

# Pilgrimage of Central India



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# 1.Mahakaleshwar ( Ujjain)



Mahakaleshwar mandir is located in the ancient city of Ujjain in the state of Madhya Pradesh, India. The temple is situated on the side of the holy river K. Shipra.

- ▣ Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and is one of the twelve Jyotirlingams.
- ▣ The temple complex was destroyed by Sultan Shams-ud-din Iltutmish during his raid of Ujjain in 1234-5. The present structure was built by the Maratha general Ranoji Shinde in 1734 CE. Further



The idol of Mahakaleshwar is known to be Dakshinamukhi, which means that it is facing the south. This is a unique feature, upheld by the tantric shivnetra tradition to be found only in Mahakaleshwar among the 12 Jyotirlingas.

The idol of Nagchandreshwar on the third storey is open for darshan only on the day of NagPanchami. The temple has five levels, one of which is underground.

The *shikhar* or the spire is adorned with sculptural finery. Brass lamps light the way to the underground sanctum. It is believed that *prasada* (holy offering) offered here to the deity can be re-offered unlike all other shrines.



Idol Of Nagchandreshwar

## 2.Amarkantak Anuppur, Madhya Pradesh

Amarkantak is located in the state of Madhya Pradesh in India at 22.67° N 81.75° E. It has an average elevation of 1,048 metres (3,438 ft). The nearest airport is Dumna Jabalpur (Jabalpur airport) in the city of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

Amarkantak is the origin of Narmada River, Son River and Johila River. It is a sacred place for Hindus. At this place 1065 meters above sea level, only the Vindhya and Satpura hills of central India merge. The beautiful waterfalls, sacred ponds, high hills and serene environment mesmerize the tourists. Nature lovers and religious people love this place. There are many temples dedicated to Mata Narmada, which are considered as the idol of Durga.





The ancient temples of Kalachuri (famously known as Trimukhi Temple) period are in the south of Narmadakund, just behind it. These were built by Kalachuri Maharaja Karnadeva (1041-1073 AD.)



**2.2 kapildhara**



**2.1 Kalachuri temple**

Kapil Dhara waterfall falling from a height of about 100 feet is very beautiful and popular. It is said in the scriptures that Kapil Muni lived here. Beautiful views of dense forests, mountains and nature can be seen from here. It is believed that Kapil Muni composed the Sankhya Darshan at this place. Kapileshwar temple near Kapil Dhara is also built. There are many caves around Kapil Dhara where saints can be seen in meditative posture.

## 2.3 Narmadakund And Temples



Narmadakund is the origin of the Narmada River. There are many temples around it. These temples include Narmada and Shiva temples, Karthikeya temple, Sri Ram Janaki temple, Annapurna temple, Guru Gorakhnath temple, Sri Suryanarayana temple, Vangeswar Mahadev temple, Durga temple, Shiva family, Siddheshwar Mahadev temple, Sriradha Krishna temple and Gyara Rudra temple etc. .



# 3. Adinatha Temple

Adinatha temple is a Jain temple located at Khajuraho, district-chhatarpur Madhya Pradesh 471606 , India.

It is dedicated to the Jain tirthankara Adinatha, although its exterior walls also feature Hindu deities. This temple is part of UNESCO World Heritage Site along with other temples in Khajuraho Group of Monuments





The Adinatha temple is dated to the late 11th century CE. In the garbhgraha, there is a black schist (or basalt) statue of Lord Adinath with a three line inscription. It gives the date (Sam vat 1215 (1158 AD)). It gives the name of the donor as Kumarnandi and the sculptor as Ramaveva. It mentions that Kumarnandi was the disciple of Bhanukirti, who was a disciple of Rajanandi, who was a disciple of Ramachandra of Mula Sangha. The inscription includes 3 shardulavikridita verses in literary Sanskrit.





## 4. Bhoramdev Temple

The Bhoramdev Temple is a thousand year old temple in Chouragaon, 18 km from Kabirdham in Kabirdham district of Chhattisgarh and 125 km from Raipur.



Around the temple are the Maikal hills, in the middle of which there is this temple in the green valley. There is also a beautiful pond in front of the temple. The structure of this temple is similar to the temples of Khajuraho and Konark due to which people call this temple as 'Khajuraho of Chhattisgarh'. This temple is a historical temple. This temple was built by Nagavanshi King Gopal Dev in the 11th century. It is said that the God of the Gods was Bhoramdev and he was a worshiper of Lord Shiva. Bhoramdev is a name of Shiva, due to which the name of this temple was called Bhoramdev.



## Edit art style

The temple faces east. The temple is a beautiful example of the Nagara style. The temple can be entered from three sides. The temple is built on a five feet high platform. One can enter the temple mandap directly from the three entrances. The pavilion is 60 feet in length and 40 feet in width. There are 4 pillars in the middle of the pavilion and 12 pillars towards the side which have maintained the roof of the mandap. All the pillars are very beautiful and artistic. There is a kitchen on each pole. Which is carrying the load of the roof. In the pavilion, the idol of Lakshmi, Vishnu and Garuda is kept and a Rajpurush idol sitting in the meditation of God is also kept. There are many murtis placed in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple and in the middle of it all a Shivling made of black stone is installed. There is a Panchmukhi Serpent's idol in the sanctum sanctorum, as well as the idol of Ganesh ji while dancing and Rajpurush in meditation state and a female man's idol while worshipping. The top of the temple does not have a crest. Murtis of Vishnu, Shiva Chamunda and Ganesh etc. are placed on the outer walls around the temple. Along with this, the idol of Lakshmi Vishnu and Vamana avatar is also installed on the wall. The idol of Goddess Saraswati and the image of Shiva's Ardhanarishwara are also located here.



## 5. Bambleshwari Temple

**Bambleshwari Temple** is at Dongargarh in Rajnandgaon district, Chhattisgarh, India. Dongargarh is 107 kilometers from Raipur. The rope-way in the hill on which the temple is located, is another attraction to the tourists in the city. It is very popular with the tourists as it is the only rope-way that has been set up in Chhattisgarh state.

the temple is on a hilltop of 1600 feet. This temple is referred as *Badi Bambleshwari*. Another temple at ground level, the *Chhotti Bambleshwari* is situated about 1/2 km from the main temple complex. These temples are revered by lakhs of people of Chhattisgarh who flock around the shrine during the Navratris of Kavar (during Dusshera) and Chaitra (during Ram Navami). There is tradition of lighting Jyoti Kalash during Navaratri here.



## 5.1 Dongargarh Mandir



*Dongar* means mountains in Marathi Language while *Garh* means fort. The legend goes that around 2200 years ago, Raja Veersen, a local king, was childless and upon the suggestions of his royal priests performed puja to the gods. Within a year, the queen gave birth to a son whom they named Madansen. Raja Veersen considered this a blessing of Lord Shiva and Parvati and constructed a temple here. In the temple of Dongargarh, king Vikramaditya went for suicide but Devi Bamleshwari came and stopped him to do this act. For reaching the top, there are total 1000 steps that lead to the temple.



Thank you

