There are numberless Hindu temples in Maharashtra. Out of the 12 jyotirlingas in India, one can visit five on a spiritual tour to Maharashtra - Aundhya Nagnath, Parali Vaijnath, Bhimashankar, Trimbakeswar, and Grishneshwar. Ganpati temples like Shree Siddhivinayak Temple (Mumbai), Shrimant Dagdusheth Halwai Ganpati Temple (Pune) and Ganpatipule Temple (Ratnagiri) adds more to the religious grandeur and are amongst the most popular holy places that deserve a special mention in pilgrimage circuit of Maharashtra. When it comes to the Hindu temples, Shirdi draws millions of devotees from across the world as it is the abode of the most revered saint, Sai Baba.

Many religious saints and saged have left their impressions in Maharashtra. Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th Guru of Sikhism, held his final congregation in Hazur Sahib in Nanded. Also, the Hazur Sahib Gurudwara is one of the Panj Takhts of Sikhism. Even one can see the impression of many Buddha in Maharashtra, and the spectacular Ajanta and Ellora caves are the testimony of the same. And to bring people closer to the philosophies and teachings of the great Buddha, Global Vipassana Pagoda is also made near Gorai. Art and religion have been closely entwined in the Global Vipassana Pagoda, and some of the most exquisite examples of art can be seen here, Maharashtra might be a Hindu dominated state, but it does carry the culture of secularism.

Trimbakeshwar Temple is built by Sri Nana Saheb Peshwa in 1755-1786 AD. The presiding deity of the temple is Lord Shiva as Trimbakeshwar. The extraordinary feature of the Jyotirlinga located here is its three faces embodying Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu and Lord Rudra. A crown studded with precious stones rests on top of this Linga, which is said to be from the age of Pandavas. This crown is decorated with various precious stones like emeralds, diamonds and many other varieties. The crown is displayed every Monday from 4 PM - 5 PM.

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