# HIMACHAL PRADESH TEMPLES

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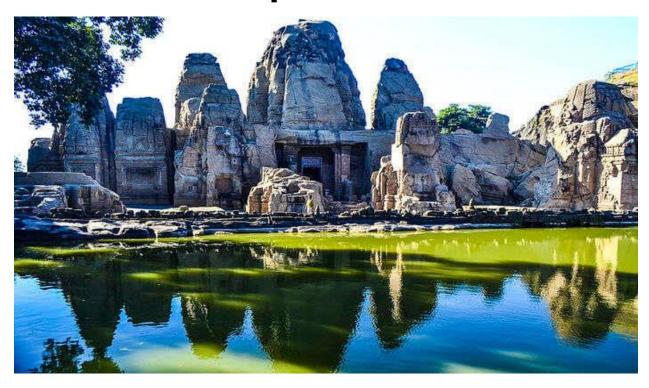
### **Baijnath Temple:**



If you have ever been to Bir on a bus, you would know that Baijnath is the end stop. When you get down at the bus station, the first thing that your eyes notice is the ancient Shiva temple, popularly known as Baijnath temple. This temple was built in 1204 A.D. the architecture of this temple is unique and alluring complimented by the mountain views in the background. The peaceful vicinity of temple offers serenity to mind and soul.

**Location:** Shiv Ji Temple, Baijnath, Himachal Pradesh 176125

### **Rock-Cut-Temple:**



Rock cut temple, more famous by the name of Masrur Temple is an early 8th century Hindu temple. The architecture of the temple is devoted to various deities like Shiva, Vishnu, Devi and Saura, the major HIndu gods. The architecture of this temple could never be studied properly due to extensive damage particularly because of earthquakes in the region. The architects say that the temple had a more complex and massive design which could not be completed. Even after being damaged this temple attracts people by its amazing design and interior.

**Location:** Othra, Beas River Valley, Himachal Pradesh

# **Prashar Temple:**



The Prashar Rishi temple is situated along the Prashar lake in Himachal Pradesh. There are many mysterious stories that exist regarding the formation of this temple. The temple has been made after the famous epic, Mahabharat. According to the epic the famous rishi Prashar meditated on the banks of this river. In the centre of the river lies a floating island. The depth of this river has not been recorded yet by any diver. The temple is an attraction to many Hindus throughout the country and the world.

Location: Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, India

## **Hadimba Devi Temple:**



Hadimba Devi temple is also known as Dhungari temple or Hidimba Temple and is in the hills of Manali. It is a cave temple dedicated to Hadimba Devi, a figure in the Indian epic Mahabharat. People worship Hadimba as a deity in the form of a huge rock protruding out of the ground. The temple is surrounded by Cedar forest and the place is called as Dhungiri Van Vihar. Outside the temple there is a small part of Mahabharat written and displayed for the public which tells the story of the Pandyas staying in Himachal while they were in exile.

**Location:** Dhungiri Van Vihar, Manali, Himachal Pradesh, India