

# HIMACHAL PRADESH MONUMENTS

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# Rashtrapati Niwas:



The Rashtrapati Niwas also known as the Viceregal Lodge is one of the historical monuments in Himachal Pradesh. It not only shows the history of the state but of the entire country. The Rashtrapati Niwas is situated on the Observatory Hills of Shimla and was the home of the Viceroy Of India during the colonial rule. It contains many historic and important artefacts, documents and photographs of the British rule. This amazing piece of history was designed and made by an British architect named Henry Irwin.

**Location:** Observatory Hill, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India

# Tabo Monastery:



The Tabo Monastery was founded by a Tibetan Buddhist named Ringchen Zangpo. The monastery is situated in the Tabo village of Spiti valley. The walls of this monastery are filled with Buddhist teachings and consist of a large number of scrolls, manuscripts and statues that depict the Buddhist religion. It is one of the oldest and active monasteries in Himachal Pradesh and India. Unlike other monasteries in the valley which are situated above the valley, the Tabo monastery is situated below the valley. Above the monastery are caves where monks can meditate. Many of these cave walls are inscribed by Buddhist teachings.

**Location:** Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, India

# Kangra Fort:



The Kangra Fort can be traced back to the Trigarta Kingdom, mentioned in the epic Mahabharata and is one of the largest and oldest forts in India. The history of this fort is very interesting, especially the fact that so many big rulers were unable to conquer this fort. The fort consists of two very old temples; the Laxmi Narayan temple and the Ambika Mata Temple which holds a statue of Rishabh Natha.

**Location:** Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, India



## Key Monastery:



Key Monastery in Spiti Valley is one of the most **famous historical monuments in Himachal Pradesh** that is visited by hundreds of tourists every year. Over a thousand years old, this monastery is the largest in Spiti. Inside, you will find old scriptures and idol of Buddha. Hundreds of monks receive religious training at the monastery. There is a long history of attacks on the monastery which makes it of primary importance.

**Location:** Key, Himachal Pradesh 172114

# Naggar Castle:



Built around 1460 A.D., Naggar Castle is included in the list of **famous monuments in Himachal Pradesh** because of its ethereal beauty. The old mansion is made of wood and stone and overlooks the Kullu valley. It has now been converted into a tourist place that houses a gallery where heritage artifacts are placed for visitors to learn about the culture and traditions of this place. On top of it, the views from this place are absolutely amazing.

**Location:** Naggar Castle Rd, Naggar, Himachal Pradesh 175130