Shimla

A wonderful abode in the Himalayas, the city of **Shimla** is surrounded by scenic pine-covered hills and snow-capped peaks. Located in the magnificent hill state of Himachal Pradesh in India, it is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the country. Shimla is also known as Simla is the capital of the state of Himachal Pradesh in India. It is a very popular holiday-retreat during the summer months and is **well-known** for its Victorian architecture, which is reflected in certain areas of the Mall and The Ridge. It is also a **famous** holiday spot for honeymoon.

Small hamlets were recorded prior to 1815 when British forces took control of the area. The climatic conditions attracted the British to establish the city in the dense forests of the [Himalayas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himalayas). As the summer capital, Shimla hosted many important political meetings including the [Simla Accord of 1914](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simla_Accord_(1914)) and the [Simla Conference](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simla_Conference) of 1945. After independence, the state of [Himachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himachal_Pradesh) came into being in 1948 as a result of the integration of 28 [princely states](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princely_state). Even after independence, the city remained an important political centre, hosting the [Simla Agreement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simla_Agreement) of 1972. After the reorganisation of the state of Himachal Pradesh, the existing Mahasu district was named Shimla.

In 1864, Shimla was declared as the [summer capital](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summer_capital) of [British India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Raj). After [independence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_independence_movement), the city became the capital of [Punjab](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punjab,_India) and was later made the capital of [Himachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himachal_Pradesh). It is the principal commercial, cultural and educational centre of the state. It was the capital city in exile of [British Burma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Burma) (present-day [Myanmar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myanmar)) from 1942 to 1945. Shimla city gets its name from Shyamala Mata, a fearless incarnation of the goddess [Kali](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kali). The temple of the goddess is situated on Bantony Hill, near [The Ridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Ridge,_Shimla), named [Kali Bari temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kali_Bari,_Shimla).  According to another version Shimla gets its name from the word 'Shyamalaya' meaning blue slate by faqir on Jakhu. But generally, the society finds the first version more believable, acceptable and reasonable.

**Shimla Airport** ([IATA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IATA_airport_code): **SLV**, [ICAO](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ICAO_airport_code): **VISM**) is a [regional airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_airport) located in Jubbarhatti, 22 kilometres (14 mi) from [Shimla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shimla) in the [Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) [state](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/States_and_territories_of_India) of [Himachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himachal_Pradesh).

**Shimla railway station** is a small railway station in [Shimla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shimla) in the Indian state of [Himachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himachal_Pradesh). The station is the terminus of the [UNESCO World Heritage Site](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UNESCO_World_Heritage_Site) [Kalka–Shimla Railway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalka%E2%80%93Shimla_Railway). Shimla railway station is located at an altitude of 2,075 metres (6,808 ft) above mean sea level.