. The city's strategic location at the cross roads of various trade routes made it the meeting point of varied cultures. It was here that the Buddhist Sculptural art took birth and developed to its zenith. The twin city of Vrindavan, 15 km away, is integral to the legend of Lord Krishna. This is the place where Lord Krishna played his flute and performed his leelas.

The town was later immortalised in the poems of Surdas, Raskhan, Meerabai and other great poets. Vrindavan is one of the most important religious centres of Braj

Bhoomi, where famous saint Vallabhacharya, master of Indian classical music, Swami Haridas lived. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu too visited Braj. Braj Bhoomi includes, apart from Mathura and Vrindavan, places like Gokul, Barsana, Govardhan, Nandgaon, Radhakund, Baldeo, Mahavan etc. Braj Bhoomi is not only famous for its temples, Ghats and Ashrams, but also for its traditional Charkula dance and the Rasleela.

PLACES OF INTEREST

MATHURA

Shri Krishna Janma Bhoomi

Located at Katra Keshav Dev, it is a highly revered place of worship, believed to be the birth place of Lord Krishna by his devotees.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 37.80 sq. km.

Population 25,47,184 (2011 Census)

Altitude 187 mtrs. above sea level

Season August-March

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, English

Local transport Rickshaw/ tonga/auto rickshaw/ tempo/ taxi/ bus

STD code 0565

Festival Rath-ka-Mela, Dauji-ka-Huranga, Lathmaar and Rangili Holi, Guru Poornima, Radha Ashtami, Krishna Janmashtami, Yamdvitiya, Annakoot.

♦ **Timings** Summer: 5.30am-12.00pm, 4.00pm-9.00pm; Winter: 6.00am-12.00pm, 3.00pm-8.00pm

Lord Dwarikadheesh Temple

Situated in the heart of the city, this temple was built by Seth Gokul Das of Gwalior in 1814.

♦ **Timings** Summer: 6.30am-11.00am, 3.30pm-7.00pm; Winter: 6.30am-11.00am, 4.00pm-7.30pm

Ghats

There are about 25 ghats, which are of great architectural, cultural and aesthetic interest for devotees. Vishram Ghat is the most prominent one where, according to legends, Lord Krishna took rest after killing King Kansa. The Mukut Temple, Radha-Damodar Temple, Murli Manohar Temple, Neelkantheshwar Temple, Yamuna-Krishna Temple, Langali Hanuman Temple, Narsingha Temple, the Baithak of Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu are around this Ghat. The evening Arati held here is spectacular. Swamy Ghat, Asikunda Ghat, Ganesh Ghat are some of the other Ghats.

Kunds

Once there were many kunds but now only Potra Kund, Shiva Tal, Balbhadra Kund and Saraswati Kund exist.

Jama Masjid

This mosque was built in 1661 A.D. by Abd-un-Nabi Khan.

Kans Qila (Fort)

On the bank of the river Yamuna, are the ruins of a fort, known as Kans Quila, built by King Man Singh of Amer. Later, Sawai Jai Singh, the



Gita Temple

founder of Jaipur, built an observatory on the parapet of this fort.

Government Museum

This museum has a fine collection of sculptures belonging to the Maurya, Sunga, Kushana and the Gupta periods. Its collection of Kushana art is considered to be the finest in the world.

♦ **Entry Fee** ₹25/- for Foreigner, ₹5/- for Indian **Timing** 10.30am-4.30pm **Closed** on Monday

Gita Temple

On the outskirts of Mathura enroute to Vrindavan, this modern temple is embellished with fine paintings and carvings. The entire Bhagwad Gita is inscribed on a pillar called the Bhagwat Stambh.

Jain Siddha Kshetra 'Chaurasi'

Three kilometres north of Mathura city on the Delhi-Mathura bypass

road, Chaurasi is the place where Shri Jambu Swami attained enlightenment. He was the last Jain 'Kewal Gyani'.

Gurudwara Holigate

This gurudwara holds a special importance among Sikh devotees as it was visited by Guru Govind Singhji.

Other attractions are Bhuteshwar Temple, Gokarneshwar Temple, Rangeshwar Temple, Pipleshwar Temple and Yamuna Bagh.

VRINDAVAN

Prem Mandir

It is one of the most modern temple, built recently in Vrindavan, Southern and Vrindavan, Prem Mandir is made in Italian white marble. Its interior show the favourite pastimes of Lord Krishna. The pathways through a garden, a

restaurant, shops and fountains are part of the temple facility. The light and sound show in the evening makes this temple unique.

♦ **Temple Timings** 5:30am–6:30am, 8:30am–12:00am, 4:30pm– 8:30pm
Fountain Timings Summer: 7:30pm–8:00pm, 7:00pm–7:30pm
Temple website [w lko.org](http://w.lko.org)

Vaishnodevi Temple

Maa Vaishnodevi dham temple is located on Chhatikara road in Vrindavan. it is one of the most visiting new temple in present day. The statue is an elegant rendition of goddess Vaishno Maa in a vibrant red colour Indian saree adorning graceful imitation trinkets and elegant weapons of the goddess, which signify her authority and

protectionsm. The statue of the goddess is 140 feet high.

♦ **Temple Timings** 5:00am–1:00pm, 4:00am–8:30pm **Temple website** [w maavaishno.org](http://w.maavaishno.org)

Shri Shri Katyayani Peeth, Vrindavan

Shri Shri Katyayani Peeth, Vrindavan, Mathura is considered as one of the shaktipeeth in India. It is stated that the hair of goddess Sati fell on the spot, which is known as Katyayani Peeth. The gopis of Vrindavan worshipped the goddess Katyayani on the banks of the Yamuna at the Peeth sthan to get her blessing for having Lord Krishna as their consort. Goddess Katyayani blessed them and they attained the supreme state of devotion and performed "Maharaas" (Krishna consciousness). It is considered that famous saint Swami Keshwanand Ji revived this place.

♦ **Temple Timings** Summer: 6:00am–11:30am, 5:00pm–8:00pm; Winter: 6:30am–12:00pm **Temple website** [w katyayanipeeth.org.in](http://w.katyayanipeeth.org.in)

Madan Mohan Temple

This is the oldest existing temple closely associated with Chaitanya Maha Prabhu.

Govind Dev Temple

Built in 1590 A.D. by King Man Singh of Amer, this temple is an example of architectural excellence of medieval India. It has been planned in the form of a Greek cross and is considered to be among the most impressive temples of North India.

Rangaji Temple

This is the largest temple in Vrindavan dedicated to Lord Vishnu.



Govardhan Chhatra

It was built in 1851. An amalgam of Rajput and South Indian temple architecture, it has a tall Gopuram, a garden, a water tank and a gold-plated 50 ft- high flag mast. The annual Jal Vihar ceremony and the Rath-ka-Mela are the major festivals celebrated here.

♦ **Timings** Summer: 8.00am–12.45pm, 4.00pm–8.00pm; Winter: 5.30am to 11.00am, 4.00pm–7.30pm

Radha Vallabh Temple

Built in 1626 A.D., this temple is of great architectural interest.

Shahji Temple

This old temple was built in 1660. The deity of this temple is popularly known as Chhote Radha Raman. It is known for its architecture, sculpture and marble spiral columns. The Basanti Kamra, decorated with paintings and chandeliers, is in the eastern wing of the temple.

♦ **Timings** Summer: 7.00am to 12.00pm, 04.30pm to 8.00pm; Winter: 7.00am to 12.00pm, 4.00pm–8.00pm

Bankey Bihari Temple

One of the most popular temples of Vrindavan, it was rebuilt in 1921 by the disciples of Swami Haridasji.

♦ **Timings** Summer: 7.45am to 12.00pm, 5.30pm–9.30pm; Winter: 8.45am–1.00pm, 4.30pm–8.30pm

Jaipur Temple

Richly embellished and opulent, this temple was built in 1917 by Sawai Madhav Singh and is dedicated to Radha- Madhav.

Krishna-Balram Temple (Iskcon Temple)

This temple has been built by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness and attracts devotees from all over the world. Lord



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➔ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air Nearest airport is Kheria, Agra - 62km.

Rail Mathura is on the Delhi-Mumbai main line of North Central Railway. It is well connected by rail service with all major cities.

Road On National Highway No. 2, Mathura is linked by road to Delhi and other major cities of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana. Some of the major road distances are: Gokul - 10km, Mahavan - 14km, Vrindavan - 15km, Baldeo - 20km, Govardhan - 26km, Bharatpur - 39km, Deeg - 40km, Barsana - 47km, Nandgaon - 53km, Agra - 56km, Delhi - 145km.

Ghats

- Kali Dah Ghat
- Govind Ghat
- Keshi Ghat
- Koriya Ghat
- Naya Ghat
- Raj Ghat
- Kaliya Ghat
- Varah Ghat
- Chira Ghat etc

Other places of interest are:

- Shri Temple
- Lal Babu Temple
- Meera Bai Temple
- Imali Tal
- the Glass Temple
- Goda Vihar Dham

Krishna-Balram, Radha-Shyam Sunder are the principal deities of this temple. Adjoining the temple is the Samadhi of Shri Prabhupadji, the founder of ISKCON. A Gurukul and a school of yoga are parts of this temple complex.

◆ **Timings** Summer: 4.30am–12.45pm, 4.30pm–8.00pm; Winter: 4.30am–1.00pm, 4.00pm–8.15pm

Seva Kunj

As per belief this is the place where Lord Krishna performed Rasleela with Radha Rani and other gopis.

Nidhi Van

The Samadhi of Swami Haridasji is situated here. Other important temples are Sri Madan Mohan Temple, Sri Govind Dev Temple, Sri Gopinath Temple, Sri Radha Damodar Temple, Sri Radha Raman Temple, Sri Radha Shyamsundar Temple, Sri Radha Gokulananda Temple, Sapta Devalaya, etc.

EXCURSIONS

Gokul (10km)

This is the town where infant Lord Krishna was brought up in secrecy by his foster mother Yashoda. Situated on the banks of the Yamuna, Gokul is frequented by pilgrims, especially during Janmashtami. The place is also associated with Saint Vallabhacharyaji who lived here for many years. Attractions: Gokulnath Temple, Madan Mohan Temple, Vitthalnath Temple, Dwarikanath Temple, Balkrishna Temple, Gopal Lalji Temple, Raja Thakur Temple, Morwala Temple.

Mahavan (14km)

situated on the banks of the river Yamuna, it is associated with Lord Krishna's childhood. The most sacred temples here are the impressive Mathura Nathji Temple and the Chaurasi Khambha (84-pillar) Temple built in Buddhist architectural style. Chhathi Patna Temple, Shyam Lalji Temple, Yogmaya Temple, Mahamall Rai Palace are some of the other attractions.

Baldev (20km)

Named after Baldev, the elder brother of Lord Krishna, it is famous for its Dauji Temple and Holi-Ka-Hurranga celebration. Nearby is Kshirsagar or Balbhadra Kund.

Govardhan (25km)

According to mythology, this is the place where Lord Krishna held aloft a hill to shield the people of Braj from the wrath of Lord Indra. On the summit of Govardhan Hill is a temple built in 1520 by Saint Vallabhacharya. Apart from other temples, there is also the Manasi Ganga, a large water

tank. Nearby is the Kusum Sarovar with exquisitely carved chhatris – the cenotaphs of the members of the royal family of Bharatpur. The chhatri of Raja Surajmal has beautiful frescos, depicting darbar, hunting scenes, royal processions and wars.

Radha Kund (28km)

There is a large lake where Lord Krishna is believed to have killed Arishta, the bull demon.

Barsana (47km)

It is the birth place of Sri Radha Rani or Ladliji, consort of Lord Krishna. The most beautiful temple here is the Ladliji Temple, built in 1675. Prem Sarovar, a small lake, is believed to be the place where Lord Krishna and Radha met for the first time.

Barsana is also famous for its 'Lathmaar Hall' celebrated by residents of Barsana and Nandgaon in a typical style. Other attractions are: Man Mandir, Mor Kutir Temple, Roop Sagar, Jal Mahal, Bhanokhar Tank etc.

Nandgaon (53km)

Nandgaon was the home of Shri Nandji, Lord Krishna's foster father. The spacious Nandrai Temple stands atop a hillock. Narsingha Temple, Gopinath Temple, Nriyaya Copal Temple, Girdhari Temple, Nand Nandan Temple, Yashoda Nandan Temple, Pan Sarover, Kadamb Kunj are some of the other attractions.

Agra (56km)

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- Balaji Ashram, Ramanreti Vrindavan Cell: 96897980465
- Bhaktidham Residency Behind ISKON Temple Vrindavan Cell: 9557988777
- Clark Inn, Near Birla Mandir, Mathura Cell: 7895999195

- Country Inn, (Brentwood International), NH-2, Kosi Cell: 8272000367
- Divinity, Govind Nagar Mathura Cell: 8006955955
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- Hotel Abhinandan Near Goverdhan Chauraha Mathura Cell: 8057843707
- Hotel Madhuvan Krishna Nagar, Mathura Cell: 9045100911
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■ Hotel Duke Palace
Masani By Pass, Mathura
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■ Hotel Heerakunj
Residency, Dampier Nagar
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■ Hotel Amar Palace
Dampier Nagar, Mathura
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■ Hotel Kanchan Residency
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■ Hotel Galaxy (J. V. resort)
Birla Mandir, Mathura
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■ Hotel Shubham Majesty
Vidyapeed Crossing
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■ Hotel Shubham Holiday,
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■ Hotel Basera, Ramanreti
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■ Hotel The Royal Bharti
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■ Hotel Nidhivan
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■ Gopal Garh, Vrindavan
Cell: 8958637000

■ Hotel Krishnam
Ramanreti, Vrindavan
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■ Hotel Basera Brijbhoomi
Near Attalla Chungi
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■ Regal Hotel & Restaurant
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■ Radhika Guest House
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■ Smt. Bhagwani Devi
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Cell: 9997000603

■ Sri Radha Braj
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Hospitality), Aanyaur
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■ Vrindavan Garden
Mathura Road, Vrindavan
Cell: 9756709122

■ Vrindavan Country Club
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2471822

RESTAURANTS

■ Country Inn,
Agra-Delhi Bypass, Kosi
Tel: 8272000367

■ Dwaper Resorts
Cell: 9456099999

Agra-Delhi Bypass
Mathura

Tel: 0565-2480800

■ Basera Restaurant
Govdhan Crossing
highway

Cell: 9412278120

■ Pizza Hut, Mathura
Highway Plaza,
Bypass

Tel: 0565-2425424

■ Radha-Ashok
Highway Plaza, Bypass
Mathura

Cell: 8191800395

■ Sagar Ratna, Agra-Delhi
Bypass, Kosi
Cell: 9756208505

SHOPPING

■ These pilgrim centres
have shops with a variety
of trinkets and ritual
items for sale.

Mathura is famous for its
Pera and other delicious
sweets.

BANKS

■ State Bank of India
Station Road

Tel: 0565-2411651,
2411652

■ Punjab National Bank
Station Road

Tel: 0565-2505935; Cell:
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■ Union Bank of India,
Holi Gate

Tel: 2501621, 2502626

■ Canara Bank, Shanti
Market, Tilakdwar

Tel: 2502754

■ Central Bank
Chatta Bazar

Tel: 2405824, 2403726

■ Indian Overseas Bank
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POST AND TELEGRAPH

■ Krishna Nagar Post Office

Tel: 0565-2420146

■ Krishna Janmabhoomi
Post

Tel: 2423848

OFFICE, KATRA KESHAV DEV

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Tel: 0565-2470981

■ City Post Office,
Vikas Bazar,
near Old Bus Station
Tel: 2501602

HOSPITALS

■ District Hospital,
Agra Road

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TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

■ UP Govt. Tourist Office,
Station Road, Mathura
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TRAVEL AGENTS

■ Braj Bihar Travels
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Tel: 2502323, 2501159

■ Agrawal Travels,
Tilak Dwar

Tel: 0565-6509123

■ Ashoka Travels
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Tel: 2404207

TRAVEL RESERVATIONS CONDUCTED TOUR

■ U.P. State Road
Transport Corp., New
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concludes at 1900 hrs.

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Rail

■ Mathura Junction
Railway Station
Enquiry & Reservation
Tel: 2405830, 139

Bus

■ UP State Road
Transport Corporation
Old Bus Stand
Mathura

Tel: 2406468, 246023

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

■ D.M., Mathura

Tel: 0565-2471152

■ S.S.P., Mathura

Tel: 0565-24505172

■ Foreigners
Registration Office

Tel: 9454404930



Chakratirth

NAIMISHARANYA

Naimisharanya, 95km from Lucknow, is regarded as one of the most sacred places of pilgrimage. According to legends, Lord Brahma had himself indicated that Naimisharanya would be the most sacred place for meditation in Kaliyug for saints and sages. References to Naimisharanya are found in the Mahabharat, Shri Ram Charitmanas and other holy scriptures. It was here that Saint Shounak narrated the popular Shri SatyaNarayanKatha to a congregation of sages and hermits.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Chakratirth

It is a wheel-shaped pond in which pilgrims take a dip and offer prayers. According to mythology, about 88,000 Rishis (sages) once met Brahma and asked him to point out a place where they could reside and meditate in Kaliyug. Lord Brahma created a Chakra (wheel) and left it spinning on the earth. He told the Rishis to follow the wheel and make their Ashram at the place where the Nemi (shaft) of the wheel gets stuck.



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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 4.27 sq. km.
Population 20,000 (approx. 2001 Census)
Height 136 mtrs. above sea level
Season August-April
Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi
STD code 05865

The wheel stopped at a place in Naimisharanya area. Since then, Chakra Tirth has been a place of pilgrimage. On Somwati Amavasya (the dark night falling on Monday) the number of pilgrims swells to thousands. The place is surrounded by Bhuteshwar Nath Temple, Sutgaddi, Chakranarayan Temple, Badrinarayan Temple, Kashi Kund, Shivala-Bhairavaji etc.

Pandav Fort

This fort is situated at the bank of river Gomti. According to mythology this fort was related with King Virat of Mahabharat era and also related to Pandava's exilement. It is said that this fort was reconstructed by Alauddin Khilji in the year 1305.

Hanuman Garhi

This temple is situated near the Pandav Fort. A huge stone statue of Lord Hanuman in a standing posture is worshiped by the devotees. The statues of Lord Ganesh, Makardwhaj and Panch Pandav etc. are the other attractions.

Goddess Lalita Devi Temple

As per scriptures Goddess Lalita is the Adhishthatri Devi (presiding deity) and Shakti peeth of Naimisharanya. The temple, having the idols of Lal Bhairav, Kameshwar-Kameshwari, is visited by devotees round the year. Panchmukhi Hanumanji, Panch Prayag, Sheshnarayan, Ram-Sevari Temple, Paramhans Gauriya Math, Kalipeeth, Lalita Ashram etc. are other nearby attractions.

Vyas Gaddi

It is believed to be the place where great Saint Vyasji wrote six Shastras and eighteen Puranas (religious scriptures). A temple has been constructed to commemorate his stay. Nearby are Manu-Shatroopa Tapasthali, Hawan Kund, Maha-Prabhu Vallabhacharyaji ki Gaddi and ancient Vat Vriksha.

Puran Temple And Ma Anandmai Ashram

The sacred Vedas are kept in the Puran temple. Nearby is Ma Anandmai Ashram.

Nardanand Saraswati Ashram

This Ashram manages the traditional Indian Ashram style education. Devpuri Temple is also here.

Kali Peeth

Temples of Vitthal-Rukmani and Swami Narain are situated in Kalipeeth.

Paramhans Gauriya Math

This math, also famous as Gauria Math, is associated with Swami Chaitanya Mahaprabhu sect. It is worth visiting place. (1) Dev Deveshwar, (2) Rudravart Teerth.



Temple near Chakratirth

Parikrama (Circumambulation)

The Parikrama of Naimisharanya has a great significance. It is held annually between Phalgun Amavasya to Phalgun Poornima (March).

festival held annually in Bhadrapad (July-Aug.) are the attractions here.


EXCURSIONS

Misrikh (10km)

An important religious centre where Dadhichi Kund and Dadhichi Temple are situated. According to mythology, it was the place where sage Dadhichi gifted his bones to gods, to make a Vajra (an arm) to defeat the Asuras (evil forces). Other places of interest are: Sita Kund & Dadhichi Ashram.

Hatyaharan (12km)

Hatyaharan comes under the Chaurasi Kos Parikrama of Naimisharanya and being related with mythological stories. Ancient Shivala, Balramji Temple and



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air The nearest airport is Amausi, Lucknow - 110km.
Rail Naimisharanya has a railway station on Sitapur-Hardoi line. However, convenient rail heads are Sitapur - 40km and Lucknow - 110km which are connected with all major cities.
Road Bus services are available from Lucknow and Sitapur. Some of the major road distances are: Misrikh - 10km, Hardoi - 34 km, Sitapur - 40km, Sidhauri - 47km, Lucknow - 95km, Golagokaran Nath - no km.

Gola Gokaran Nath (110km)

A famous religious place related to Lord Shiva. A temple and a big kund (pond) are situated here.

Lucknow (95km)

(See Index)

Dudhwa National Park (170km)

(See Index) ■

FACT FILE

ACCOMMODATION

- Modi Guest House
 - Hotel Kalipeeth
Cell: 9936146700,
9648255275
 - Hotel Abhayjeet
Cell: 9792515585
- Many dharmshalas are also available here. Quality accommodation is available at nearest towns Hardoi, Sitapur and Lucknow.

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ACCOMMODATION

- Tourist Bungalow
Naimisharanya
Tel: 05865-251287

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Post Office, Naimisharanya
Tel: 251201
- Post Office, Misrikh
Tel: 222210

HOSPITAL

- Primary Health Centre

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

- UP Govt. Tourist Office
C-13, Vipin Khand
Gomtinagar, Lucknow
Tel: 0522-2304870

BANKS

- Allahabad Bank

- Railway Station Road
Tel: 251207
- Bhagirathi Gramin Bank

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Sitapur
Tel: 05862-242900
- S.P., Sitapur
Tel: 05862-243207
- S.D.M., Misrikh
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DOMINOS

- Vivek Khand, Gomti Nagar
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- Narain Plaza, Aliganj
Tel: 0522-4157900
- Phoenix United Mall
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Jankipuram Extension
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- Barbeque Nation
Gomti Nagar
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- The Great Indian Kitchen
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SANKISA

Sankisa one of the important Buddhist sites, is 200km from Agra and 45km from Farrukhabad. It is believed that Lord Buddha descended at Sankisa after giving sermon to his mother in heaven. Famous Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang and others have mentioned about Sankisa in their travelogues.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Bisari Devi Temple

About 600 yards from the village, in a sacred spot, stands the temple of Bisari Devi.

Ashokan Elephant Pillar

This rare Ashokan Elephant Pillar is of great archaeological importance. It was discovered during excavations near the temple site.

Buddha Temple

On a platform stands this temple with a statue of Lord Buddha. It is believed that Lord Buddha descended on this spot after giving sermon to his mother in heaven.

EXCURSIONS

Kam PiL (75km)

It was the capital of the ancient North Panchal, which was ruled by King Drupad in the Mahabharat era. The Jains take pilgrimage to this place as the 13th Tirthankar, Lord Vimal Nathji, was born here. The places of interest here are Drupad Fort, Draupadi Kund, Shwetambar Jain Temple, Digambar

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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area Approx. 2.00 sq. km. (village area)

Altitude 126 mtrs. above sea level

Season October-March

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi

Local transport Rickshaw/taxi

STD code 05692 (Farrukhabad)

Ashokan Elephant Pillar





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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air The nearest airports are Agra - 207km and Amausi, Lucknow - 245km.

Rail The nearest rail heads are Pakhana - 10km and Neem Karori - 14km.

Road Bus service is available from Farrukhabad, which is connected with other major cities. Some of the major road distances are: Mohammadabad - 28km, Fatehgarh - 40km, Farrukhabad - 45km, Kanpur - 175km, Agra - 200km.

Jain Temple, Kapil Muni Ashram, Rameshwar Temple, Mughal Ghat, Medh Kund etc. Dharmshalas are available.

Kannauj (85km)

Once the capital of King Harshavardhan's empire, today Kannauj is the centre of the India's essence (ittar) industry. Gauri Shankar Temple, Ajaipal Temple, ruins of King Jaichand's fort, Makhdoom Zahania, Rauza Balapir and Rauza Mehandi, and the museum are the main attractions here.

Lakh Bahosi Bird Sanctuary (123km)

On Delhi-Kannauj-Tirwa route, Lakh Bahosi is a beautiful sanctuary where many species of birds can be seen. ■

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ACCOMMODATION

■ P.W.D. Inspection House
Sankisa

Quality accommodation is available at the nearest town Farrukhabad:

- Hotel Royal Residency
Sankisa
Cell: 9415066702
- Hotel Surya
Farrukhabad
Cell: 07376947788
- Hotel Hindustan
Farrukhabad
Cell: 9919803005
- Sri Lankan Dharmshala
Sankisa
Tel: 264111, 264001

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ACCOMMODATION

■ UPSTDC Tourist
Bungalow
Sankisa
Tel: 05692-264008

NEAREST UP TOURISM

ACCOMMODATION
■ UPSTDC Tourist
Bungalow, Makrand Nagar
Kannauj

POST AND TELEGRAPH

Tel: 05694-234275
■ Post Office, Sankisa

HOSPITAL

■ Primary Health Centre
Sankisa

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

■ UP Govt. Tourist
Office, 16/99
K.E.M. Hall
Phoolbagh
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■ UP Govt. Tourist Office
64, Taj Road
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■ S.P., Farrukhabad
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Sardhana Church

SARDHANA

Twenty two kilometres west of Meerut, lies the fascinating town of Sardhana with a romantic and historical past. It was established in the late 18th century by the French adventurer Walter Reinhardt, popularly known as 'Samru'. He came to India in 1754 as a private soldier in the French East India Company. The Jagir of the present day Sardhana was awarded to him as a reward for his services by Najab Khan of Bengal. Reinhardt had played an important role in defeating Rohilla chief Zabta Khan of Saharanpur. After his death in 1778, he was succeeded by his widow Begum Yohanna Samru who built the imposing building of the Roman Catholic Church at Sardhana.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Church Of Sardhana

The Roman Catholic Church of Sardhana is a subtle mixture of different architectural styles. Designed

by Italian architect Anthony Reghelini, it was built at a cost of rupees 4 lakh in 1822. The verandah of the church has 18 Doric pillars. The main altar of white marble is tastefully inlaid with a floral design. In the left wing of the church is the tomb of Begum Samru with her life-size image carved on it.

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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 4.27 sq. km.

Population 20,000 (approx. 2001 Census)

Height 136 mtrs. above sea level

Season August-April

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi

STD code 05865



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

The nearest railway station is Meerut-22 km while the nearest airport is at Delhi-104 km. Sardhana can be reached by U.P. State Roadways bus service or private taxi from Meerut.

◆ Timings 9.00am-5.00pm.

The church houses the sacred image of the Lady of Graces installed in 1957. The church was honoured by Pope John XXIII who raised it to the status of a minor Basilica in 1961.

The Begum's Palace

This palace was completed in 1835. After Begum's death, it was bought by the Archbishop of Agra. It presently

houses St. Charles' Inter College.

Anthony Kothi

This was the residence of Major Anthony Reghelinei, the architect of the church and the palace. The building derives its name from him.

The Catholic Cemetery

This catholic cemetery is a protected monument under the Archaeological Survey of India. Begum Samru's sons, Julia Anne and Le Vaisseau and her French husband lie buried here.

EXCURSIONS

Hastinapur (59km)

(See Index)

Shukratal (66km)

(See Index)

Garhmukteshwar (70km)

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ACCOMMODATION

- Sri Pyarelal Dharmashala, Mohalla Kishore Kanta
- Shri Jain Dharmashala

RESTAURANTS

Only local eateries and Dhabas are available.

NEAREST UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Hindon Motel, G.T. Road, Ghaziabad
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- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow, Garhmukteshwar
Tel.: 05731-221319,

Cell: 9359865501

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Post Office, Sardhana
Tel: 236035
- Telegraph Office, Sardhana
Tel: 236386

HOSPITALS

- Jain Milan Hospital
Tel: 236027
- Ishwar Nursing Home
Tel:235032

BANKS

- State Bank of India
Tel: 236021

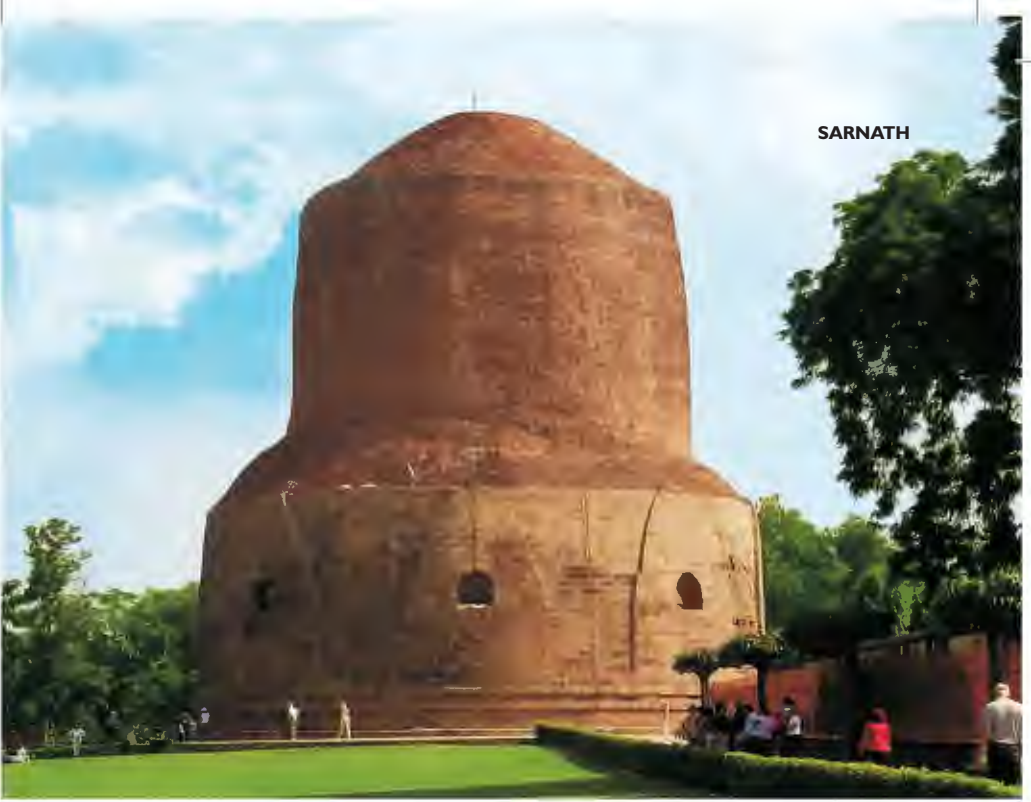
- Punjab National Bank
Tel: 236066
- District Cooperative Bank
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NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

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- S.S.P., Meerut
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Dhamek Stupa

SARNATH

Sarnath, 10km from Varanasi, is one of the most revered Buddhist pilgrim centres. After attaining the Enlightenment at Bodh Gaya, it was here that Lord Buddha preached His first sermon, sanctified as Maha Dharma Chakra Pravartan (Set in Motion the Wheel of DHARMA). During the time of Lord Buddha, Sarnath was called Rishipattana or Issipattana and Mrigdav because, it was an ideal place for sages and was a dense forest inhabited by deer. Sarnath along with Lumbini (Nepal), Bodh Gaya (Bihar) and Kushinagar is one of the most sacred places for the devotees.

Emperor Ashoka, who spread Lord Buddha's message of love and compassion throughout his vast empire and in South East Asian countries, visited Sarnath around 234 B.C. and erected a Stupa here. Several Buddhist structures were raised at Sarnath between the 3rd century B.C. and the 11th century A.D. The famous Chinese travellers - Fa Hien and Hiuen Tsang, have left behind descriptions of Sarnath in its heyday. Today, Sarnath treasures the most expansive ruins amongst places on the Buddhist trail.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Chaukhandi Stupa

Chaukhandi Stupa is the first monument one encounters on entering Sarnath. The site has great significance as Lord Buddha during His first visit to Sarnath after attaining the Enlightenment, met His first five disciples here who had abandoned

Mulagandhakuti Vihar

→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 2.80 sq.km.

Altitude 80.71 mtrs. above sea level

Season October-March

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, English

Local transport Bus/ cycle-rickshaw/ auto-rickshaw/ taxi

STD code 0542

Festival Buddha Poonima (Full moon night, April-May) Anniversary of Lord Buddha's First Sermon (Full moon night, July-Aug)

Him earlier. There is an octagonal structure, built in a later period, on and above the Chaukhandi Stupa.

Museum

Sarnath has a rich collection of Buddhist sculptures comprising numerous Buddha and Bodhisatva images and the magnificent Lion Capital, India's national emblem.

◆ **Entry Fee** ₹5 **Timing** 9.00am to 4.45pm **Closed** on Friday

Lord Buddha's Statue In The First Sermon Posture

In the archaeological excavation a statue of Lord Buddha in the first sermon preaching posture (**Dharma Chakra Pravartan Mudra**) was found at Sarnath. This precious statue is kept in the Museum which is very holy for the devotees.

National Emblem

The rare Lion's Capital, the National Emblem of India, was found in the archaeological excavation at Sarnath. It was situated on the top of a column which was built by Emperor Ashoka. At present the Lion's Capital is kept in the museum while the broken Ashokan column can be seen amongst the ruins.

Ruins At Archaeological Site

Spread in a vast area, this archaeological site is a treasure trove and is the mirror of the glorious past of Sarnath. The major attractions here are: **Dharmaraji Ka Stupa** this is the place where Lord Buddha preached His first sermon. It was built by Emperor Ashoka, now in ruins; **Mulgandhkuti Vihar** - this is the original place of Mulgandhkuti Vihar Temple where Lord Buddha stayed; **Ashokan Pillar** - it is broken



Chaukhandi Stupa

in few pieces and preserved under a canopy. The Lion's Capital previously was on the top of this Ashokan Column. It was found here in the excavation.

◆ **Entry Fee** Foreign tourists ₹200, Domestic tourist ₹15

Dhamek Stupa

It is situated within the ruins area and is visible from the distance due to its huge structure. It was built to commemorate the preaching of the first sermon by Lord Buddha (set in Motion the Wheel of Dharma). So it is called Dhamek Stupa. This huge and magnificent Stupa is 28 mtrs in diameter at the base and 43.6 mtrs in height, built partly in stone and

partly in brick. The stone facing the lower part is adorned with delicate floral carvings of Gupta origin.

Jain Temple

This Jain Temple is dedicated to the 11th Tirthankar Lord Shreyansathji.

Mahabodhi Temple-Mulgandha Kuti

It is worth mentioning that Shri Anagarika Dharmapal, a Sri Lankan Buddhist saint revived almost all sites related to Buddhism at Sarnath and established the Maha Bodhi Society of India. The Society built this temple to commemorate the original Mulgandhakuti Vihar Temple whose ruins can be seen in



Chaukhandi Stupa

the ruins area. Here, Lord Buddha's golden statue in the first sermon preaching posture is worshipped, which is situated on a

platform, under which the relics of Lord Buddha are kept in a casket. It is taken out once in a year on the day of Buddha Pournima. The inner walls of the temple have excellent frescoes by Japanese artist Kosetsu Nosu showing the life of Lord Buddha since birth to the Mahaparinirvana. Within the temple area is situated statue of Shri Shri Anagarika Dharmpal.

There is a Bodhi Tree also whose plantation was done by a branch of Bodhi Tree of Anuradhapuram (Sri Lanka) which was planted by a tree branch of original Bodhi Tree at Bodhgaya (Bihar). Under the Bodhi Tree here, Lord Buddha is shown preaching His first sermon to His first five disciples. There is a rich

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→ **ACCESSIBILITY**

Air The nearest airport is Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport, Babatpur, Varanasi - 30km.

Rail Convenient rail connections to all major cities are available from Varanasi railway station.

Road Sarnath is well connected by road. See Varanasi for details.



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Website- www.uptourism.gov.in

collection of Buddhist literature too.
 ♦ **Timing** Sunrise to 7.30pm

Deer Park

The Deer Park is situated behind the main Buddha temple and is an added attraction of Sarnath. When Lord Buddha preached His first sermon, at that time this place was inhabited by lot of deer and was called Mrigday. To commemorate that a Deer Park is developed here.

♦ **Entry Fee** ₹10 for Adults, ₹5 for Children (upto 12 years) Asian ₹25 other than Asian ₹50

Other Monasteries

There are other monasteries also,

such as Sikkim, Thailand, China, Myanmar, Japan, Tibet and Korea.

Sarangnath Temple

This is an old and famous temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. It is said that the name of Sarnath derived from Sarangnathji. The major attraction of the temple is its two Shivlings in one Argha. A month-long fair is held here during the Shravan month (July-August). Nearby is a large Sarangnath Kund also.

EXCURSIONS

Varanasi (10km)
 (See Index) ■

FACT FILE

ACCOMMODATION

- Forest Rest House
- Maha Bodhi Dharmashala
Cell: 7390840690
- Jain Dharmashala
- Surabhi International
Tel: 2587600, 2587601
- Sarnath Motel
Tel: 2591212
- Hotel Golden Buddha
Cell: 9935039368
- Buddha International
Tel: 3208989

UP TOURISM

ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow
Sarnath
Tel: 0542-2595965, 2595967

RESTAURANTS

- Rangoli Garden

Restaurant

- Highway Inn, Ashapur
Tel: 2595325
- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow
Tel: 0542-2595965, 2595967

BANKS

- State Bank of India, Ashapur
Tel: 2588508
- Central Bank, Ashapur
Tel: 2590384
- Canara Bank, Ashapur
Tel: 2590360

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Post Office, Sarnath
Tel: 2595013

HOSPITALS

- Govt. Hospital

- Dr. Baijnath Hospital

TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

- UP Govt. Tourist Office
Modern Reception Centre
in front of the museum
Sarnath
- UP Govt. Tourist Information Counter, Cantt.
Railway Station, Varanasi
- UP Govt. Tourist Office
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Varanasi
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SRAVASTI

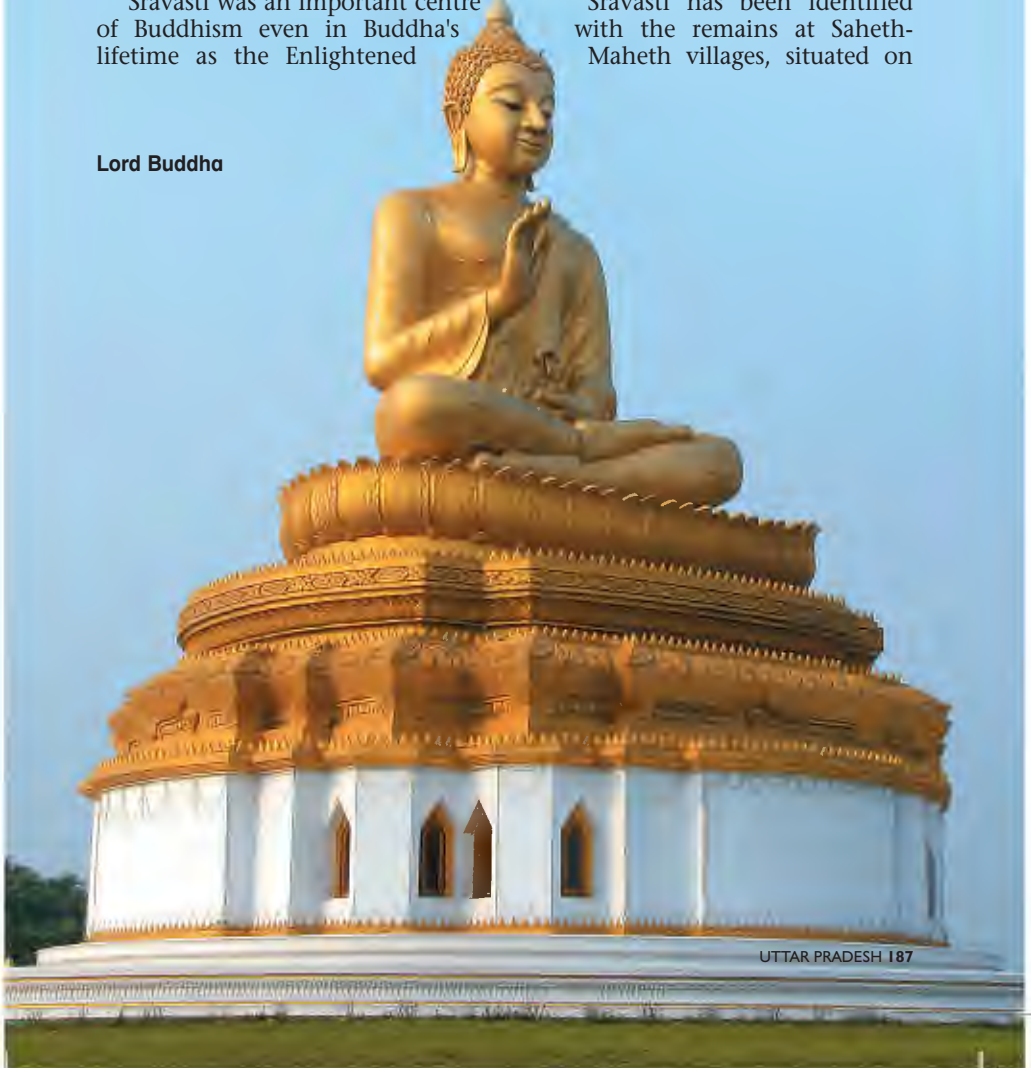
Sravasti, capital of the ancient Kosala Kingdom, is a sacred site for Buddhists because it is here that Lord Buddha performed the greatest of his miracles to confound the Tirthika heretics. These miracles include Buddha creating multiple images of Himself, which has been a favourite theme of Buddhist art.

Sravasti was an important centre of Buddhism even in Buddha's lifetime as the Enlightened

One spent many monsoons here and delivered important sermons. It was here that Anathapindaka, a wealthy merchant, built a large monastery in the garden of Prince Jeta, son of King Prasenjit, for the reception of Lord Buddha. Later, several shrines and other monasteries were built at this sacred spot.

Sravasti has been identified with the remains at Saheth-Maheth villages, situated on

Lord Buddha



the banks of the river Rapti. Several inscriptions confirm their identity with Sravasti. The remains unearthed here testify that Sravasti was a flourishing town during the Gupta period.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Maheth-Pakkikuti & Kachchi Kuti

This covers an area of about 400 acres and is believed to be the centre of the ancient city that existed here. Excavations have exposed the massive gates of the city, ramparts and also the ruins of other structures which testify the prosperity of ancient Sravasti. Pakki Kuti and Kachchi Kuti are the attractions here.

Saheth-Jetavana

Saheth covers an area of 32 acres and lies about a quarter of a mile to the south-west of Maheth. This was the site where Anathpindaka raised the Jetavana Monastery, for Lord Buddha



to reside during rainy season. There are numerous shrines, stupas and monasteries. The stupas mostly belong to the Kushana period, while the temples are in the Gupta style. The remains unearthed here during excavations date from the 3rd century B.C. to the 12th century A.D. One of the earliest stupas, probably dating to the 3rd century B.C., contain relics of Lord Buddha. A colossal statue of Buddha was also found, now housed in the Indian Museum, Kolkata. Emperor Ashoka had visited Jetavana. The Chinese pilgrim Hiuen Tsang also gives a description of two Ashokan pillars at Sravasti.

◆ **Entry** Indians and citizens of SAARC & BIMSTEC countries ₹5; Children below 15 years Free; Others ₹100

Jetavana

The World Peace Bell

The Japanese have set up a huge World Peace Bell here. The sound of the bell is supposed to bring peace to the world.

Daen Mahamongkolchai (World Peacefulness Foundation)

Set up as a centre of learning by Maha Upasika Sittipol Bongkot of Thailand, this Thai meditation centre is a unique experience for visitors to Sravasti. The entire area is converted into a natural forest surrounded by a fresh water reservoir and houses six large halls of approx. 3000 capacity each for meditation, several solitary meditation huts, large dinning halls and a state of art reverse

osmosis water purification plant. About 200 women from various countries committed to service of mankind to promote non-formal education and other charitable activities from the Centre.

Jetavana

The eco-friendly dwelling management and lifestyle of the settlement inculcates within the visitor a sense towards protection of bio-diversity and compassion for all beings.

Orajhar

Orajhar is situated on the left bank of Khajua, a tributary of Rapti. It may be identified with the celebrated Purvarma or Eastern

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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 20.19 hectares

Population 16,325 (2011 Census)

Altitude 185 mtrs. above sea level

Season October-March,

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens

Language Hindi, English

Local transport Private Taxi/Tonga/ Ekka Cycle-rickshaw

STD code 05250

Festival Buddha Poonima Mela (April-May) Jain Mela (Oct/Nov)



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

The convenient rail/ air terminal is at Lucknow- 176/ 186km. Rail travel is possible upto Balrampur - 17km from where one can reach Sravasti by bus or taxi. Some important road distances are: Bahraich - 48km, Lumbini - 165km, Gorakhpur - 196km, Kapilvastu - 198km, Varanasi - 306km, Sarnath - 315km.

Monastery, built by Vishakha as seen by Fa-Hien. Here, the excavation has revealed a three-fold cultural sequence, starting from Kushan period (1st century AD) followed by Gupta and medieval periods.

Sobhanath Temple

This temple is dedicated to the 3rd Tirthankar, Lord Sambhavnath, who was born here. The 8th Tirthankar, Lord Chandraprabhu, is also said to have meditated here. The birthday of Lord Sambhavnath is celebrated here in a big way (Kartik-Oct./Nov.). Two modern Jain temples of Shvetambar and Digambar sects on Balrampur road, also grace Sravasti.

Other places of interest at Sravasti, apart from the Thai, Sri Lankan, Burmese, Chinese and Korean temples, include the Swarnagandha Kuti, Anand Bodhi Tree and the Angulimal Gufa.

EXCURSION

Devi Patan Temple (28km)

One of the prominent Shaktipeeths, situated at Tulsipur in the Balrampur District. ■

FACT FILE

HOTELS

- Lotus Nikko Hotel
Sravasti (3 Star)
Tel: 05250-265291-93
- Sravasti Residency,
Sravasti
Tel: 7234914233
- Hotel Pawan Palace,
Ghughulpur Near Sravasti,
Balrampur
Tel: 05263-241021,
Cell: 9451744076

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ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist
Bungalow
Katra, Sravasti

Tel: 05252-265302

- UPSTDC Tourist
Bungalow, Balrampur
Tel: 05263-232456, 236039

BANK

- Allahabad Bank, Katra

POST AND TELEGRAPH

Part-time Post Office
operates at Katra.
(Timings: 1.00–5.00pm)

HOSPITAL

- Ayurvedic Hospital,
Katra Nearest Tourist
Information Offices
- UP Govt. Tourist Office

Tel: 05263-232456

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

- UP Govt. Tourist Office
Tourist Bungalow Campus,
Balrampur
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- UP Govt. Tourist Office
Civil Lines, Faizabad
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Vat Vriksha

SHUKRATAL

Shukratal is a place of great religious and historical importance. According to mythology, about 5000 years ago, sage Shukdev had recited here the *Shrimadbhagwat* for seven days to King Parikshit, the grandson of Arjun.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Akshayavat (Undying Tree)

On a hillock stands this big Akshayavat (banyan tree) under which, according to belief, sage Shukdev had narrated the *Shrimadbhagwat Katha* to King Parikshit. The uniqueness of this tree is that it does not shed leaves.

Shukdev Temple

This majestic temple has beautifully carved idols of Sage Shukdev and King Parikshit.

Lord Hanuman Temple

In close proximity to Shukdev Temple, stands the beautiful Lord Hanuman Temple. The Temple has an idol of Lord Hanuman carrying a mountain, containing the 'Sanjivani' herb.

Lord Shankar Temple

On the north-west of Shukdev Temple, on a small hillock, stands Lord Shankar Temple. The idols in the temple are of Lord Shiva and other gods.

SHUKRATAL



Temple Town - Shukratal

Swami Charandasji Temple

Under the immortal Akshayavat stands this 'initiation' temple of Swami Charandasji. There is an idol of sage Shukdev in the temple

depicting him narrating the *Shrimadbhagwat*.

Lord Ram Temple

Inspired by Swami Kalyan Devji Maharaj, a majestic temple dedicated to Lord Ram, Sita, Lakshman and Lord Hanuman was constructed behind Lord Shankar Temple.

Goddess Shakambhari Temple

To the west of Lord Shankar Temple, on a raised platform, stands a beautiful, spherical temple dedicated to Goddess Shakambhari. Inspired by Ma Anandamayi, this temple was constructed by Shri Goojarmal Modi, the famous industrialist.

Neelkanth Mahadev Temple

As per belief, after consuming the poison which emerged during the churning of ocean, Lord Shiva, while returning to his abode, Mount Kailash, rested at Shukratal. To mark this place, Adi Shankaracharyaji constructed this temple here.

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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 4 sq. km.

Population 7500 (2001 Census)
Census)

Altitude 57 mtrs. above sea level

Season September-April

Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter:
Woollens

Language Hindi

Local transport Bus/Taxi/Tempo/
Auto-rickshaw

STD code 01396

Festival 'Ganga Snan' on Kartik
Poornima, Sharad Chaturthi,
Ganga Dussehra.



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Helpline: 1860-180-1364

Website- www.uptourism.gov.in



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air The nearest airport is New Delhi - 150km.

Rail The nearest rail head is Muzaffarnagar - 30km.

Road Some of the major road distances are: Muzaffarnagar - 30km, Meerut - 90km, Delhi - 160km

Goddess Ganga Temple

It is an ancient temple. A stone tablet at the entrance of this temple states, in Sanskrit and Arabic, that the temple was erected in the year 1401. Inside the temple one can see the idols of Goddess Ganga, Sage Shukdev, Lord Shiva, Goddess Parvati, Lord Kartik and Lakshman.

The walls and the roof of the temple are covered with centuries old, intricate paintings of Lord Krishna's Ras-leela. Other attractions are Laxminarayan Temple, Parvati Temple, Shiv Dham, Ganesh Dham, Hanumat Dham, Geeta Bhawan and Yagyashala.

EXCURSIONS

Chital Park (30km)
Situating at Khatauli, Muzaffarnagar.

Dargah Hazarat Abbas (40km)
At Baghara, Muzaffarnagar.

Hastinapur (60km)
(See Index)

Sardhana (66km)
(See Index)

Garhmukteshwar (130km)
(See Index) ■

FACT FILE

NEAREST UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Hindon Motel, Meerut Crossing, G.T. Road, Ghaziabad
Tel: 0120-2731532
- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow, Garhmukteshwar
Tel: 05731-221319,
Cell: 9359865501

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- Telephone Exchange
Tel: 228201
- Post and Telegraph Office, Morna
Tel: 222239

HOSPITALS

- Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital
- Anuradha Charitable Hospital
Tel: 228206
- Hanumat Dham Ayurvedic Hospital
Tel: 228225

NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

- UP Govt. Regional Tourist Office
IInd Floor, M.D.A. Building, Meerut
Tel: 0121-2656164

BANKS

- Punjab National Bank, Morna
Tel: 236066
- District Coop. Bank, Morna (0.5km)
Tel: 222236
- Punjab and Sindh Bank, Morna
Tel: 222272

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

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River Front at Dashashvamedh Ghat

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VARANASI

Varanasi, called 'Kashi' in the scriptures, is said to be the oldest living city in the world with a history that goes back to some three thousand years. Varanasi is believed to be the greatest 'Tirth' or crossing place between the earth and heaven. For a Hindu, to visit Varanasi and bathe in the waters of the Ganga, is to be cleansed of the sins of thousands of past rebirths. The combination of Kashi - the holy city, Ganga the celestial river and Shiva - the supreme God, makes Varanasi an immortal destination. Mark Twain, the American writer, complimented this Heritage City in the words: "Benaras is older than history, older than tradition, older even than legend and looks twice as old as all of them put together."

Varanasi has always been a great cultural centre, notably in the field of learning, especially of religion, philosophy, Yoga, Ayurveda and Astrology. This city has been associated with great personalities. The galaxy of luminaries include Swamy Ramanand, Kabirdas, Ravidas, Tulsidas, Vallabhacharya, Panditraj Jagannath, Bhartendu Harishchand, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, Munshi Premchand, Babu Shyam Sunder Das, Rai Shri Rai Krishna Das, Baburao Vishnu Paradkar, Jai Shankar Prasad, Acharya Ram Chandra Shukla, Acharya Hajari Prasad Dwivedi, Bismillah Khan and many others. Some of the most renowned exponents of classical music and dance hail from Varanasi, such as Gudai Maharaj, Pt. Ravi Shankar,

Samta Prasad, Girja Devi, Kanthey Maharaj, Kishan Maharaj, etc. Banarasi silk sarees and brocades are cherished as collectors' item.

PLACES OF INTEREST

River Front (Ghats)

The spectacular long sweep of ghats on the holy Ganga is unique and creates a fascinating sight, best viewed at dawn. Life, in almost panoramic detail, unfolds here from



→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 73.89 sq. km.
Population 36,76,841 (2011 Census)
Height 200 mtrs. above sea level
Altitude 80.71 mtrs. above sea level
Season October-March
Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi, English
Local transport Bus/Cycle rickshaw/ Autorickshaw
STD code 0542
Festival Mahashivratri (March), Ganga Mahotsav and Dev Deepawali (Nov), Dusshehra (Sept-Oct), Nakkataiya (Chetganj, Oct), Bharat Milap (Nati Imli, Oct-Nov), Budhwa Mangal (first Tuesday after Holi festival at Dashashwamedha Ghat), Nag Nathaiya (Tulsi Ghat), Annakoot (Annapurna Temple: Oct-Nov), Hanumat Jayanti (Sankat Mochan Temple), Panch Koshi Parikrama (in every Purushottam Month), Dhruwad Meta (Tulsi Ghat, Feb-March), Buddha Mahotsav (Sarnath), Unique Ramleela at Ramnagar (Sept-Oct)

dawn to dusk as a steady stream of devotees, swelling to thousands on auspicious days, perform rituals. The ghats are best approached by Dashashwamedha Ghat. Here boats are available on hire. Evening Ganga Aarti is an added attraction here. The other prominent Ghats are: **Assi Ghat** (the confluence of Ganga and Assi rivers, Lolark Kund), **Tulsi Ghat** (Saint Tulsidasji wrote here the immortal epic Shri Ram Charitmanas-his house, temple and Vyayamshala are the attractions), **Chet Singh Ghat** (Chet Singh Fort, Burhwa Mangal fair site), **Hanuman Ghat** (Lord Hanuman Temple established by Saint Tulsidasji, Mahaprabhuji Temple, Rudra Bhairav Temple, Ram-Parivar Temple), **Harish Chandra Ghat** (cremation site, Kashi Kamkotishwar Temple), **Kedar Ghat** (Kedareshwar Temple, Kumar Swamy Math), **SHEETLA GHAT** (Goddess Sheetla Temple, Ganga-Dattatreya-Vitthal Temples), **Dashashwamedha Ghat** (Ganga Aarti site, Ganga Temple, boats can be hired here), **Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ghat** (Ganga Mahotsav site), **Man Mandir Ghat** (observatory), **Mani Karni Ka Ghat** (Maha Samshan famous cremation site, Haveli of Dom Raja), **Sindhia Ghat** (Goddess Sankatha Temple, Vaikuntha Madhav Temple, Dattatreya Temple), **Lalita Ghat** (Nepali Temple), **Panch Ganga Ghat** (Ramananda Math, Shri Sansthan Math, Satyabhama Math, Tailang Swamy Math, Baithak of Vallabhacharyaji, Bindu Madhav Temple, Ram Panchayatan Temple, Alamgir Masjid, Kangan Haveli, Deepmalika stand), **Ghai Ghat** (Nepal Palace, Lakshmi-Narayan Temple, Gauri Temple), **Prahlad Ghat** (Nrishingh Temple, Jagannath



River Front

Temple, Prahaladeshwer Temple, Sheetla Temple), **Raj Ghat** (Badri Narayan Temple, Maqbara of Lal Khan, Shri Satsang Parivar Vyayamshala, Saint Ravidas Temple, Bhainsasur Temple), **Adi Keshava Ghat** (Adi Keshav Temple, Gyankeshava Temple, Sangameshwar Temple, Vinayak Temple, Panchdevata Temple, Reeva Ghat (Ghat Sandhya).

Kunds

There are many Kunds in Varanasi, important among them are Pishachmochan Kund, Karna Ghanta Kund, Pitar Kund, Lolark Kund, Lakshmi Kund, Kurushetra Kund, Pushkar Kund, Durga Kund, Kleem Kund, Lanka Kund, etc.

Galis (Narrow Lanes)

Varanasi is the city of temples, ghats and galis (narrow lanes). The serpentine narrow lanes of

this city mirror the typical lifestyle of the inhabitants. Some of the famous galis are Vishwanath Gali, Kachauri Gali, Thatheri Bazar Gali, Khoa Gali etc.

Lord Vishwanath Temple

The temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, the presiding deity of the city, is also known as Golden Temple. Varanasi is said to be the place where the first Jyotirlinga, the fiery pillar of light by which Lord Shiva manifested his supremacy over other gods, broke through the earth's crust. More than the ghats and even the river Ganga, it is the Shivalinga installed in the temple that remains the devotional focus of Varanasi. Open only to Hindus, the Aartees performed here at different times and by different names in a grand manner are worth seeing. The timings of the **Aarties**: Mangala Aarti at 3.00am, Bhog Aarti at 11.15am, Saptarshi

Aarti at 7.00pm, Shringar Bhog Aarti at 9.00pm, and the Shayan Aarti at 10.30pm.

Nearby are Goddess Vishalakshi Temple, Kashi Karvat Temple, mother Gangaji Temple, Goddess Sankatha Temple.

Goddess Annapurna Temple

Near the Lord Vishwanath Temple stands this important temple which has an idol of Goddess Annapurna. It was built in 1725 by Peshwa Baji Rao I, the Maratha chieftain. Annakoot festival is held here after Deepavali. Nearby is the famous Dhundhiraj Ganesh Temple.

Lord Shani Dev Temple

This prominent temple of Lord Shani Dev is situated near the Lord Vishwanath and Goddess Annapurna Temples.

Goddess Durga Temple



Gyanvapi Mosque

The Gyanvapi Mosque was built by Aurangzeb near the present Lord Vishwanath Temple.

Goddess Durga Temple

It is one of the prominent temples of the city dedicated to Goddess Durga, in Bhelupur-Durga Kund locality. The temple was built in the 18th Century. Open only to Hindus. Adjacent to the temple is Durga Kund.

Tulsi Manas Temple

This modern marble temple, near the Goddess Durga Temple, is dedicated to Lord Rama. It is situated at the place where Goswami Tulsidasji lived and wrote the famous epic *Shri Ramcharitmanas*. Verses from *Shri Ramcharitmanas* are inscribed on its walls. There is a museum in the premises which has a rare collection of manuscripts of the Ramayan and other artefacts.

Tridev Temple

Near the Tulsi Manas Temple, is Tridev Temple, a new attraction of the city having the idols of Shri Radha-Krishna, Salar Hanumanji and Rani Sati.

Manmandir Observatory

This observatory was built by Raja Man Singh of Jaipur at Manmandir Ghat near Dashashwamedh Ghat-Rajendra Prasad Ghat.

◆ **Entry** Indians and visitors from SAARC countries ₹5; Foreigners ₹100 **Timings** Sunrise to Sunset: 10.00am–5.00pm **Closed** Friday

Bharat Mata Temple

A novel temple at Sagra locality, dedicated to Mother India, which instead of the customary gods and



Aarti at Dashashwamedha Ghat

goddesses, houses one of the most perfect relief maps of India carved on marble.

Sankat Mochan Temple

It is one of the oldest temples of the city in the Sankatmochan-Lanka locality. The temple is dedicated to Lord Hanuman. It is said that Goswami Tulsidasji wrote most parts of his epic *Shri Ramcharitmanas* here.

Kabir Math

Situated in the Kabir Chaura locality, it is the main Kabir Gaddi. The paintings related with the life-events of Saint Kabirdasji are worth seeing.

Radha Swami Temple

The temple having an attractive gate and building, situated on the Kabir

Chaura road at Lohatia, is associated with the Radha Swami Sect.

Lord Kal Bhairav Temple

This famous temple is dedicated to Lord Kal Bhairav, the protector (Kotwal) of the city. It is situated in the Bhairavnath-Vishweshwarganj locality. Nearby is Nagari Pracharini Sabha, the old and famous institution.

Banaras Hindu University

At a short distance from the Sankatmochan Temple is the Banaras Hindu University, one of the prestigious educational centres of India. It was founded by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya. The University is among the few institutions which provides educational facilities on variety of subjects within the same campus

including the Ayurveda, Astrology, Yoga, Tantra, Music etc.

New Lord Vishwanath Temple

Situated in the premises of Banaras Hindu University, this modern place of worship was planned by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya and built by the Birlas, on the pattern of the original Lord Vishwanath Temple. Verses from old scriptures are inscribed on its walls.

Bharat Kala Bhavan

This museum, within the BHU

campus, houses the finest collection of Mughal miniature paintings and brocade textiles.

◆ **Entry** Indians ₹10; Foreigners ₹150
Timing 10.00am–4.30pm (except university holidays) **Closed** Sunday
Tel 2369227

Saint Ravidas Temple

This grand temple is built at Seergoverdhan area, near the B.H.U., which is the birth place of Saint Ravidasji.

Gurudwaras

The magnificent Gurubagh Gurudwara marks the place where Guru Nanakdevji had stayed in 1506. Gurudwara Neechibagh, in the Aas Bhairav locality, is the place where Guru Teg Bahadurji meditated in 1666.

Jain Temples

Varanasi is also regarded as one of the most sacred pilgrim centres of the Jains. It is believed that four Tirthankars - Suparshavanath, Chandra Prabhu, Shreyanshnath and Parshvanath - were born in and around Varanasi. Many Shvetambar and Digambar Jain temples, columns and idols are located in Bhadaini and Bhelupura.

Alamgir Mosque

This mosque, an amalgamation of Hindu-Muslim religious sentiments, is also known as "Beni Madhav-ka-Dharehara". The entire lower portion of the mosque is retained as a Hindu temple. The other attractions are: Sakshi Vinayak Temple, Nepali Temple, Goddess Sankatha Temple, Tilbhandeshwar Mahadev Temple, Bindumadhav Temple, etc.



New Vishwanath Temple

Lahartara Sarovar

Lahartara Sarovar, 3km from Cantt. Railway Station on Varanasi-Allahabad route, is the Udbhav Sthal of great saint Kabirdasji. The old temple built in between the sarovar (pond) is worth visiting.

Ganga Aarti

Each evening the boats on the River Ganga converge at the Dashashwamedha Ghat for the magical Aarti. Five-seven young priests follow a practiced routine with flaming lamps, incense sticks,

conches and other holy paraphernalia to a live bhajan sung on the microphone - the synchrony is mesmerizing. The Aarti for the first time was performed when Lord Shiva visited the city, it was repeated when various Maharajas explored these Ghats to take a holy dip in River Ganga. Most of it is repeated every single day for the average pilgrim coming to Varanasi from around the world. The evening ends with devotees and visitors offering small leaf baskets with a burning lamp inside and flowers to the river.

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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air The nearest Airport is Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport at Babatpur, 22km from Varanasi and 30km from Sarnath.

Varanasi is connected with Delhi, Agra, Khajuraho, Kolkata, Mumbai, Lucknow, Bhuvaneshwar, Kathmandu.

Rail Varanasi Cantt. and Mughal Sarai - 16km (one of the main railway stations of Varanasi) are the important rail junctions that link Varanasi with all major cities of India.

Road Varanasi, on NH2 from Kolkata to Delhi, NH7 to Kanya Kumari and NH29 to Gorakhpur, is well connected with the rest of the country by good motorable roads. Some of the major road distances are: Sarnath - 10km, Chunar - 35km, Jaunpur - 60km, Vindhyachal - 70km, Allahabad - 125km, Ayodhya - 140km, Bodhgaya - 240km, Patna - 246km, Lucknow - 286km, Khajuraho - 405km, Agra - 565km.

Possibly one of the most picturesque spectacles in Varanasi, you can witness it from the middle of the river resting on a boat. The Aarti takes place in the evening after the sunset for around 45 minutes at the Dashashwamedh Ghat in Varanasi. Devotees start to gather at the Ghat at least one hour before it commences. Now Ganga Aarti is performed at other Ghats also.

Subah-E-Banaras

Varanasi is known for its hours of dawn, when the city is in its most serene state. The morning glory of Banaras is the most auspicious tour to witness and discover life sprawling on the banks of the holy Ganga. It is a mystical blend of nature's grandeur

Boat Ride near Assi Ghat



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and human existence. The rising sun, golden Ganga and illuminated Ghats inspire the people to enchant, sing and conjure (Yoga). It takes one close to the spiritual fragrance of this land. A morning of Varanasi is full of life, light and divinity perpetuating the eternal beauty of nature.

Ghat Sandhya

Daily evening a dedicated team of "culture enthusiasts", quietly descend upon the Ganga Mahal-Reewa Ghat from different corners of city and bring the venue to life at around 6.00pm that is ornamented with soulful gala of music & dance. The cultural legacy of the city is showcased on this very location. Visitor can see and become a part of the mesmerizing musical journey.

Boat Ride Along River Ganga

Boating down the Ganga River during sunrise is one of the main attractions in Varanasi. One can observe here the Hindu way of life along the banks of the Ganga (Ghats) river. Start your day with a morning boat ride at dawn and witness the heavenly beauty of the pious Ghats and the delightful ambience of Varanasi. Behold the captivating beauty of the vicinity when the first rays of the sun touches the sacred lands of this holy city. Join boat-ride tour and experience how life starts with devotion, spirituality and sacredness in Banaras. Assembling at the 'Assi Ghat' at 5.15am during the summers and 6.00am during the winters, embark on a boat ride in the holy Ganga. As the boatman rows through the holy waters, you can catch a sight of the sunrays touching the tranquil water. The evening boat ride is also equally amazing!



Ramnagar Fort

EXCURSIONS

Excursions Sarnath (10km)
(See Index)

Ramnagar Fort And Museum (14km)

Ramnagar, across the Ganga River, is the home of the Maharaja of Banaras, who is revered as the representative of Lord Shiva in the city. The massive 17th century fort here houses a museum displaying the royal collection which includes Vintage Cars, Royal Palanquins, an armoury of swords and old guns, ivory work and antique clocks. The Goddess Durga Temple and Chhinnamasta Devi Temple here are also worth visiting. Ramnagar is also famous for its unique month long

Ram Leela. One can go to Ramnagar by road or boat.

◆ **Museum Entry ₹12 Museum Timings** Summer: 9.00am–12.00 noon & 2.00pm–5.00pm; Winter: 10.00am–5.00pm Tel 2339322

Gurudwara Chhota Mirzapur (17km)

On Varanasi-Chunar route where Guru Teg Bahadurji and Guru Govind Singhji had stayed.

Shultankeshwar Temple (18km)
Situated on the bank of Ganga, this is one of the old and famous temples of Varanasi.

Jain Temple At Chandrapuri (20km)

On Varanasi-Ghazipur road

and is believed to be the birth place of the 8th Tirthankar, Lord Chandraprabhu.

Gurudwara Bhuli Saheb (30km)
Guru Teg Bahadurji had visited here.

Markandey Mahadev Temple (30km)

This old temple is situated in village Kaithi on Varanasi-Ghazipur road near the confluence of river Ganga and Gomti. It is said that the place was associated with the Saint Markandey, the son of sage Kandeshwar.

Chunar (40km)
(See Index)

Gurudwara Ahraura (45km)
On Varanasi-Sonbhadra route.

Atala Masjid in Jaunpur



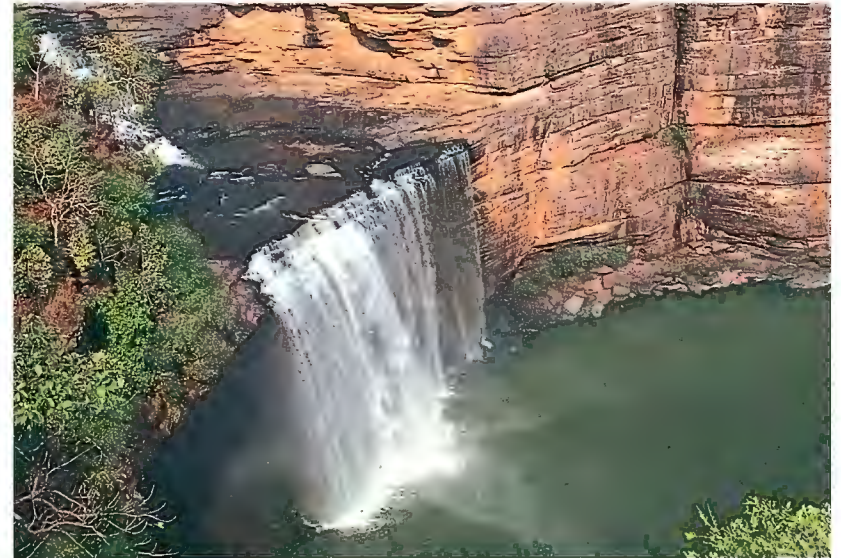
Guru Teg Bahadurji and Guru Govind Singhji had visited this place.

Lakhania Dari (Ahraura) (45km)
Beautiful waterfalls surrounded by green hills.

Jargo Reservoir (Dam) (50km)

It is a beautiful picnic place on Varanasi-Sonbhadra road having boating and fishing facilities. The reservoir is surrounded by natural panorama created by the confluence of several rivers. Inspection House of Irrigation Department is available here.

Jaunpur (60km)
(See Index)



Devdari Waterfall

Chandraprabha Wildlife Sanctuary (70km)

It is a beautiful picnic spot on Varanasi-Chandauli road in the Chandraprabha forest within which are the RAJ DARI and DEVDARI waterfalls.

Vindhyachal (75km)
(See Index)

Sitamarhi (85km)

Situated on the bank of the Ganga on Varanasi-Allahabad road, Sitamarhi is believed to be the place where mother Sita lived during her exile. According to legends, this is the place where mother Sita went into the lap of mother Earth. Important attractions are Valmiki Temple, Lord Shiva Temple, mother Sita Temple depicting beautifully and touchingly her going into the lap of mother Earth. There is a fine lake

where boating facility is available. A guest house is also there with modern facilities.

Sonbhadra (89km)

An ideal region, spread over a large area, having the various places of archaeological, historical, religious and natural attractions, such as Shivdwar, Salkhan fossils, Barela, Panchmukhi, Markundi, Mau, Vijaigarh, Agori, Hazrat Saiyyed Meeran Shah Mazar - Tansi, Kaimoor wild life sanctuary etc.

Allahabad (125km)
(See Index)

Kaimoor Wildlife Sanctuary (130km)

Spread over an area of 500 sq. km., the sanctuary has a variety of wildlife. The Mukha waterfall is a tourist attraction. ■

FACT FILE

IMPORTANT ORGANISATIONS

- Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth
Tel: 2223160, 2222689
- Dr. Sampurnanand Sanskrit University
Tel: 2206617, 2204089, 2343911, 2344089
- Krishna Murti Foundation, Rajghat
Tel: 2441784
- R.K. Mission, Luxa Road
Tel: 2451773
- Gandhi Institute, Rajghat
- Nagari Pracharini Sabha Maidagin
Tel: 2331488, 2331277
- Gyan Pravah, Nagwa
Tel: 2366320
- Garhwa Ghat Ashram
Tel: 2366977
- Theosophical Society
Tel: 2400773
- Maha Bodhi Society of India, Sarnath
Tel: 2595955
- Tibetan Institute, Sarnath
Tel: 2585148
- Kayakalpam Ayurvedic Health Spa
49-Patel Nagar
Tel: 6452760

ACCOMMODATION STAR HOTELS

- The Gateway Hotel Ganges (Taj)
Nadesar, Varanasi
Tel: 6660001, 2503001-18
- Hotel Clarks
The Mall, Varanasi
Tel: 2501011-20
- Hotel Pradeep
Jagatgunj, Varanasi
Tel: 2205963

- Hotel Radisson
The Mall, Varanasi
Tel: 2501511-15
- Hotel Clarks Varanasi (5 Star), The Mall
Tel: 2501011-20
Fax : 2502736
- India Hotel (3 Star)
Patel Nagar
Tel: 2507593-98
- Hotel Vaibhav (3 Star)
Tel: 2501359-62
- Hotel Siddharth (3 Star), Sigra
Tel: 2221961

HERITAGE HOTEL

- Pallavi Hotel (3 Star)
Hathuwa Market
Tel: 2393012-15

STANDARD HOTELS

- Hotel Banaras Haweli
Assi Ghat
Tel: 2366256, 2310956
- Hotel City Inn
Station Road
Tel: 2206010-16
- Hotel Diamond
Bhelupur
Tel: 2276696-700
- Hotel Hindustan
International, Maldahiya
Tel: 2411848-89
- Hotel Amaya, The Mall
Tel: 2503391-95
- Hotel India, Patel Nagar
Tel: 2507593-98
- Hotel Jukaso The
Ganges, Gularia Ghat
Tel: 2406666
- Hotel Madin, The Mall
Tel: 2500233
- Hotel Meraden Grand
Tel: 2509952
- Hotel Palace On Ganges

- Assi Ghat
Tel: 2315050
- Hotel Ramada Plaza, Jhv
The Mall
Tel: 2510000
- Hotel Rivataas By Ideal
Tel: 6666100
- Hotel Siddhartha, Sigra
Tel: 2221961
- Hotel Surya, The Mall
Tel: 2508465-66
- Hotel Suryodaya Haweli
Shivala Ghat
Tel: 2276811
- Hotel Vaibhava
Patel Nagar
Tel: 2501359, 62
- Hotel Zirras, The Mall
Tel: 2503990

BUDGET HOTELS

- Hotel Nar-Indra
G.T. Road
Tel: 2208121
- Hotel De Paris
Tel: 2505131
- Hotel Gautam Grand
Parade Khoti
Tel: 2208288
- Hotel M.M. Continental
Mehmoorganj
Tel: 2500973
- Hotel Padmini
International, Mehmoorganj
Tel: 2220079
- Hotel Vijay International
Godowlia
Tel: 2400895
- Hotel Buddha, Ramkatora
Tel: 2203686
- Hotel Temple On Ganges
Assi Ghat
Tel: 2368640
- Hotel Varuna
Sigra Crossing
Tel: 2418524

PAYING GUEST ACCOMMODATION

The city has a number of paying guest houses. Details can be had from the local tourist office.

UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tourist
Bungalow, Parade Kothi
Opp. Cantt. Railway Station
Tel: 05422208413, 2208545

RESTAURANTS

- Various restaurants at Varanasi serve all variety of cuisines – Continental, Chinese, Indian and, of course, the traditional Mughlai.
- Sindhi Restaurant, Bhelupur
 - Shahi Restaurant
Gaurabagh
 - Yelchico Bar & Restaurant, Sigra
Tel: 2362724
 - Aamrapali Restaurant
Parade Kothi
Cell: 9415352546
 - Ashiyana Restaurant
Varuna Bridge
Tel: 2503764
 - Kerala Cafe, Bhelupur
 - Iyer Restaurant
Dashashwamedh
 - Chahat Restaurant, Sigra

ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION

- Boat riding at the river front
- D.L.W. Railway Golf Club
- Gorkha Golf Club
39, Gorkha Training Centre
Cantt.

TRAVEL AGENTS AND TOUR/COACH OPERATORS

The city has many travel agents and tour operators. Some of them are:

- Aditya Travel & Tours
Nadesar
Tel: 0542-2347343, 2505743, 2504952
- Ashoka Travels & Tours, Cantt.
Tel: 0542-2503432, 2502548
- Avisha Tour & Travels
Shivpur Bypass
Tel: 0542-2281305, 6522746
Cell: 9335063991
- Buddha Holidays Pvt.
Ltd., Varuna Bridge
Tel: 0542-2504198, 2505948
- Cosmic Travels & Movers
Varuna Bridge
Tel: 0542-2502246, 2504526
- Ganges Travel & Tours
Nawalpur
Tel: 0542-2290822, 2290322
- Jatak Travels
Varuna Vihar Colony
Tel: 0542-2282356, 6535297
- Kutaj Travel & Tours Pvt.
Ltd., Cantt.
Cell: 9838889333, 444, 555
- Le Passage to India
Cantt.
Tel: 0542-2504920, 21
Cell: 9839127620
- Mercury Travels Ltd.
Cantt.
Tel: 0542-2503496
- Om Travels
Cantt.
Tel: 0542-2508470
Cell: 9415204202
- Sankrit Tour Zone, Lanka
Tel: 0542-2366198
Cell: 9648000010
- Super Travels & Tours
Shivpur
Tel: 0542-2283345
Cell: 9415303914
- Surabhi Travels & Tours
Tel: 0542-2507818, 2310446
- Touraid's (i) Travel
Service, The Mall
Tel: 0542-2504447, 2500227, 2509925
- Travel Assistant, Cantt.
Tel: 0542-2502954, 2508812
- Travel Assistant
International, Cantt.
Cell: 8004924159, 8009385264
- Travel Bureau, Nadesar
Tel: 0542-2507632, 2502721
- Travel Partner, Cantt.
Tel: 0542-2507632, 2504049
- Travel Zone, Nadesar
Tel: 0542-2507620, 2507628
- Varanasi Travels, Nadesar
Tel: 0542-2502018
Cell: 9415336982
- Varuna Tours, Nadesar
Tel: 0542-2508866, 2509966
- World View Travel
Services, Cantt.
Tel: 0542-2507778, 2507710
- Asia Destination Travels
Shivpur
Tel: 0542-2280390
Cell: 9616927699

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SHOPPING

Varanasi is famous for its silk weaving. Varanasi brocades are prized the world over. Brassware, copperware, wooden and clay toys and exquisite gold jewellery are some of the other crafts the city is famous for. The hand-knotted carpets of Mirzapur and musical instruments are among the other shopping items. Varanasi is also famous for its 'Langda Aam', a variety of mango available in summer. Betel leaf and sweets are also its speciality. The main shopping areas are Chowk, Vishwanath Lane, Thatheri Bazar, Lahurabir, Godowlia, Dashaswamedh Lane and Golghar.

BANKS

- S.B.I., Railway Station
Tel: 2503942
- Indian Overseas Bank
Lahurabir
Tel: 2414813, 2401363
- Bank of Baroda, Lanka
Tel: 2366150, 2366741
- Canara Bank, Kotwalpara
Tel: 2392508
- Oriental Bank of
Commerce Maldahiya
Tel: 2354418
- Allahabad Bank, Nadesar
Tel: 2505039
- Central Bank of India, Lanka
Tel: 2366470
- S.B.I., Overseas Branch
Tel: 2343445, 2504160
- Oriental Bank of

Commerce Nichibagh
Tel: 2414418

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- G.P.O., Visheshwar Ganj
Tel: 2331398, 2332090
- C.T.O. Cantt.

HOSPITALS

- Shivprasad Gupta
Hospital, Kabir Chaura
Tel: 2214723
- Sir Sunderlal Hosp.
B.H.U.
Tel: 2369169
- Rajkija Hospital, Shivpur
Tel: 2214723, 2214720
- Hindu Seva Sadan
Chowk
Tel: 2400356, 2400988
- Mata Anandmai Hospital
Bhadaini
Tel: 2310186, 2310230
- Ram Krishna Mission
Hospital, Luxa
Tel: 2451727
- Marwari Hospital
Godowlia
Tel: 2392611
- Cancer Institute, N.E.
Railway, Lahartara
Tel: 2220348
- Heritage Hospital, Lanka
Tel: 2369991-5
- Kayakalpam
The Ayurvedic Health Spa
Patel Nagar (Behind Hotel
Meraden Grand)
Tel: 6452760
Cell: 09336911583/49,
09335411314

TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

- UP Govt. Tourist Office
Sanskratik Sankul

Urban Haat, Chauka Ghat
Varanasi

- Tel: 0542-2505033
- UP Government Tourist
Information Counter
Cantt. Railway Station
(Near Enquiry Office,
Main Hall)
Tel: 0542-2506670
 - Govt. of India Tourist
Office
Tel: 2501784
 - Tourist Office, Bihar Govt.
Tel: 2223821
 - Tourist Office
Tamil Nadu Govt.
Tel: 2500624

AIR

- Air India
Tel: 2502547, 2509195
- Indian Air Lines
Tel: 2502527
- Jet Airways
Tel: 2622026, 27
- SpiceJet
Tel: 2623081, 82
- King Fisher
Tel: 2623076, 77

RAIL

- Varanasi Railway Station
Tel: 131, 139
- Mughal Sarai Railway
Station
Tel: 255703

IMPORTANT TELEPHONES

- D.M., Varanasi
Tel: 2508585, 2502626
- S.S.P., Varanasi
Tel: 2502655, 2501450
- Foreigners Registration
Office, Siddha Giri Bagh
Tel: 2330444



Goddess Vindhyavasini

VINDHYACHAL

Vindhyachal, 8km from Mirzapur, on the bank of the holy river Ganga, is one of the most revered Shaktipeeths of which the presiding deity is Goddess Vindhyavasini. Closely related with mythology and referred prominently in the ancient scriptures, Goddess Vindhyavasini is believed to be the instant bestower of benediction. The Goddess is also known as 'Kajala Devi', a name presumably derived from the famous folk song 'Kajali' of this region. There are several temples of other deities in the vicinity, especially the Goddess Ashtabhuj Temple and the Goddess Kalikhoh Temple, which constitute the sacred Trikona Parikrama (circumambulation), popular ritual among the pilgrims.

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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 365 sq. hectares
Population (Mirzapur) 21,16,042
 (2001 Census)
Altitude 100 mtrs. above sea level
Season July-April
Clothing Summer: Cottons; Winter: Woollens
Language Hindi
STD code 05442
Festival Navratri, (March-April & Sept-Oct), Maha Shivratri (Feb), Ram Navami (April), Shraavan Meta (July-Aug)

PLACES OF INTEREST

Goddess Vindhyavasini Temple

The ancient Shaktipeeth of Goddess Vindhyavasini, referred in the scriptures, is a major attraction of this region. It attracts pilgrims throughout the year; however, big congregations are held during Navratras in Chaitra (April) and Ashwin (October) months. In the month of Jyeshtha (June) 'Kajali' competitions are also held here. The daily Aartees, performed four times are worth seeing - Mangla

Deodari Waterfalls



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Nearest Airport: L.B.S. Airport Babatpur, Varanasi - 87km.
Rail Vindhyachal itself is a local station, but Mail and Express trains stop at Mirzapur which is well connected with all major cities of India.
Road Bus service is available for all major cities of U.P.

Aarti: 4.00am, Shayan Aarti: 12.00 noon, Sandhya Aarti: 7.30pm, Nisha Aarti: 9.30pm.

Lord Rameshwar Mahadev Temple

1km from the Goddess Vindhyavasini Temple, stands this temple on Ram Gaya Ghat. According to legends, Lord Rama installed a Shiva Linga here after libation in the memory of his ancestors.

Goddess Tara Temple

It is situated 2km from the Goddess Vindhyavasini Temple, at a cremation ground. Goddess Tara is the presiding deity of this temple.

Goddess Kali Khoh Temple

This ancient temple, situated in a cave, is 2km from the Goddess Vindhyavasini Temple. Associated with the mythology, the temple is dedicated to goddess Kali.

Goddess Ashtabhuj Temple

According to legends, the daughter of Lord Krishna's foster mother, Yashoda, fled miraculously from the grip of Kans, the king of Mathura, and descended here. This temple is situated in a cave of a hillock, 3km from the Goddess Vindhyavasini Temple, is dedicated to Goddess Asthabhuj.

Sita Kund

It is believed that mother Sitaji had taken bath in this pond. Nearby are the temples of Lord Hanuman, Ram, Goddess Durga and Mother Sitaji.

Kantit Sharief

This famous Dargah of Ismail Chishti, a close relative of Khwaja Chishti of Ajmer Sharief, has great significance for all the sects.

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Website- www.uptourism.gov.in

Other attractions are Burhenath Temple, Tarkeshwarnath Temple, Lal Bhairava Temple, Kal Bhairava Temple, Batuk Bhairav Temple, Bhairava Kund, Vindhyeswar Temple, Kamakhya Devi Temple, Chhetrapal, Shiv Khoh, Sankat Mochan Hanuman Temple, Narad Ghat, Geruwa Talab, Nag Kund, Vamdev Temple, Devarha Baba Ashram, Kankal Kali temple at Akodhi etc.

EXCURSIONS

Waterfalls

Tanda waterfall (10km), Vindham waterfall (15km), Sirsi Dam (45km), Devdari waterfall (120km) are

excellent sites for excursion.

Chunar (40km)
(See Index)

Varanasi (70km)
(See Index)

Sonbhadra (85km)
An ideal region, spread over a large area, having various places of archaeological, historical, religious and natural attractions, such as Shivdwar, Salkhan fossils, Barela, Panchmukhi, Mau, Markundi, Vijaigarh, Kaimoor Wild life Sanctuary etc.

Allahabad (95km)
(See Index) ■

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ACCOMMODATION

Vindhyachal

- Hotel Ratnaker
Gayatri Market
Tel: 242034
- Shiv Durga Atithi Bhawan
Mishra Market
Tel: 242234
- Jaipuria Atithi Bhawan, Near
Shri Vindhyaasini, Devi Temple
Tel: 242083
- Birla Atithi Bhawan
Station Road
Tel: 242074
- Jaiswal Atithi Bhawan
Near V.I.P. Road
Tel: 242070
- Kamla Yatri Niwas
Tel: 242531

Mirzapur

- Khetan Smriti Bhawan
Tel: 221815

- Hotel The Galaxy
Lal Diggi
Tel: 220826
- Hotel Yes Inn
Tel: 221074
- Hotel Neera
Tel: 221683
- Hotel O.K. Deluxe
Tel: 220050

**UP TOURISM
ACCOMMODATION**

- UPSTDC Yatri Niwas
Vindhyachal
Tel: 05442-242996, 290478
- UPSTDC Hotel Janhavi
Near Shastri Bridge
Mirzapur
Tel: 05442-221494, 223489

POST AND TELEGRAPH

- G.P.O., Pataha, Mirzapur
Tel: 253109

**TOURIST INFORMATION
OFFICE**

- UP Govt. Tourist Office
Janhavi Tourist Bungalow
Campus
Near Shastri Bridge
Mirzapur
Tel: 05442-221494, 223489

BANKS

- State Bank of India
Vindhyachal
Tel: 05442-242600
- State Bank of India
Dankeenganj, Mirzapur
Tel: 221722

**IMPORTANT
TELEPHONES**

- D.M., Mirzapur
Tel: 05442-252480
- S.P., Mirzapur
Tel: 05442-252578



Tiger

DUDHWA NATIONAL PARK

Dudhwa was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1965 and a National Park in 1977. It covers 680 sq. km of grassland and woodland, including the buffer zone, and has the finest quality of Sal (*Shorea robusta*) in India. Dudhwa is India's most exciting forest reserve. The Neora river and the dry bed of the Soheli run along its southern edge. Between these two rivers, and the Sal forests to the north, are the grasslands - the preferred habitat of the Barasingha or swamp deer which can be spotted roaming about. The largest number of swamp deer, which move in herds, is found in the Sathiana and Kakraha blocks. The park has a fair number of tigers.

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→ GENERAL INFORMATION

Area 680.32 sq. km. (including buffer zone)

Location The park is located in the Lakhimpur Kheri district of Uttar Pradesh, near the India-Nepal border.

Altitude Between 150 mtrs. and 183 mtrs. above sea level

Season Mid November to mid April (the reserve remains closed between 15th June and 15th November)

Local transport Coach/jeep/elephant
STD code 05871



Rhino basking in sun

The Indian one-horned rhinoceros has been reintroduced in the park and is thriving. Other animals seen in Dudhwa are sloth bear, ratels, civets, jackals, fishing cats, jungle cats and leopard cats. Among the deer found here are Sambhar and Cheetal, the hog deer and the barking deer.

In winter, the snub-nosed crocodile or Muggar can be seen basking in the sun on the banks of the river.

Bird life is abundant in Dudhwa. Among the night birds of prey are the great Indian horned owl, the forest eagle owl, the brown fish owl, the tawny fish owl, the dusky horned owl and the brown wood owl. Apart from the Sarus or crane, a rich variety of storks can be seen.



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→ ACCESSIBILITY

Air Nearest airport: Amausi, Lucknow - 250km.

Rail Nearest railway stations: Dudhwa - 4km; Palia - 10km; Mailani - 30km. Dudhwa, on North-Eastern Railway's metre gauge section, is connected via Mailani (37km from Palia) to Lucknow. A railway link is also available to some other centres in the park. The major rail route is Delhi-Moradabad-Bareilly-Shahjahanpur (N.R.) - 301km, and then by road to Dudhwa - 107km.

Road Nearest bus stations are Dudhwa and Palia. Dudhwa is connected by metalled road with other parts of the state. Some important road distances are : Palia - 10km, Shahjahanpur - 107km, Lucknow - 238km, Bareilly - 260km, Delhi - 430km.

EXCURSIONS

The Surat Bhawan Palace (25km)

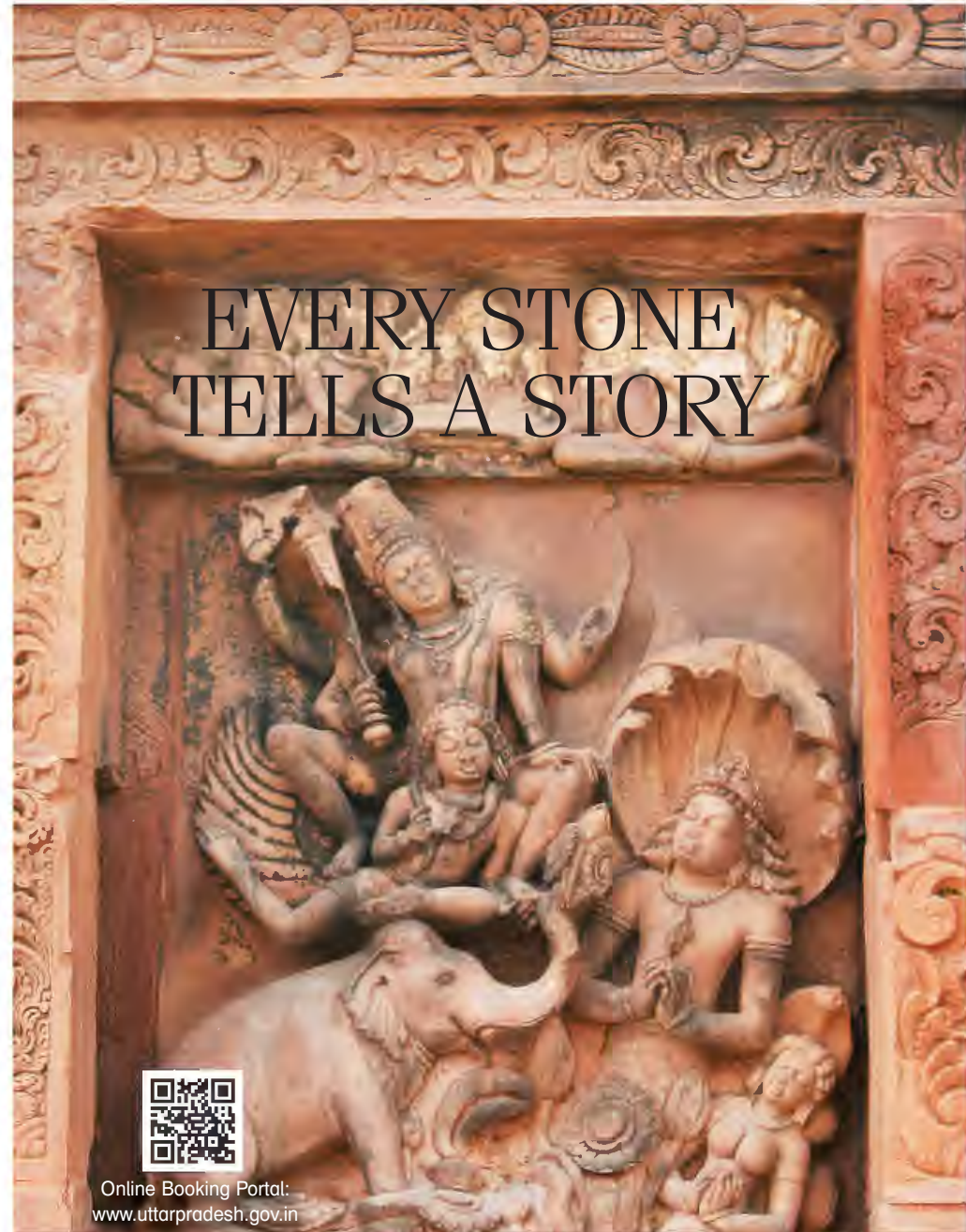
On the Lakhimpur-Nighasan-Dudhwa route, stands this palace in a green nine-acre retreat. Built in the Indo-Saracenic style by the rulers of the Singahi state, its lush lawns, fountains, swimming pool and architectural details make a visit worthwhile. (The palace can be visited after obtaining permission from the manager.)

Kishanpur Sanctuary (30km)

It is a constituent of the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve. Spread over about 200 sq. km, area on the banks of the Sharda river, it is surrounded by Sal forests of the adjoining reserved forests. Predominant species: Tiger, Leopard, Swamp deer etc.

Gola Gokaran Nath (86km)

A famous religious place, especially known for its ancient Lord Shiva temple. There are many other temples and a large sacred pond. ■

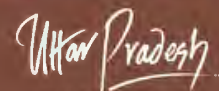


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ACCOMMODATION

The Forest Department provides accommodation at its various units situated inside the park area as under :

- Forest Rest House Dudhwa
- Swiss Cottage Tents Dudhwa
- Tharu Huts, Dudhwa
- Forest Rest House Sathiana
- Forest Rest House Bankati
- Forest Rest House Sonaripur
- Forest Rest House Salukapur

NEAREST UP TOURISM ACCOMMODATION

- UPSTDC Tigers' Den Palia Kalan Lakhimpur Kheri
Tel: 05871-298407
- UPSTDC Tourist Bungalow Near Gara Phatak Shahjahanpur
Cell: 9336627781

FOR RESERVATION CONTACT

- Director Dudhwa National Park Lakhimpur Kheri
Tel: 05872-252106
- Dy. Director Dudhwa National Park Palia-Kheri
Tel: 05871-233485
- Chief Wildlife Warden 17, Rana Pratap Marg Lucknow
Tel: 0522-2206584

- UP Tours, Hotel Gomti 6, Sapru Marg, Lucknow
Tel: 0522-2612656
Tel: 0522-2615005
- Private Hotels, lodges and other accommodation facilities are available at the nearest town Palia (10km).
- Hotel Sharda Near Palia Police Station
Tel: 05871-233144, 233444
Cell: 9415886220
- Hotel Pushpanjali Nighasan Road Opp. Kamal Talkies, Palia
Tel: 233172
- Hotel Amar, Bus Stand, Palia
Tel: 234211
- Hotel Roopam, Bus Stand, Palia
Tel: 233549

RESTAURANTS

Dining facilities are available only at Dudhwa. At other centres, only cooking facilities are available and provisions have to be carried. There are local eateries at Palia.

BANKS, POST & TELEGRAPH & HOSPITALS

All facilities are available at

Deers in Dudhwa



Palia and Lakhimpur Kheri.

INFORMATION OFFICES

- Reception Centre, Dudhwa National Park Lakhimpur Kheri
Tel: 05872-252106
- Reception Centre, Dudhwa National Park Palia
Tel: 05871-233485
- Reception Centre Dudhwa National Park Dudhwa

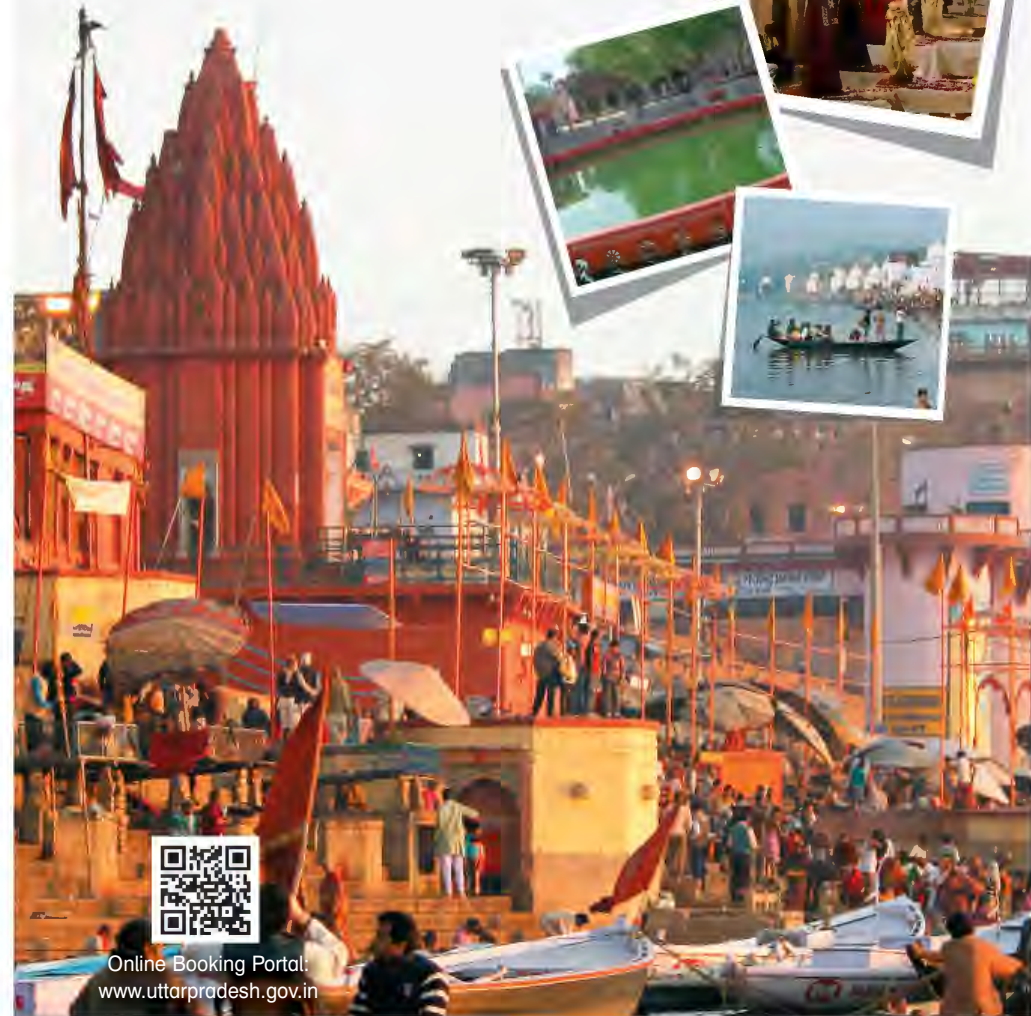
NEAREST TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

- U.P. Govt. Tourist Office C-13, Vipin Khand Gomtinagar, Lucknow
Tel: 0522-2307670
- U.P. Govt. Tourist Office Rohila Tourist Bungalow Campus, Bareilly
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WILDLIFE AND BIRD SANCTUARIES IN UTTAR PRADESH

Sanctuary park	Location	Best Season	Predominant Species	Nearest Railhead/Road
Kishanpur Sanctuary	Nepalese Terai, District Lakhimpur Kheri	November to mid June	Tiger, Leopard, Swamp Deer	Mailani (20km)
Katarniaghat Sanctuary	Nepalese Terai, District Bahraich	November to June	Tiger, Leopard, Swamp Deer, Cheetal, Nilgai, Sambhar	Bichniya (4km)
Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary	District Unnao	November to March	Avian Fauna	Kusumbhi (8km), Nawabganj, UPSTDC Accommodation Available
Hastinapur Sanctuary	District Meerut, Muzaffarnagar, Ghaziabad, Bijnor, Jyotiba Phule Nagar	November to March	Cheetal, Sambhar, Nilgai, Leopard, Hyena	Meerut (35km)
National Chambhal Sanctuary	District Agra, Etawah	November to March	Maggar, Gharial, Chinkara, Sambhar, Nilgai, Wolf	Agra (70km), Etawah (15km)
Mahavir Swami Sanctuary	District Lalitpur	November to March	Leopard, Nilgai, Wild bear, Sambhar	Lalitpur (30km)
Ranipur Sanctuary	District Banda, Chitrakoot	November to March	Sloth bear, Black Buck, Spur Fowl, Painted Partridge, Chinkara	Karvi (25km)
Chandra Prabha Sanctuary	District Chandauli	November to March	Panther, Chinkara, Sambhar, Cheetal, Peafowl	Varanasi, Mughal Sarai (65km)/ Chakriya (20km)
Kaimoor Sanctuary	District Mirzapur and Sonbhadra	November to March	Leopard, Black Buck, Cheetal, Ratel, Peafowl	Churk (20km)
Lakh Bahosi Sanctuary	District Kannauj	December to February	Fishing cat, Nilgai, Jackal, Mongoose, Monkey, Local/Migratory birds	Kannauj (40km)
Samaspur Sanctuary	District Rae Bareilly	December to February	Jackal, Mongoose, Hare, Local/Migratory Birds	Unchahar (19km) Salon (10km)

Suhelva Sanctuary	District Balrampur Gonda, Sravasti	Mid October to Mid June	Tiger, Cheetal, Leopard, Bear, Boar, Wild cat, Birds	Balrampur (60km)
Sandi Sanctuary	District Hardoi	December to February	Jackal, Mongoose, Nilgai, Local/Migratory Birds	Hardoi (19km)
Bakhira Sanctuary	District Sant Kabir Nagar	December to February	Jackal, Mongoose, Nilgai, Local/Migratory Birds	Sant Kabir Nagar (20km)
Patna Sanctuary	District Etah	December to February	Fishing cat, Jackal, Mongoose, Hare, Nilgai, Monkey, Fox, Local/Migratory Birds	Jalesar (10km)
Sur Sarovar Sanctuary	District Agra	December to February	Jackal, Mongoose, Hare, Local/Migratory Birds	Agra (20km)
Suraha Tal Sanctuary	District Ballia	December to February	Jackal, Mongoose, Nilgai, Monkey, Local/Migratory Birds	Ballia (13km)
Vijai Sagar Sanctuary	District Mahoba	December to February	Jackal, Mongoose, Wild Cat, Local/Migratory Birds	Mahoba (4km)
Saman Sanctuary	District Mainpuri	December to February	Jackal, Mongoose, Hare, Local/Migratory Birds	Mainpuri (38km)
Parvati Agra Sanctuary	District Gonda	December to February	Jackal, Mongoose, Hare, Nilgai, Wild Cat, Local/Migratory Birds	Gonda (40km)
Okhla Sanctuary	District Ghaziabad, Gautam Budh Nagar	December to February	Local/Migratory Birds	Delhi (15km), Okhla (1km)
Sohagi Barwa Sanctuary	District Maharajganj	Mid October to Mid June	Tiger, Leopard, Cheetal, Bear, Wild Cat, Wild Boar, Python	Gorakhpur (56km) Maharajganj (50km)
Kachhua Sanctuary	District Varanasi	Mid October to Mid June	Species of Tortoise, Ganga Dolphin, Water Animals	Varanasi

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