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There are no direct flights from **Bhopal to Shimla**. A good alternative would be to first fly from Bhopal to Delhi and then fly from Delhi to Shimla. There are many daily direct flights from Bhopal to Shimla, mainly operated by IndiGo and Air India which take about 1 hour 30 minutes. There is at least one daily direct flight from Delhi to Shimla operated by Alliance Air which takes about 1 hour 10 minutes.

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About Shimla

Shimla, the capital of Himachal Pradesh, is one of the most beautiful hill towns in northern India. It was the summer seat of the government of British India and has a well-planned layout. It is located at an elevation of 2,205 m. The town is well-known for its scenic walks on hillsides encircled by pine as well as oak forests.

A popular holiday destination, it is well-known for the Mall Road, the Ridge, and the Toy Train. The town has colonial-style buildings and ancient relics that give it a distinct appearance. Its sharp hillsides converge in all directions along a 12-km ridge. Known for its markets, South Shimla is covered in snow from mid-July to mid-September, making it a paradise for nature lovers.

Shimlaites is a colloquial word for the residents of Shimla. Shimla is a diverse town; hence, there are numerous events held here. Though Hinduism is the dominant faith in this area, there are numerous Sikhs in Shimla. Shimla's minorities include Christians, Tibetan Buddhists, and Muslims. Almost all major Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian, and Buddhist festivals are observed here. Shimla's Photo Art Gallery is among the best sites to learn about the city's rich history and traditions.

Places to Visit in Shimla

1. Prospect Hill

Prospect Hill is indeed a popular tourist destination. A well-known temple dedicated to the goddess Kamna Devi is located here. Because of breathtaking meadows and exotic water bodies, the beautiful valley attracts a large number of visitors. A gentle breeze blows through here, creating a peaceful atmosphere.

2. Annadale

Annandale, another picnic spot, is located beyond the Glen. It is covered in deodar forests and used to be Shimla's foremost playground, with racing, polo, and cricket entertaining British officials. This glade is encircled by deodar trees and includes an ancient temple just on the edge.

3. Fagu

Fagu, located on the Hindustan-Tibet Road at a height of 2,450 m, has some breathtaking views. The area is famous for its wobbling green fields with snow-capped Himalayas in the background. Fagu astounds visitors with its splendour, charm, and serenity.

4. Kotgarh

Kotgarh, located 82 km from Shimla, is Himachal's apple heartland. A photographer's dream is the view of the Sutlej River during the day and the captivating lights of this beautiful place at night. In the evening, guests can sample some refreshing apple wines along with distinctive Pahari cuisine.

5. Naldera

Naldera is a small town located near Shimla. It is best known for its 9-hole golf course which is regarded as the most difficult in the country. Lord Curzon, the British Governor in India, was so taken with the beauty of the area that he decided to name his daughter Naldera after it.

6. Christ Church

This is the second oldest church in North India. It overlooks the Ridge and has stained glass windows adding to its exquisite beauty. Consecrated in 1857, the church was built in Neo-Gothic style. The church tower is 27 m tall and has a prominent round clock on it, a metal Cross, a brass bell and a series of six small bells.

7. Shoghi

Shimla is about 14 km from this small but beautiful hill town. It is well-known for its diverse flora and fauna, as well as fruit-based products. It contains two ancient temples, one of which is the Hanuman Temple, which is well-known for its beautiful paintings depicting Hindu mythology. Tara Devi Temple, a 250-year-old temple is dedicated to the Tibetan Deity Tara, who is believed to be one of Goddess Durga's sisters.

8. Mashorba

Mashorba is located at an elevation of 7700 ft. The hill town is well-known for its pleasant weather. Tourists can participate in boating as well as trekking activities here, away from the hustle and bustle of the city. The Mahasu Devta Temple, Wildflower Auditorium, Carignano, and the Reserve Forest Sanctuary are all popular tourist attractions.

9. Sarahan

This small town worth a visit is located on the Hindustan Tibet Road, just beyond Rampur. It offers a breathtaking view of Shrikhand Mahadev as well as hiking opportunities to nearby villages like Ranwin and Bashal Peak. The best illustration of Indo-Tibetan architecture is the Bhimakali Temple, devoted to Goddess Durga. According to legend, it is here that the goddess Shakti defeated the demon king Bhasmasur. It is a highly regarded pilgrimage site.

10. Tara Devi

Approximately 20 km from Shimla, this sacred site is accessible by train, bus, and car on the Shimla-Kalka Road. From the station or road, it is a 5 km walk through dense forests to the temple. The temple is also accessible by motor vehicles. It is surrounded by a forest of oak and rhododendron.

About Shimla Airport

Shimla Airport (IATA code: SLV) is located in Jubbarhatti, 22 km from Shimla city centre. The airport was built by levelling the land to create a runway. The aerodrome can accommodate two medium-sized planes at the same time. Initially, only private jets were permitted to land at this airport, but a direct flight to Delhi now departs from here every day. This airport is also utilised by numerous government institutes for pilot training to train aspiring pilots. The airport has one terminal and can accommodate about 100 passengers during peak hours.

Amenities and facilities offered at the airport include medical and first aid facilities, child care rooms, free Wi-Fi, free trolleys and wheelchairs, charging points, shops selling souvenirs, eateries and restaurants.

There are buses and taxis available at the airport to transport passengers to the city and nearby areas.

About Bhopal

Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh's state capital, is located on the Malwa Plateau, north of the Vindhyas. The city, which stretches along the slopes of a sandstone mountain, has a rich cultural heritage. Bhopal, also known as the "City of Lakes," retains its old-world charm in the alleyways of its heritage sector, which are lined with Mughal, Hindu, and Buddhist-style monuments. Throughout the city, historical landmarks and calm parks, as well as lakes, combine with cosmopolitan sections and vibrant bazaars.

Bhopal was a city in the erstwhile princely state of Bhopal, founded in 1723 by an Afghan explorer named Dost Mohammad Khan. The British Central India Agency formed the Bhopal Agency in 1818, which comprised Bhopal, Narsinghgarh, Rajgarh, and other territories. Bhopal was an independent province until 1949, when it merged with Madhya Pradesh and became the state capital.

The city is divided into two portions by the Upper and Lower Lakes, with the old city on one side and the contemporary sector on the other. The New Market District, in the heart of the city, is a thriving commercial district with luxury hotels, shopping malls, and restaurants.

Places to Visit in Bhopal

1. Bharat Bhawan

Bharat Bhawan is considered one of India's most important and prestigious national institutes. A museum of art and design, an art gallery, a fine arts workshop, a repertory theatre, rehearsal rooms, indoor and outdoor auditoria, and libraries of Indian poems, classical as well as folk music are the major attractions here.

2. Bhojeshwar Temple

The magnificent Bhojeshwar Temple in Bhojpur is known as the "Somnath of the East". It dates back about 1000 years to the reign of Raja Bhoj, the legendary Parmar King of Dhar. During the Shivaratri celebrations, it attracts a large number of Lord Shiva devotees. This sanctum contains the largest 'Shiva Linga' carved from a single stone, standing 7.5 feet tall and 17.8 feet in circumference.

3. Gohar Mahal

Qudisia Begum's architectural masterpiece from the 1820s, this palace is a must-visit to view the beauty of a hybrid Mughal-Hindu architecture. The queen was the first female ruler of Bhopal and ornamented the palace with intricate interior carvings and beautiful decorations.

4. Laxminarayan Temple

This temple is dedicated to Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Vishnu, her consort, and is positioned above the Arera Hills. It is also known locally as Birla Mandir and has idols of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Even those who are not religiously religious might enjoy the temple's spectacular views over the old city area.

5. Sanchi Stupa

Located about 47 km from the bus stand, the Sanchi Stupa was built in the 3rd century BCE during the reign of Emperor Ashoka of the Maurya Dynasty. The king undertook the task of redistributing the mortal remains of Lord Buddha all across the face of the country to spread Buddhism.

6. Taj-ul-Masjid

The Taj-ul-Masjid is one of the country's largest mosques. The construction of the mosque began with Nawab Shah Jahan Begum and was completed by Sultan Jahan Begum. After years of inactivity, the building was renewed in 1971 and completed in 1985. The main hall and its cross roof, broad architectural features, expansive courtyard, and seamless marble flooring are some of the mosque's features.

7. Upper Lake

The Upper Lake is the oldest artificial lake in the state and was created by Raja Bhoj of the Paramara dynasty in the 11th century. A major source of drinking water for the region, the yacht club here offers facilities for paddle, sail and motor boats. It overlooks the grand royal garden known as Kamla Park. An overbridge separates the Upper Lake from the Lower Lake.

8. Van Vihar National Park

This national park covers 445 hectares and is located on the hill adjoining the Upper Lake. The carnivores are in enclosed areas while herbivores are allowed to roam freely. The park houses 200 species of birds, 60 species of butterfly, and many animals such as leopards, cheetahs, panthers and deer. The park offers a safari ride to take visitors into the internal portions of the park.

9. Bhimbetka

Located about 45 km from Bhopal, this archaeological site is situated inside the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary. Declared a World Heritage Site in 2003, this

site consists of seven hills and around 750 rock shelters distributed over 10 km. It contains evidence of the earliest known rock art in India and is one of the largest prehistoric complexes. Some of these paintings are about 30,000 years old and depict everyday events of the people who lived in the caves.

10. Shaukat Mahal

This majestic palace, located at the Chowk area's entrance, is one of the city's most prominent attractions. The structure, which mixes Western and Asian architectural influences, was constructed in the 19th century under the reign of Sikander Begum. The lofty Sadar Manzil, which used to be the Hall of Public Audience, stands next to the Shaukat Mahal.

About Bhopal Airport

Bhopal Raja Bhoj International Airport (IATA code: BHO) is located in Gandhi Nagar, about 15 km from Bhopal's city centre. It was named after the Paramara dynasty's king Raja Bhoj. This was the first airport in the state to install a 100-kilowatt solar-powered plant and use solar power to power the airport's grid system. Bhopal airport new integrated terminal handles both international and domestic flight operations. It has 14 check-in and 10 immigration counters to facilitate faster passenger movement.

The airport has a single terminal that handles both domestic and international flights. For guests' comfort, the airport has complimentary baggage trolleys, medical help, child care facilities, vehicle rental, a tourist information centre, pre-paid taxi counters, a lost and found luggage desk, and wheelchairs for the elderly and differently abled. It also has spacious and well-maintained travel lounges. On-site, there are also various eateries and shopping stores.

Transport from the airport to the city and nearby areas is via buses, pre-paid taxis and car rentals.

FAQs

1. What transport facilities are available in Shimla?

The major transport options for visitors to Shimla are buses, taxis, auto rickshaws and walking.

2. What is Bhopal famous for?

Bhopal is situated in central India and is known for its beautiful nature. It is encircled by lakes and hills which draw visitors.

3. What is the cuisine like in Shimla?

Although Shimla has its own traditional Himachali cuisine, many restaurants and eateries also offer North Indian, fast food and Chinese cuisines in the city.

4. How long does it take to fly from Bhopal to Shimla?

There are no direct flights between the two cities. So the total time taken to reach Shimla is around 4 hours - first from Bhopal to Delhi and then from Delhi to Shimla.

5. What is the name of Bhopal airport?

The name of the Bhopal airport is Raja Bhoj international airport and it is located 15 km from the city centre.

6. Mention 2 places that are a must-visit in Bhopal.

The Laxmi Narayan Temple and the Upper Lake and Lower Lake are two must-visit places in Bhopal.

7. Mention 2 places that are a must-visit in Shimla.

Tara Devi and Summer Hill are two must-visit places in Shimla.

8. Are there direct flights from Bhopal to Shimla?

No, there are currently no direct flights from Bhopal to Shima.

9. What is the area coverage of Van Vihar?

The area coverage of Van Vihar is around 445 hectares and it is located in Bhopal on the hill adjoining the Upper Lake.

10. What is the native language used in Bhopal?

Hindi is the native language used in Bhopal.

11. What are some of the best places to stay in Bhopal?

Courtyard by Marriott and Jehan Numa Palace Hotel are some of the best places to stay in Bhopal.

12. What are some of the best places to stay in Shimla?

Wildflower Hall and Hotel Willow Banks are some of the best places to stay in Shimla.

13. What is the native language used in Shimla?

Hindi is the native language used in Shimla.

14. What is the best time to visit Shimla?

The best time to visit is from May to June and from December to January.

15. What is the best time to visit Bhopal?

The best time to visit Bhopal is from October to February.