

SANCHI BUDDHIST MONUMENTS

Sanchi, Vidisha, Raisen, Madhya Pradesh, India

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A damaged torso of a yakshini (a mythical being in Buddhist, Hindu and Jain lore) is preserved at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Best Season To Visit

The best season to visit the temple is Winter season. The best months to visit are September to February.

Weather

Highest - April to June (45°C during day and 35°C during night)
Average - May (35°C during the day and 25°C during night)
Lowest - December to February (26°C during day and 21°C during night)
Monsoon season - August to October

Dress Code

For men the dress code is Shirt & Trouser, Dhoti or Pyjamas with upper cloth.

For women the preferred dress code is saree or half-saree with blouse or chudidhar with pyjama and upper cloth.

Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

Do's & Dont's

Do bathe and wear clean clothes before you enter the temple.

Do respect ancient customs and co-pilgrims while at temple.

Smoking and drinking is prohibited in this temple.

Chewing betel leaves, tobacco, gutka and spitting inside temple is strictly prohibited.

transport connections

Name

Distance

Contact Number

Vidisha Bus Stand

9.2 KM
0751-2971008

Sanchi Railway Station

1.3 KM
139

Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)

82.2 KM
0124-3376000

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