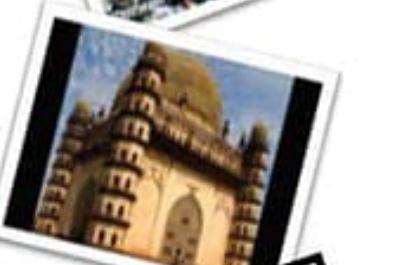


RELIGIOUS TOURISM

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WHAT IS RELIGIOUS TOURISM ?

Religious tourism, has a big future in India. India is richly endowed with ancient temple and religious festivals. Religions originating in India, be it “Hinduism, Islam, Christian, Sikhism, Jainism or Buddhism have a culture and also spiritual philosophy.

RELIGIOUS SPOTS IN INDIA

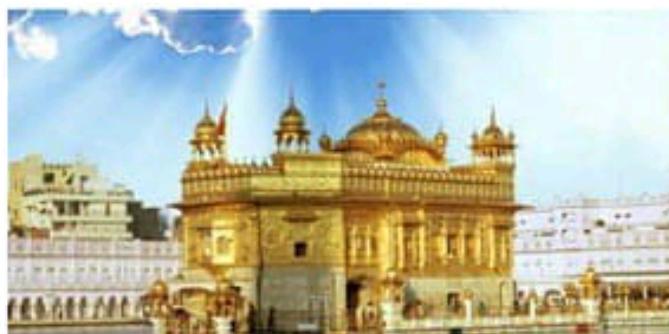
- Vaishno devi
- Madurai
- Shirdi
- Leh
- Golden Temple
- Sun Temple
- Jagannath Temple
- Somnath
- Ranakpur
- Tirupati
- Ajmer
- Valankani
- Varanasi
- Haridwar
- Badrinath

VAISHNO DEVI TEMPLE

Situated on the Trikuta Hills in [Jammu](#), the abode of Mata Vaishno is amongst the most popular pilgrimage in India



GOLDEN TEMPLE



The unparalleled reflection of the pious golden edifice on the ambrosial nectar (lake) and the horde of pilgrims loitering in the shrine complex urge one to visit this popular religious place in India

SUN TEMPLE

The masterpiece of Indian architecture, [Sun Temple](#) is the epitome of exquisite architecture and unmatched spirituality



JAGANNATH TEMPLE

An important pilgrimage in India, Jagannath Temple is the finest monument in Odisha. The main deities presiding over the temple are Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Goddess Subhadra.



SOMNATH JYOTIRLINGA



Reckoned to be the first Dwaadash Jyotirlinga (Pillar of Light) of Lord Shiva, Somnath Jyotirlinga in Gujarat holds an important place in India. Situated on the shores of Arabian Sea

RANAKPUR TEMPLE

Humility is the greatest virtue and Jainism preaches just that! Situated in Ranakpur village in Rajasthan. The Ranakpur temple is one of the oldest Jain temples in India and thus holds a lot of importance for devotees



TIRUMALA VENKATESWARA TEMPLE



The earthly abode of Lord Venkateswara (incarnation of Vishnu), Tirumala Venkateswara Temple is situated on the 7th hill of the Seshachalam range in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh

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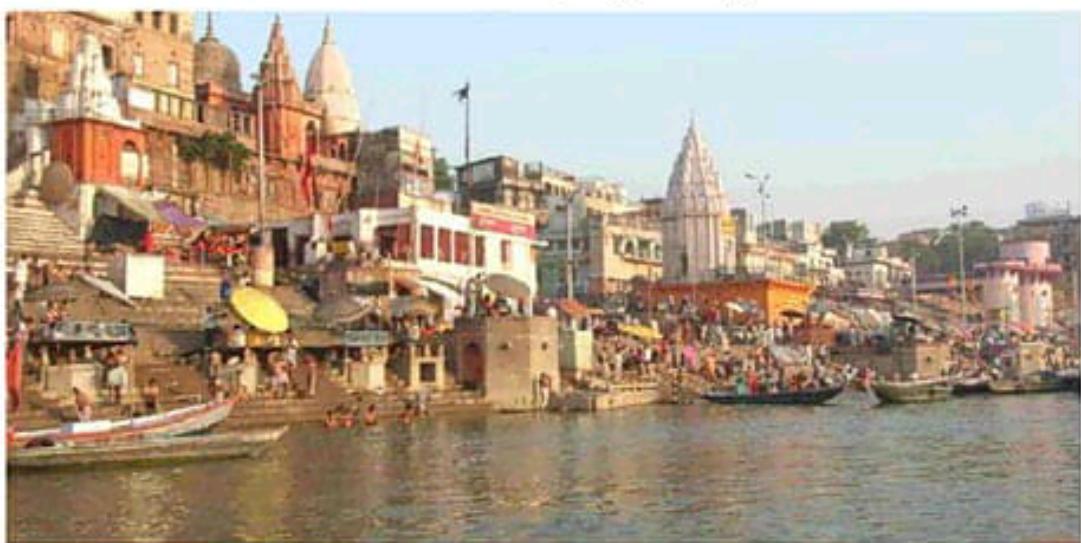
VELANKANNI CHURCH

Religious tour in India would be incomplete if you miss out on Velankanni Church, situated in the Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu



VARANASI

A centre of faith for the Hindus, Varanasi in the state of Uttar Pradesh is a famous pilgrimage in India.



MATHURA AND VRINDAVAN

The birthplace of the Hindu God Krishna, Mathura in the state of Uttar Pradesh can rightly be called a blessed land.

Vrindavan in Uttar Pradesh is the city where Lord Krishna spent his childhood



Twin City



KUSUMA SAROVAR BATHING GHAT IN GOVARATHAN AREA

HARIDWAR

Haridwar, located in the lap of mystical Uttarakhand.

Located by the holy river Ganga, the Diyas floating on the sparkling river along with the energetic Ganga Aarti in the evening.



RAMESHWARAM

Rameshwaram in the state of Tamil Nadu is one of the sites in India. Situated on an island called Mannar, this sacred destination is believed to be the place where Lord Rama worshipped Lord SHIVA and repented after killing Raavana.



BADRINATH



Nestled in the pristine Himalaya, Badrinath in Uttarakhand is a door to unmatched spirituality

HAMPI



The ruins of Hampi (In Karnataka) lays innumerable temples that not only stuns but take you on a spiritual journey. Not all temples are in ruins in Hampi, as there are still some temples that sing the glory of the magnificent architectural designs and innovative ideas.

MADURAI

Which is also rightly known as the ‘Temple Town’. Madurai is also known for Meenakshi Amman Temple, which is one of the most famous temples in India



SHIRDI

Forget about religion, caste, creed and other forms of discrimination, Shirdi in Maharashtra is the gateway to sheer spirituality. All his life the highly revered Sai Baba preached about One God and thus earned himself many followers



LEH

Leh is not only the haven for adventure seekers, it is also the paradise for those seeking inner peace. Dotted with a large number of Tibetan monasteries



**Shanti Stupa, constructed in
1983**



ISSUES BEING FACED IN THE RELIGIOUS TOURISM IN OUR COUNTRY

- Waste Management
- Air Pollution
- Monetizing Religion
- Lack of scrutiny of Religious Trusts

STATISTICS

Although no definitive study has been completed on religious tourism, some segments of the industry have been measured:

- A study by the DELHI based National Council for Applied Economy Research shows that of the 430 million tourist trip undertaken in India. The largest proportion is made up of religious tourism
- Such journeys, which are undertaken by both rural and urban Indians, holidays in hill stations and even trips at metropolitan cities.
- The research also shows that of all package tours organized in India, religious trips accounted for 50% much higher than leisure tour package at 28%

