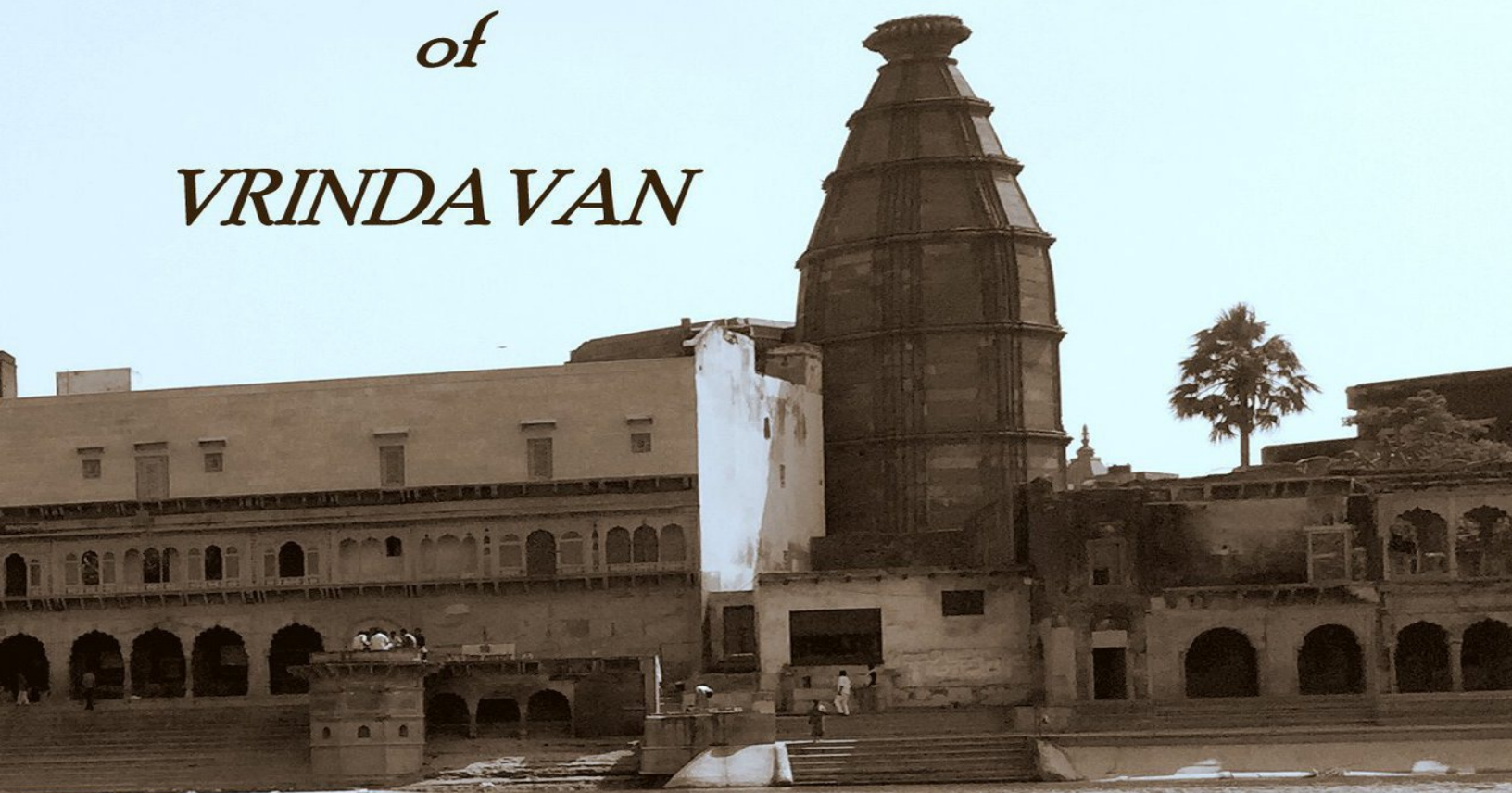


BAKTI TOUR

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VRINDAVAN



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Hare Krishna

Vrindavan the place of “BANKE BIHARI JI”

Start your tour from “Banke Bihari” temple which is situated inside the old city of Vrindāvan. One must take rickshaw or walk to reach the temple site. Lord Banke Bihari Ji is very kind to his followers and blesses them with his divine “Darshan”.

One who visits would find that the idol of Shri Bihari Ji is covered with curtain (the ‘patt’) and Darshan are not allowed constantly, the reason behind this is Lord Krishna in the form of Banke Bihari is very kind and may



leave the temple with his Bhaktas on their prayers.

Banke Bihari Temple, Vrindāvan

Shri RADHA VALLABH TEMPLE, Vrindavan

The temple is very near to the famous Banke Bihari Ji temple. This is one of the seven iconic temples of Vrindāvan. Here Lord Krishna and Radha Ji, his divine love is worshiped as one in another. The beauty of temple and the deity is eye catching and bless one with inner satisfaction.

Note: Pictures are not allowed

MADAN MOHAN TEMPLE, Vrindavan

Shri Madan Mohan Ji temple is situated outside the thin roads of Vrindāvan and is one of the oldest temples in town. The temple is near to Yamuna Ji river and could be reached from the famous Kadamb tree which is

also called the 'Krishna Tree' where lord Krishna performed the Leela of Vastra Haran also near to 'cheer ghat', by rickshaw or taxi. The temple is of 16th centuries the original idol is at Karauli region of Rajasthan replaced their due to threat of Mughals during the age of Aurangzeb.



MadanMohan Temple, Vrindavan **RADHA RAMAN TEMPLE, Vrindavan**

Radha Raman temple is near NidhiVan area of Vrindāvan could be reached by rickshaw or by walk within 5 to 10 minutes. Morning time bhajans are played in temple with a traditional 'Sitar'. The building of 1540



AD is still used as main premises.

RadhaRaman Temple, Vrindavan

NIDHI VAN, Vrindavan

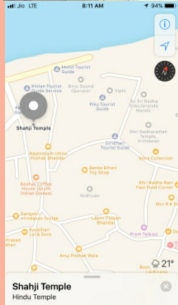
This is now days a garden left as a symbol of Nidhi Van where Lord Krishna used to do Ras Leela. The Garden houses a Temple where it is believed that Shri Krishna performs Ras Leela every night and the Garden is closed after the sunset for visitors. It is believed that all trees turn into Gopis at night. Proofs of Ras Leela are shown to visitors at morning by pujaris of the Temple. Beware of monkeys here they would take away all your

belongings like mobile, spectacles and purse etc. There is a trick give them juice and fruits they may return your things if you are lucky. They are everywhere in Vrindāvan.

Note: No pictures allowed

SHAH JI TEMPLE, Vrindavan

Here the temple is like Opera. The temple pillars are twisted and temple is also known as 'Tera Khamba' temple. It is very near to 'Nidhi Van'.



ShahJI Temple, Vrindavan

PREM MANDIR, Vrindavan

This temple is a Modern temple, huge and beautiful. It welcomes the visitors of Vrindavan with its beauty. One should visit at night. It is decorated



with lights. The temple houses various 'Jhankis' i.e. glimpses of Krishna Leela.



Prem Mandir, Vrindavan

ISKON, Vrindavan

The Temple of ISKON is on Raman Reti road and could be seen while entering the Vrindāvan. The temple is well known as Angrej Temple and is symbol of Hare Krishna movement. The Shringar Darshan of Deities of



Shri Krishna and Radha blesses one with peace and prosperity.



ISKON Vrindāvan

RANG JI TEMPLE, Vrindavan

The RangJi temple was once richest temples of Vrindāvan. The seven gates of temples are crowned with gold Kalash. Temple houses idol of lord Vishnu and is worshiped in his Balaji Swaroop. There is a small museum showing temples treasure by paying for a ticket. The temple is of South

Indian style, huge and beautiful.



Shri Rangji Temple Vrindāvan

GOVERDHAN Hill

Almost 5000 years ago Shri Krishna was born in India. Only two things still remain with us from his time. One is Yamuna River and the other is Giriraj GOVERDHAN Hill. Lord Krishna saved people of Brij Bhumi by performing well known GOVERDHAN Leela and defeated King Indra of devtas. He himself worshipped the hill. Parikrama of GOVERDHAN hill blesses one with his wishes. The hill is at a distance of 30 to 40 km from Vrindāvan. Parikrama could be done on foot or on rickshaws. During Parikrama various parcheen temples like Punchhari ka lota, Mansi Ganga,



Giriraj temple of Jaitapura and the famous Dan Ghati temple.

Goverdhan Hill

NAUKA VIHAR YAMUNA JI

The water of this river is sacred and river has believed to wash feet's of Shri Krishna. Shri Krishna defeated Kaliya Naag here. The boating of river Yamuna blesses immense pleasure and the boatman



would describe all about various ghats and their stories.

River Yamuna

KRISHNA JANM BHUMI TEMPLE, Mathura

Here the temple is built in the basement of old monument. Shri Krishna was born in this jail of King Kans of Mathura. Aurangzeb built mosque over the temple and it is still there.

Famous 'Prasad' sweets i.e. "mathura ke pede" can be purchased here in front of Janma bhumi gate. The temple houses a cave displaying Krishna



Leela Darshana.

Krishna Janmabhumi Temple, Mathura

DWARKADHISH TEMPLE, Mathura

The temple is inside city of Mathura near banks of river Yamuna. Here Shri Krishna is worshiped as king 'Dwarkadhish'. Without his will nothing is possible. Timings are very strict for Darshanas; Temple closes at 11 o'clock in morning.

Note: No pictures allowed

Conclusion

One must visit Vrindavan in his life several times as possible. Shri Krishna is present here in his various forms and darshanas of his life are granted here. The land of Vrindavan is part of Brij Bhumi and almost 5000 temples are present here. We could name very few. Many more famous temples like Meera Bai Temple, Jaipur Temple, Jugal Kishore Temple etc. are also very beautiful and worth going.

Nearest airport: Delhi, India

Railway Station: Vrindavan (small)

(Better option: Mathura Railway Station which is having better connectivity)

***Hare Krishna Hare Krishna!
Hare Hare!!***

Glossary:

Bhihari *JI- Krishna*

Darshan- Sight

Patt- Curtain

Baktas-Followers

Bhajan- Song sung in praise

Ras Leela- Love song

Gopis- Female followers of Krishna

Pujaris-Priest

Jhankis- Stage set up

Kalash-Pot

Swaroop-Form

Bhumi-Land

Nauka Vihar-Boating

Ghats- Shore developed with series of steps