

Haridwar

One of the seven holiest places for Hindus, Haridwar literally means a 'gateway to God', succinctly capturing its pious and spiritual character. Come here for an epiphanic union with the almighty, or just sit by the scintillating river Ganga and watch your stress float away with the swishing water and a cool, balming breeze.



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The holy town of Hardwar marks the arrival of the River Ganga into the Northern plains, the first time since its origin at Gaumukh, Gangotri. Visitors hail from all across the country, and globe, for a dip in the holy waters of the river, which is believed to wash away one's sins and help attain salvation. The Ganges flows in rapids here, and people throng the Har ki Pauri to take a holy dip in the fast flowing waters. Har ki Pauri has an interesting legend which says that when Garuda, the holy bird, was carrying the pitcher of Amrita (nectar of the Gods), four drops fell, one of which made a pool in Hardwar, now known as Hari ki Pauri. Don't go too deep or you run the risk of drowning. Evenings are a magical time here, when thousands of earthen lamps are immersed in the river after the aarti. Along the banks of the Ganges, the Chandi Devi Temple, built by the King of Kashmir, rests atop the Neel Parvat. Another important temple in the vicinity is the Maya Devi



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Jan

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 16.5°C Min: 8.5°C Rain: 0.0mm

Feb

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 15.89999961 Min: 6.800000190 Rain: 33.0mm
8530273°C 734863°C

Mar

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.
Max: 15.60000038 Min: 9.199999809 Rain: 123.0mm
1469727°C 265137°C

Apr

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 23.39999961 Min: 13.10000038 Rain: 0.0mm
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May

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 22.89999961 Min: 12.19999980 Rain: 0.0mm
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Jun

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 26.89999961 Min: 19.5°C Rain: 102.0mm
8530273°C

Jul

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.

When To



Max: 24.70000076 Min: 18.39999961 Rain: 186.0mm
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Aug
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.
Max: 25.60000038 Min: 20.29999923 Rain: 639.0mm
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Sep
Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen, umbrella.
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2939453°C

Oct
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.
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Nov
Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 23.29999923 Min: 13.80000019 Rain: 6.0mm
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Dec
Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.
Max: 17.89999961 Min: 8.60000038 Rain: 18.0mm
8530273°C 469727°C

What To SEE



5 Sights

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1 Har ki Pauri



📍 Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249401, India

Believed to be one the holiest Ghats in the country, Har Ki Pauri is supposedly the first place where Ganga touches plains, leaving behind the pristine ranges of the Himalayas. The ghat is also known as the Brahma Kund where you can see the stone which has an imprint of Lord Vishnu's foot, as indicated by the name.

The most interesting part of this religious spot is the evening Aarti which is performed by priests on the banks of river Ganga. This highly enchanting experience at Har Ki Pauri is something to look forward to during a visit to the place for sure. During this time, leafed lamps can be seen floating on the river, bedecked with flowers and other offerings to the river. These lamps, easily available at different stalls near the ghat, create a splendid aura of lights which is further accentuated with the holy chants that fill the entire atmosphere with divine vibes.

2 Mansa Devi Mandir



📍 Railway Road, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249403, India

This is perhaps the most famous temple at Haridwar, luring the seekers of divinity from and beyond. You can either take the trek to it or hop aboard the ropeway that'll have you here in less than 10 minutes. Both the modes to reach the place are surreal experiences.

It's believed that a visit to the Mansa Devi Temple fulfils all the wishes of the visitors who come to the temple. Devotees can often be seen tying red threads to the tree within the precincts. The belief says that once your wish is fulfilled, you should come back to the temple to untie the thread.

Located atop a peak on the Shivalik Hills, this temple is visited by travellers from all over the country and is one of the most revered ones in town. Mansa Devi is taken to be one of the vertex of the holy triangle formed between the three temples, Chandi Devi and Maya Devi being the other two.

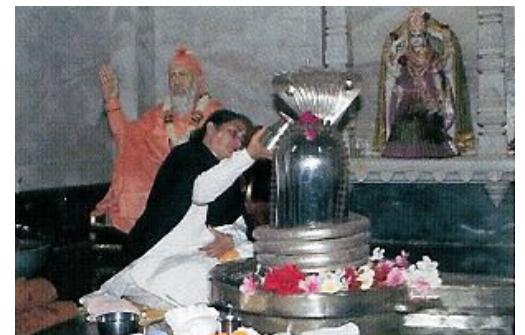
3 Ganesh Ghat



📍 Ganesh Ghat, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249405, India

Right across the famous Hanuman Temple is another wonder of Haridwar, Ganesh Ghat. This leisurely stretch of the banks of Ganga is quite famous with the residents for picnics and morning walks. One major attraction of the ghat is the Dam Kothi, a government owned villa, that stands towering by the swirling waves. The dam that bars the Ganga was built by the British, decades back, and is a major landmark at Haridwar. You can go to the Ganesh Ghat to spend some hours in solitude, away from the din of city life. It's also a favourite haunt of the lovers of photography, for both the hilltop temples of Mansa Devi and Chandi Devi are visible from here.

4 Mercury Temple



📍 6 kms from Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249410, India

Also known as Paradeshwari Mahadev Temple,

Mercury Temple is astounding both in its architecture as well as religious value. Located at M K Gandhi Road, it nestles a shivalinga that's wholly made out of mercury! A steady trickle of devotees can always be seen in the temple precincts that look quite alluring in the sandstone colour.

Dedicated to Lord Shiva, Mercury Temple also has the rare rudraksha trees growing right within its compounds. While you say a prayer or two at the temple, don't forget to buy rudrakshas from inside the temple, for those are supposed to keep you safe against any harm.

5 Rajaji National Park



5/1, Ansari Road, Rajaji National Park, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249410, India

Created in 1983, Rajaji National Park is an amalgamation of three sanctuaries - Rajaji sanctuary,

Motichur sanctuary and Chilla sanctuary. It has been named after Sri C. Rajgopalachariya - the first and last Governor general of India, who was also popularly known as Rajaji. Spread over an area of 820.42 sq. km., the Park has been covered in three Districts- Haridwar, Dehradun and Pauri Garhwal of Uttarakhand State, India.

Representing the Shivalik ecosystem, rich in fossils,

Rajaji National Park is a home to different species of animals including Leopard, Tiger, Sambar deer; antelopes such as the&nbs;Jungle Cat,&nbs;Nilgai, Goral,&nbs;Hyena,&nbs;Jackal, Leopard Cat, Civets and&nbs;above all&nbs;the Asian Elephant. The majestic Ganges flowing through the Park, the innumerable brooks and streams, make this place an ideal example of diverse flora and fauna, and amazing ecosystem.&nbs;

Where To Eat

5 Places

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1 Dosa Plaza



Nirmala Sarey, Opposite Railway Station, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249401, India

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If you are an, ardent lover of South Indian food, and thought that you might not even hear of an option for the same in a town like Haridwar, Dosa Plaza is here to surprise you. Right opposite to the railway station, Dosa Plaza doles out the crunchiest, tastiest of dosas in the town, along with mini idlis and uttapams as their specialities. Chach, another delicacy, is something that's not to be missed here. Relatively new in the region, it's carve a niche with the upmarket ambiance and efficient service.

2 Big Ben Restaurant



Railway Road, Haridwar Main Road, Devpura, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249401, India

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Enjoy the soothing ambience of Big Ben Restaurant with one of the best veg thalis in town. The music here adds charm to the place which is rare to the religious town of Haridwar. Located at a walking distance from both the railway station and the bus stand, the restaurant is not only convenient to reach but is also perfect for a meal for the entire family. The service can be a bit staff here can sometimes make you work on your vocal chords more than it is required but the food makes up for it big time. Try the paranthas here along with raitas of different kinds.

3 Invitation



 National Highway 58, Govindpuri, Devpura, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249410, India

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Invitation is located right in the heart of modern Haridwar, quite close to the Main Complex Area. Needless to say, it's one of the best places to dine in at. Harping more on the multi cuisine food, it's got the best of all worlds. Perfect for a family dinner, it has a wide range of snacks, Chinese, Continental and Indian fare on the menu. You can also dig into some sumptuous pasta, pizza and more here.

4 Fun n Food



 National Highway 58, Devpura, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249410, India

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Fun n Food is a favourite with residents and tourists alike, being one of the first restaurants to have opened up at Haridwar. A multi cuisine posh facility, it boasts of an efficient service and more than average

food. Snacks are the speciality of the restaurant, with spring rolls, sandwiches, pizzas and more as the favourite ones. It's also a favoured hangout zone for many, usually brimming with young, college crowd. It also boasts of an outdoor partying place, which can be reserved well in advance.

5 Hoshiyar Puri



 Upper Road, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249401, India

Another good option for exploring what North-Indian cuisine is made of is at Hoshiyar Puri. It's one of the most renowned and oldest food joints at Haridwar, having a fan following of its own. Boasting of an amazing collection of dishes on the menu, the restaurant is known for its lachha paratha and frozen rice pudding (kheer). Moreover, one should not miss aloo gobhi ki sabzi and dal fry here. The prices are affordable, the ambience is nice and the staff is courteous which make the overall experience of having food here one of the best in town.