Ujjain: The Holy City of Madhya Pradesh

Ujjain, one of the seven holy cities, is a historical tourist destination located on the western edge of Madhya Pradesh, on the banks of the Shipra River. It is an ancient city with historical background. Ujjain was the capital of the kingdom during the reign of Maharaja Vikramaditya. It is also called the city of Kalidas. The fair of 'Simhastha Kumbh' is organized in Ujjain after every 12 years. One of the 12 Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva 'Mahakaleshwar' is in this city. It is 55 km away from Indore, the famous city of Madhya Pradesh. Other ancient popular names of Ujjain are- 'Avantika', 'Ujjayini', 'Kanakashranga' etc. Ujjain is a city of temples. There are many pilgrimage sites here. Its population is around 4 to 5 lakhs.

## History:

Ujjain has a long political history. Protohistoric and early Iron Age material has been found in abundance in the excavations from the Citadel area of ​​Ujjain. It is mentioned in the Puranas and Mahabharata that Vrishni-Veer Krishna and Balarama had come here to receive education in the ashram of Guru Sandipani. Krishna's wife Mitravrinda was a princess of Ujjain. His two brothers Vind and Anuvind, had attained heroic speed while fighting on the side of Kauravas in the Mahabharata war. In the 6th century AD, there was a majestic king in Ujjain whose name was Chand Pradyota. Other rulers of India used to fear him. His love story of Duhita Vasavadatta and Vatsanresh Udayan is famous in history; after the Pradyot dynasty, Ujjain became a part of the Magadha Empire.

Emperor Vikramaditya was the ruler of Ujjain; his father was King Gandharvasena; the credit for calling the Shakas in India goes to a monk named Kalakacharya, the Shakas defeated the ruler of Ujjain, Gandharvasena. They took control of Ujjain, then Vikramaditya, the son of King Gandharvasena, defeated the Shakas. Fought against, Vikramaditya defeated the Shakas and re-established the empire of his ancestors in Ujjain, and he was called the great emperor of this country.

Evidence of the historicity of Ujjayini is found 600 years ago. Avanti district was also one of the sixteen districts in India at that time. Avanti was divided into two parts, North and South, the capital of the northern part, was Ujjain and the capital of the southern part was Mahishmati. At that time, an emperor named Chandrapradyota was on the throne. The descendants of Pradyota dominated Ujjain till the 3rd century.

According to Jain texts, King Khadirsar was ruled in Magadha; his capital was Ujjain, the time of his rule was 386 BCE, King Khadirsar's father's name was Kunika, who was the king of Magadha during 414 BCE, King Khadirsar's wife's name was Chelama; initially King Khadirsar was a follower of Buddhism, but influenced by the teachings of Queen Chelama, he adopted Jainism and became the first devotee of Mahavir Swamiji.

## Famous food of Ujjain:

Since Ujjain is a religious city, completely vegetarian food is available here. Although there are options for non-vegetarian eaters as well, most places serve vegetarian food. Punjabi and Rajasthani glimpses are found in the food here. Also, you can taste all kinds of South Indian food here.

## Best time to visit Ujjain:

Ujjain is in the extreme condition of sweltering summers and chilly cold. The temperature in Ujjain during the summer season can go up to the maximum level of 45 degrees Celsius. Winters during November to February have pleasant temperatures of around 20 °C. The best time to visit Ujjain is from October to March.

## Mahakaleshwar Temple, Ujjain -

Mahakaleshwar Temple is a significant religious place in Ujjain city. This is one of the tremendous places to visit in Ujjain. This temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. Here one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva is situated. This temple is famous in Madhya Pradesh, or if it is said, in the whole of India. It is said about the Shivling of Mahakaleshwar that this Shivling is self-styled. It originated from the earth itself. It has not been installed. Here devotees come from far and wide to have darshan of Lord Shiva. This temple is spread over a vast area, and many deities have been established in the premises of this temple. It feels great to come here, and the Mahakaleshwar temple is famous for the Bhasma Aarti of Lord Shiva. The ashes of Lord Shiva are performed with the ashes of the pyre. That's why a lot of people participate in this aarti and do the aarti of Lord Shiva. If you come to visit Ujjain, then you must come to the Mahakaleshwar temple. You get all kinds of facilities here. Facilities for lodging and food are available in the Mahakaleshwar temple. Here you can stay with permission from the temple representative. Here you will get a perfect positive environment.

Nagchandreshwar Temple Ujjain -

Nagchandreshwar Temple is a significant temple located in Ujjain within the Mahakaleshwar Temple itself. This temple is dedicated to Nag Devta, and this temple is opened only on the day of Nag Panchami. This temple is opened only once a year. That's why there is a lot of crowd in this temple. In this temple, you get to see a beautiful idol of Lord Shiva. In which Lord Shiva is sitting on the Sheshnag of Vishnu, not on Mount Kailash. Many people come here to see this statue and get satisfied after seeing it. This temple is located on the third floor of the Mahakaleshwar temple.

## Devi Harsiddhi Temple:

Lord Shankar gave the name of Harsiddhi to Goddess Chandi. It is believed that when Lord Shiva was taking Mother Sati from the Yagya Kund of Daksha Prajapati, the elbow of the Goddess, adjacent to this holy place of Mata Harsiddhi temple in Ujjain, fell. Therefore this temple is counted among the 51 Shakti Peethas. This temple is considered to be highly awakened. Shri Yantra is installed in this temple, due to which this temple has great importance in the Tantric tradition. Mata Harsiddhi was the family deity of King Vikramaditya.

It is believed that before this, the mother was well-behaved on an island in the middle of the sea. King Vikramaditya wanted to bring Mata Harsiddhi to Ujjain with him. That is why he used to offer his head to the mother as a gift, and by the grace of the mother, his head would come back. Vikramaditya presented his head 11 times at the feet of the mother. The mother was pleased with his devotion and agreed to accompany the king to Ujjain. The idol located in the temple of Goddess Harsiddhi is beautiful and in a happy posture. This temple is situated at a distance of 700 meters from the Mahakaleshwar temple.

## Shri Khamba Mata Mandir, Ujjain:

Shri Beis Khamba Mata Mandir is a prominent religious place in Ujjain city. This temple is dedicated to Mahamaya and Mahalaya Mata. These two are sisters. You have come to this temple. One can have darshan of both these goddesses. It is said that there are 24 pillars in this temple. That's why this temple is called 24 Khamba Temple. This temple is situated in the heart of Ujjain city. You can come and roam here. You will like it here.

## Chardham Temple, Ujjain:

Char Dham Temple is a significant religious place in Ujjain city. In this temple, you get to see the main Char Dham of India. The replica of the four Dhams has been made in this temple. In this temple, you also get to see the caves of Vaishno Mata Temple and see Vaishno Mata. A replica of Vaishno Mata's shelter has been made here. Here you get to see the depiction of many pastimes of Shri Krishna ji. They are shown in front of the people through idols and look very beautiful. Many scenes from Ramayana are also shown here. This temple is situated in the heart of Ujjain city. You can reach this temple very easily. This temple is located close to the Mahakaleshwar temple.

## Shri Kaal Bhairav Temple Ujjain -

Shri Kaal Bhairav Temple is a prominent religious place in Ujjain city. This is the best place to visit in Ujjain. This temple is dedicated to Shri Kaal Bhairav ji. A beautiful statue of Kaal Bhairav ji is found in the temple. Apart from this, it is said about this temple, that in this temple, Shri Kaal Bhairav ji takes the prasad of liquor. You can find many liquor shops around the temple, where alcohol is given in the form of prasad. This temple is very ancient, and many people have faith in this temple. This temple is built in the city of Ujjain on the banks of the Shipra river. So you can come and roam in this temple.

## Gurdwara Shri Nanak Sahib and Ghat Ujjain -

Gurdwara Shri Nanak Sahib and Ghat is a main religious place located in the city of Ujjain. It is a holy place of the Sikh people. But anyone can go and roam here. This Gurudwara is wonderful. This Gurudwara is built on the banks of river Shipra. There is also a ghat on the banks of the Shipra River, in which you can enjoy bathing. Here you get to see an ancient tamarind tree, about which it is said that Guru Nanak used to sit under this tree and teach people. So it feels great to be here. Coming here gives a lot of peace.

## Mangalnath Temple:

Mangal Griha was born from the part of Lord Shankar at this place. The Tropic of Cancer passes via this holy place. The planet Mars has a significant impact on human life. Special worship is done here for the peace of Mars. Here special consecration and worship of the body of Mangal Griha is done with rice. This temple is very ancient. By visiting here, devotees get relief from their sufferings and wish for a happy future. This temple is about 5 km away from Mahakaleshwar temple.

## Ram Janardan Mandir Ujjain -

Ram Janardan Mandir is a religious place located in the city of Ujjain. It is one of the places to visit in Ujjain. This temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu. This temple is very ancient. This temple was built by the Maratha king Jai Singh. This temple is built in Maratha style, and this temple looks very beautiful. A beautiful statue of Vishnu ji sits in this temple, which is called Ram Janardan ji. Here you can come and see them. It's nice to be here.

## Chintaman Ganesh Temple Ujjain -

Chintaman Ganesh Temple is a religious place in the city of Ujjain. This temple is dedicated to Lord Ganesha. In this temple, Ganesh is found to see a magnificent statue of God. You can reach this Ganesh temple via road and by rail. The railway station is very close to this temple. In this temple, you get to see three Ganapati ji. Here you get to see Chintaman Ganesh ji, Ichhaman Ganesh ji and Siddhaman Ganesh ji. By having a darshan of Chintaman Ganesh ji, all your worries are removed. By having the darshan of Ganesh ji here, all kinds of problems are removed, and people become worried free. Whatever you wish for here. Married couples also come here to seek the blessings of Lord Ganapati. It feels great to be here. Chintaman Ganesh Temple is located at a distance of about 10 kms from the city of Ujjain. One can easily reach here by car. There are many other places you can visit in Chintaman Ganesh Temple. For example, there is Laxman Bawdi here. You can see that too.

## Shri Gadkalika Mandir Ujjain -

Shri Gadkalika Temple is a prominent religious place in Ujjain city. This temple is dedicated to Kalika Mata ji. This temple is an ancient temple. In this temple, you meet to see the ancient statue of Kalika Mata ji. This statue looks very beautiful. Kalika Mataji was the presiding deity of the great poet Kalidas ji. It is said that Kalidas ji had attained knowledge only by the blessings of Kalika Mata ji, and he became a great poet. Before this, Kalidas ji was a fool. But he worshipped Kalika ji, from which he got knowledge.

## Navagraha Temple Ujjain -

Navagraha Mandir is a religious place in the city of Ujjain. This temple is dedicated to Lord Shani. Apart from Lord Shani, nine deities have also been established in this temple. Here a separate temple has been built for each god, and in each temple, you get to see a different deity. Here a magnificent statue of Lord Shani is found to be seen. This temple is located near Triveni Sangam in the city of Ujjain. Shipra and Gandak rivers meet at Triveni Sangam. It is said here that the Saraswati river is secret. So it feels great to come here, and there is a lot of peace by visiting the temple.

## ISKCON temple Ujjain:

ISKCON Temple is a prominent religious place in the city of Ujjain. This temple is dedicated to Shri Krishna ji. Magnificent statues of Shri Krishna ji and Radha ji are found in this temple. This temple is situated in the heart of Ujjain city. This temple is made of white marble. This temple looks very beautiful. You get to see a garden outside the temple. Many people come here to have a darshan of Shri Krishna ji and spend their excellent peaceful time in the park. It feels great to be here.

## Ujjain monument and statue of great king Vikramaditya

The monument and statue of King Vikramaditya is one of the main places to see in the city of Ujjain. It is situated in the heart of Ujjain city. Raja Vikramaditya Memorial is built in the middle of Vikram Talab in the city of Ujjain. Vikramaditya Smarak is very close to Mahakaleshwar temple. You can also come here for a walk on foot. Here you get to see a massive statue of King Vikramaditya, who is seated on a throne. Here you also get to see the Navaratnas of King Vikramaditya and also get to see the idols of dancers in different postures dancing here. A 30 feet high idol of King Vikramaditya is available to see. There is no entry fee. It feels great to be here.

## Jantar Mantar, Ujjain -

Jantar Mantar is a significant tourist attraction of Ujjain city. Jantar Mantar is also known as Government Jiwaji Observatory. Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh of Jaipur built this observatory. It was constructed in 1711. Here you get to see many instruments that calculate the time. In the old times, there was no clock, so the time was calculated based on the sun's motion, and the time was known through these instruments. Here you get to see many types of instruments. You will love coming here. Jantar Mantar is built on the banks of river Shipra. You can reach here quickly, and you will enjoy roaming here. If you bring a guide here, the guide will give you complete information about these instruments.

