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MANMADE RESOURCES MUSEUMS IN INDIA



Museum

A **museum** is an institution that cares for (conserves) a collection of artifacts and other objects of scientific, artistic, cultural, or historical importance and makes them available for public viewing through exhibits that may be permanent or temporary.

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- The museums of any country represent their past and history. The Indian Museums too present a part of India on their own.
 - India is famous for its museum that proves the rich culture of the country.
 - Museums of India are best to explore the people, culture, beliefs, and history of ancient India. Indian tour can't be completed without its museums, museums of India are an archive of India's history and government and archaeology.
 - Museums are the treasure house of ancient documents.

Types of Museums

Archaeological Museum

Art Museums and Galleries

Architecture Museum

Food Museum

Medical Museum

National Museum

- Numismatic Museum
- Railway Museum
- Science Museum etc.


National Museum Delhi:



- National Museum is located on Janpath, New Delhi. The National Museum is the largest museum in India.
- It holds variety of articles ranging from pre-historic era to modern works of art.
- The impressive building of National Museum is the houses of curious artifacts of the Indus Valley Civilisation and the Mughal era.
- Some of the Museum in Delhi are National Rail Museum, Museum of Natural History, Nehru Museum & Planetarium, air force museum and Gandhi Darshan. National Rail Museum is one of the interesting places in Delhi to know Indian train models and luxury coaches that were once used by great maharajas.

The Prince of Wales Museum Mumbai:



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- India's one of the best-known Museums is The Prince of Wales Museum Mumbai.
 - The Prince of Wales Museum is renamed as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya.
 - The museum has the art, sculpture, old firearms, rare coins and a priceless collection of antiques from pre historic era.
 - Some of the best museums in mumbai are Jehangir Art Gallery and INS Vikrant. Bhau Daji Lad Museum, Earlier known as Victoria & Albert Museum is the oldest museum in Mumbai.

Museums in Jammu and Kashmir

It is a red sand stone monument, surrounded by beautiful Shivaliks and Tawi River.

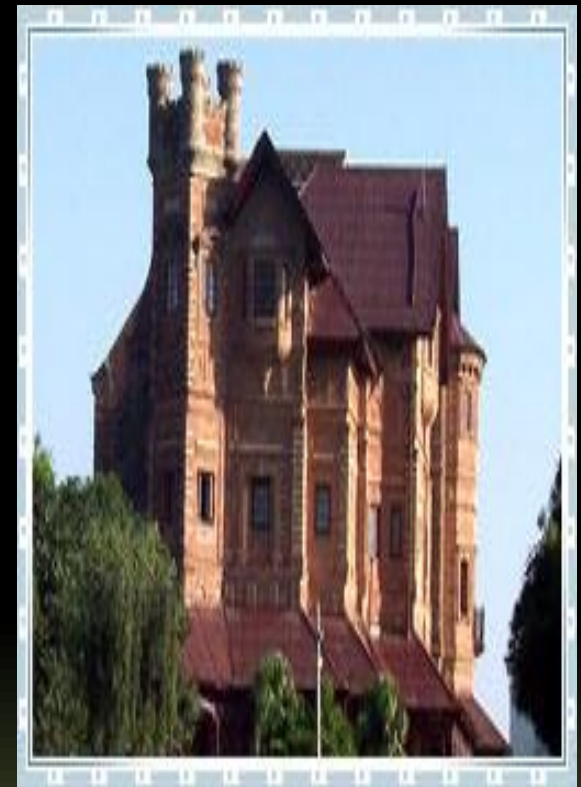
It was the residential palace of Raja Amar Singh but now the palace has been converted into a museum.

The museum has a hexagonal room housing a magnificent golden throne, with a 120 kg pure gold sofa, embedded with golden lions.

Other attractions of the museum include a gallery displaying paintings known as Nal Damyanti along with other Pahari paintings and family portraits of rulers of Jammu and Kashmir.

- The Museum also boasts of a library having a collection of around 25000 books.

Amar Mahal
Palace Museum
(Jammu)



Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports is known as National Institute of Sports(NIS)

It is the Academic Wing of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Asia's largest Sports Institute.

Founded in 1961.

In January 1973, the Institute was renamed as Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports over 268 acres.

NIS is housed in the Old Moti Bagh Palace of the royal family of Patiala State, which was purchased by Government of India after Independence of India.

National Institute of Sports (Patiala)



Indian Museum Calcutta:

- The Indian Museum is one of the most famous museums in India and The ninth oldest regular museum of the world.
- The Great museum included history of the building and details of art collection.
- Kolkata is a land of Museums. There are about seven museums in the city.
- It is not only famous for treasure house of monuments, Bridges & holy places but also for its museums.
- Kolkata is incomplete without a trip to its museums, best museum in kolkata are Calcutta Museum also known as Kolkata panorama, Victoria, Birla Museums, Shahid Minar and Nehru Children Museum. One of the famous monuments in Kolkata is Nehru Children Museum.



Salar Jung Museum Hyderabad:



- The 7 Wonders of Hyderabad include Salar Jung Museum, which has an exquisite collection of priceless articles like Ivory, Marble sculptures.
- Salar Jung Museum is popular as largest one-man collections Of the World, it is situated on the southern bank of the river Musi.
- It is an art museum with world's largest collection of artifacts. Salar Jung Museum is among the most important attraction in Hyderabad.

The Calico Museum of Textiles

Ahmedabad:

- The Calico Museum of Textiles stands out for its uniqueness and antiquity of exhibits.
- This is one of the finest textile museums in the world, Situated in one of the most beautifully, intricately wooden-carved Haveli. The Calico Textile Museum is the premier textile museum of the country and is the world's best museum on textiles.



Karnataka Government Museum

- Situated in the Heart of the City of Bangalore, it is the oldest Museum in the country.
- Established in 1856, it stands there at the Kasturba Marg.
- This Museum houses sandalwood crafts, Rajasthani embroidery, and antiques from Mohenjodaro and terracotta from Mathura.
- In fact, the Karnataka Museum not only reflects the Karnataka Culture, but it also has a collection of the various arts from all over the Country.
- The Karnataka Government Museum is one of the best showcase of the heritage of Karnataka.
- It represents the best and the unique.

It is inside the confines of the HAWA MAHAL and built by Maharajah Sawai Pratap Singh in 1799.

It has a honeycomb structure just like the Palace. It itself has the windows made for the easy passage of air throughout the year.

Famously known as the Palace of Winds, it has thousands of small windows.

If you look from outside, from a distance, it looks like a beehive.

There are two galleries :

Armory Gallery : From swords to knives and the war dress to the cutter are displayed.

- **Coin Gallery** : As the kings came and went by, they left their mark in the form of the coins.

Hawa Mahal Museum (Jaipur)



Museum of Uttarakhand

The **Forest Research Institute** is an oldest institute of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education and is a premier institution in the field of forestry research in India.

In 1991, it was declared a deemed university by the University Grants Commission.

There are six sections in the museum:

Pathology Museum

Social Forestry Museum

- STimber Museum
- Non-Wood Forest Products Museum
- Entomology Museum

The Forest Research Institute (Dehradun)



Trunk of a 700+ Year Old Tree in Museum



Forest Products



Tree Cutting Tools



Gun Sample



This museum made in the honour of Nehruji, is a reflection of the lifestyle and life of Jawahar Lal Nehru.

It was the residence of the Pundit Jawahar Lal Nehru but now it has been converted into a Museum to keep alive the memories of him. It is also known as **Teen Murthi House**.

In the Nehru Memorial Museum we can see:

»**Gift Gallery** : The royal Baggis (Chariots and Coaches in colors of red and gold.

»**Armoury Gallery** : It has on its display the Sawai Jai Singh pistol, Rekhla (miniature canon), Gunpowder

»**Manuscripts Art Gallery** : There is a collection of rare manuscripts. These are divided into two sections. The individual correspondences and the institutional records.

»**Audio and Video clips** : It also houses the memories of Jawahar Lal Nehru in the form of his Audio and Video Clippings which are the rare ones like Nehrus' Childhood, his College Days, his budding days in Indian Politics, his speech etc.

Nehru Memorial Museum and library



Sabarmati Ashram (also known as Gandhi Ashram, Harijan Ashram, or Satyagraha Ashram) is located in the Sabarmati, adjoining the Ashram Road, on the banks of the river Sabarmati, four miles from the town hall.

This was one of the residence of Mahatma Gandhi, who lived there for about twelve years along with his wife, Kasturba Gandhi.

Gandhi led the Dandi march also known as the Salt Satyagraha on 12 March 1930. In recognition of the significant influence that this march had on the Indian independence movement the Indian government has established the ashram as a national monument.

Sabarmati Ashram (Ahemdabad)



Sabarmati Ashram in 1948



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Sabarmati Ashram

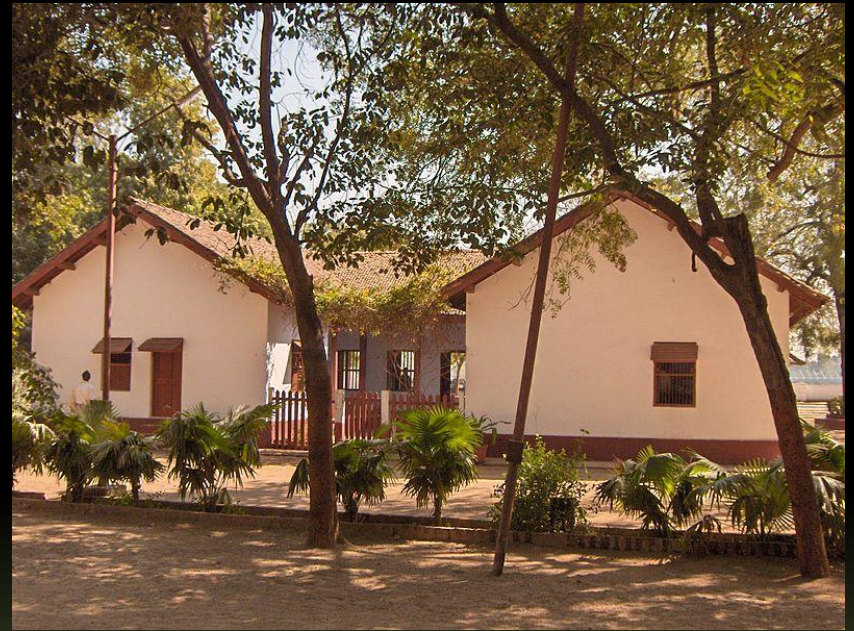
Statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the ashram



Warli Art at Sabarmati Ashram



Back view of Mahatma Gandhi's house



It is in the memory of a remarkable historical personality, 'Tipu Sultan'.

The museum consists of oil paintings, pencil sketches, aquatints and engravings, coins and medals, costumes, furniture, arms, etc.

A portrait of Tipu Sultan depicts him wearing a turban, a striped shirt. A necklace, a girth belt and a stone-studded cross belt to which is attached a sword. The artist was **G.F. Cherry** who painted it in 1792.

- Coins of various denominations on view include Double paisa, Half paisa, Quarter paisa, are also exhibited.

Tipu Sultan Museum, Srirangapatna



The **Government Museum or Madras Museum** is a museum of human history and culture located in Chennai.

Started in 1851, it is the second oldest museum in India after the Indian Museum in Kolkata. It is particularly rich in archaeological and numismatic collections.

The museum complex consisting of six buildings and 46 galleries covers an area of around 16.25 acres (66,000 m²) of land.

The objects displayed in the museum cover a variety of artifacts and objects covering diverse fields including archeology, numismatics, zoology, natural history, sculptures, palm-leaf manuscripts and Amravati paintings.

Government Museum, Chennai



State Archaeological Museum is constructed in 1920 .

It includes a wide range of stone and metal sculptures that have been collected from ancient and medieval Andhra.

There are five galleries and one pavilion at the museum that includes a rare collection of Ajanta and Deccani painting.

The Egyptian mummy is as old as the Satavahana period (second century BC). You also view the Buddhist and Jain relics and sculpture of different times and empires.

The various galleries comprised in the museum are

Buddist gallery

- Brahmanical & Jain gallery
- Arms & Armour gallery
- Numismatics gallery
- Ajanta gallery

State Archaeological Museum, Hyderabad



The Health Museum, Hyderabad is located near Public Gardens.

As we enter in the museum we can find the words of Jawaharlal Nehru which are displayed at the entrance of the museum. The words and the museum are 50 years old.

It started in 1948 and since then there were no add-ons, no deductions, no updating or divisions in the museum.

Museum still bears the same ancient look of the late 40s.

The two sections of the Health Museum in Hyderabad include nutrition and health issues and Motherhood and Childbirth.

The first section deals with topics like nutrition, health (school and industrial), TB, leprosy, anatomy, cancer, malaria, immunization and such others. The second hall of the museum is dedicated to Motherhood and Childbirth.

Health Museum, Hyderabad



- The museum includes a series of wooden boards that comprises: Details about how to maintain and improve health, Photographs of a variety of medical discoverers,

It was established in 1959. This museum is managed by the National Council of Science Museums.

It is located at Gurusaday Road in Kolkata.

Some of the important works, which are done by this museum, are as follows:

Show the growth of science and technology

Gather, restore and preserve important historical objects

Expand and fabricate model exhibits

Enhancement and spread of science education in schools and colleges

Prepare teachers in the use of scientific but low cost teaching aids

- Provide aid to schools, colleges, universities and technical institutions
- Take initiative to popularize science and technology in urban and rural areas of the country.

Birla Industrial and Technological Museum



The Indian Museum is considered as the ninth oldest regular museum of the world.

This Museum in Kolkata was established in 1814 and was transferred to the present building in 1878.

There are about sixty galleries of Anthropology, Geology, Art, Archaeology, Zoology and Botany sections occupying over ten thousand square feet area.

The most interesting gallery of the Indian Museum is the painting gallery which displays the first painting illustrated on a palm-leaf manuscript.

Other collection of the miniature paintings collected from various parts of India includes:

- Mughal miniatures
- Kangra-kalam paintings
- Kalighat patas (folk art of Bengal)
- It also consists about fifty thousand books and journals.

Indian Museum





Stock Palace Museum

- Stock Palace Museum is in Ladakh .
- Its all about Crowns, Jewels and Royal dresses.
- Its just like the royal palaces we have read and heard about in fairy tales.

National Archives Museum

- The NATIONAL ARCHIVES is an entity of the office of Department of Culture under the ministry of Tourism and Culture.
- It is the depository of the old records of Govt. of India.
- The documents kept here is for the use of the Administrators and the scholars.
- It is also open for the Common man to see.

Its a reflection of the past and it projects the country with all its developments.

- All the different facets of the country are enclosed in the premises of the National Archives Museum.
- Situated in at the Rajpath and Janpath junction near the Indira Gandhi National Center for Arts and Culture it stands in the heart of India - New Delhi.

The National Rail Museum

- This unique museum has a fascinating and exotic collection of over 100 real size exhibits of Indian Railways.
- Static and working models, signaling equipments, antique furnitures, historical photographs and related literature etc. are displayed in the museum.

- **National Rail Museum**


The star attraction here is the Fairy Queen, built in 1855 and considered to be one of the best preserved steam locomotive engines of her age.



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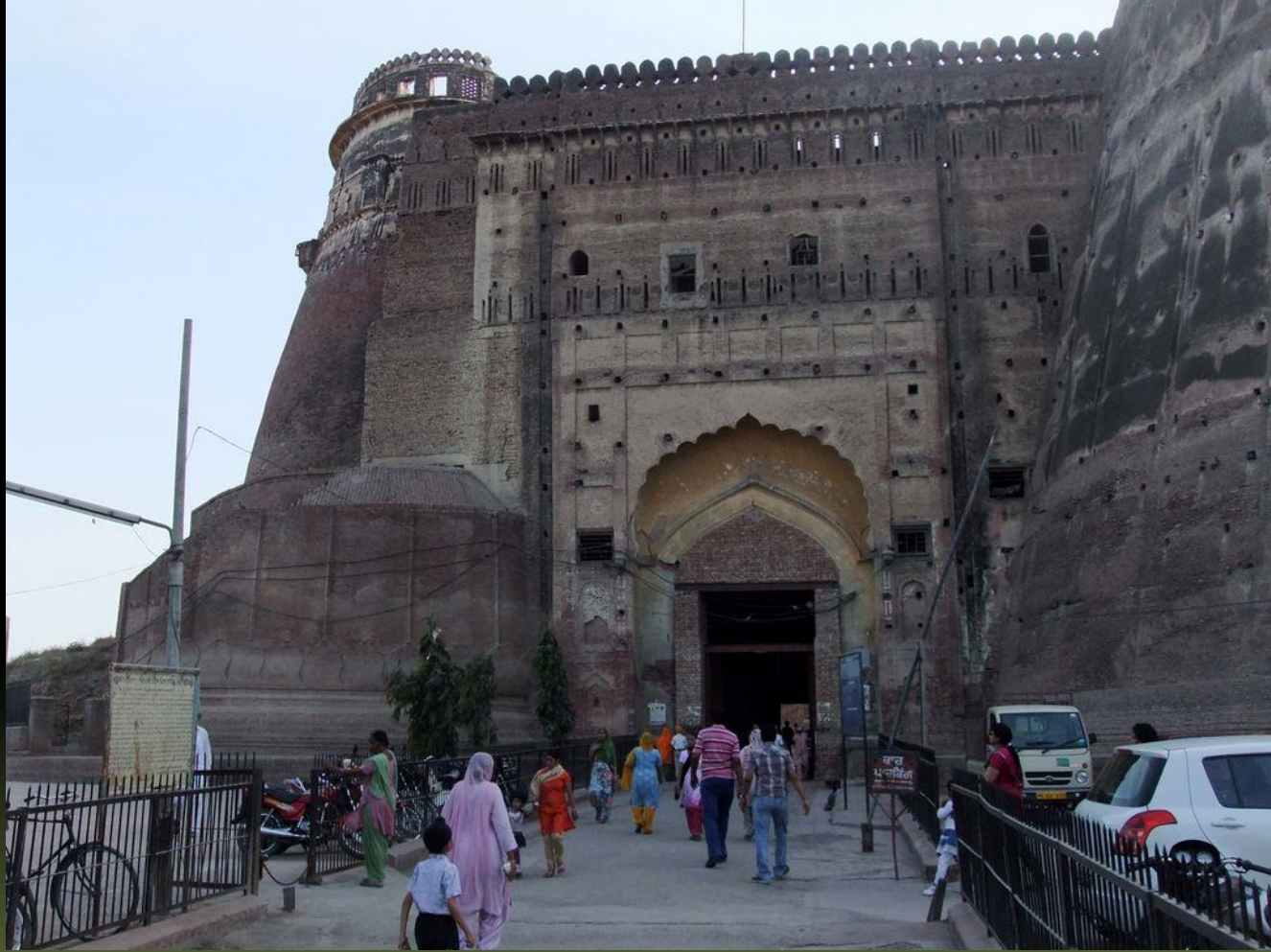
FORTS, ART & ARCHITECTURE



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- India is a land of ancient forts and monuments, which describe its deep manifested past. Of all the Indian monuments, forts and palaces are most fascinating.
 - A fort is a place that's made strong and secure enough to be defended during a war.
 - Most of the Indian forts were built as a defense mechanism to keep the enemy away.
 - The state of Rajasthan is home to numerous forts and palaces. Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh are also not far behind.
 - Qila Mubarak a historical monument in Bathinda is the oldest surviving fort in India.
 - There are a number of famous forts in India, while Rajasthan has the most number of forts.

Qila Mubarak


- Qila Mubarak is situated in Bathinda city of Punjab.
- It is a monument of great historical importance.
- The presence of the fort can be traced back to the 90-110 AD.
- Razia Sultana, the first lady ruler of the Delhi Sultanates was kept imprisoned in this fort after she was defeated and dethroned.



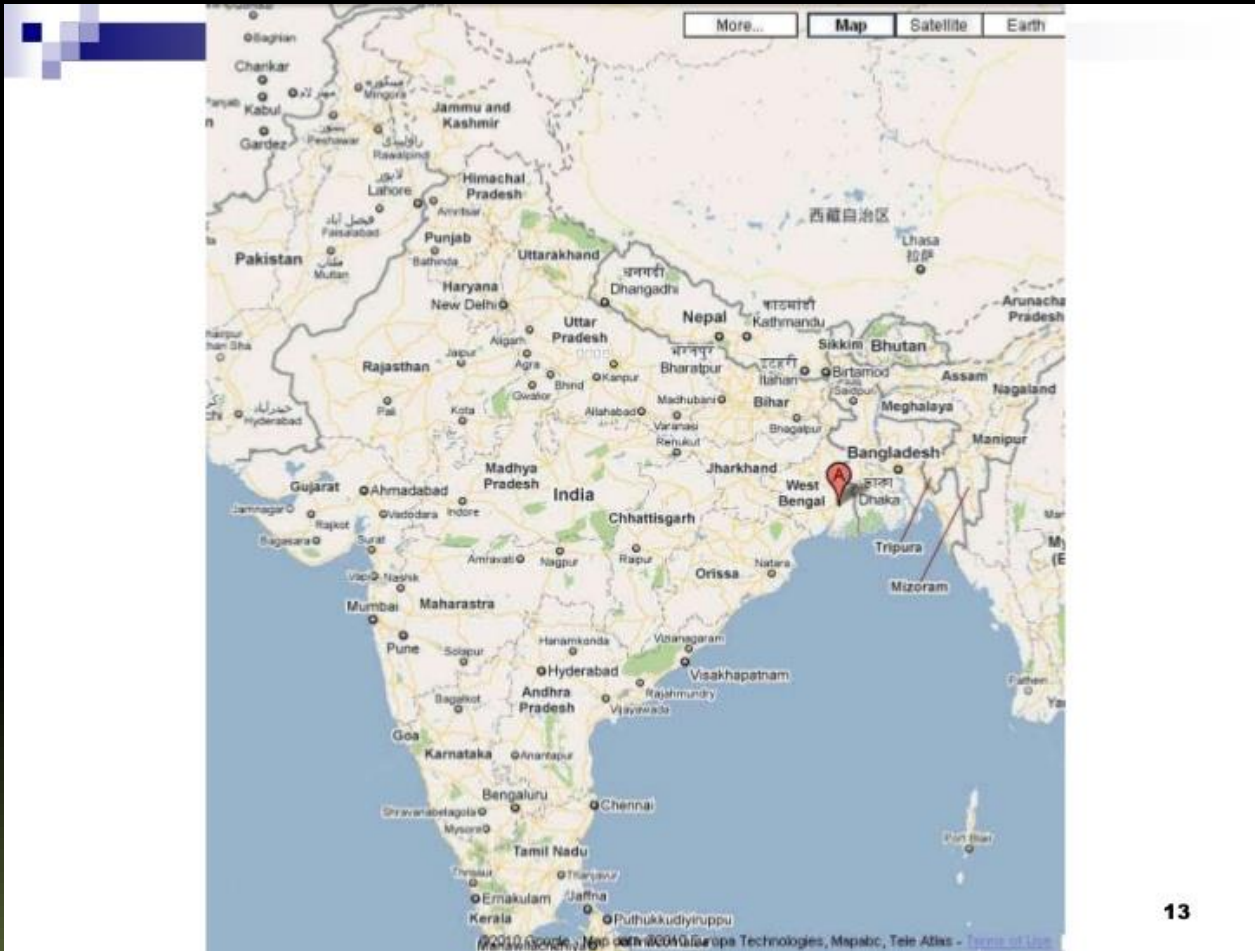




Fort William

- Fort William is situated in Kolkata on Hooghly River, on its eastern bank.
 - The fort got its name from King William III.
 - It was set up in the year 1696 by British East India Company
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Mehrangarh Fort

- *The Great Mehrangarh Fort is located in Jodhpur city of Rajasthan, It is more than 500 years old and one of the largest forts in India.*
- *The Mehrangarh Fort is situated 400 above from the city and founded by Rao Jodha.*
- *There are seven gates built by each Maharaja's for their victory,*



The Red Fort


- Lal Quila or The Red Fort is the most important historical buildings in India, located at Delhi built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan.
- Due to the thick red sandstone walls this largest monuments called as red fort.
- Important buildings and other structures inside the forts are A mosque known as Moti Masjid, Diwan-i-Aam etc.
- The fort lies along the “holy river of India” Yamuna River.
- Prime Minister of India addresses the nation and raises the flag of India on Independence and Republic Day of India.
- It became a UNESCO world heritage site in 2007. The Archaeological Survey of India is at present responsible for the security and preservation of this magnificent monument.



Gwalior Fort

- Gwalior Fort the beautiful historical monument located in Madhya Pradesh built by Rana Man Singh Tomar.
- This magnificent monument holds a specimen of the wonderful ancient Indian architecture.
- The majestic monument is one of the biggest forts in India and a postage stamp has been issued to remember the importance of this fort.



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- The famous Golconda fort located at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, built by Kakatiya kings.
 - The heritage monument is known for its rich history and a majestic and imposing grand structure.
 - Golkonda was once renowned for the Magnificent diamonds found on the south-east at Kollur Mine near Kollur lake.
 - The awesome Golconda Fort is famous for its military architecture and One of the most wonderful monuments in India.
 - Golconda Fort is counted as Seven Wonders of Hyderabad.



Jaisalmer Fort

- Jaisalmer Fort is a World Heritage Site declared by UNESCO under the group Hill Forts of Rajasthan situated in the city of Jaisalmer in Rajasthan.
- Built in 1156 AD, the fort is also popularly known as *Sonar Quila or Golden Fort*. Unlike other forts in the country, Jaisalmer Fort is a massive fort with a museum, shops, hotels, houses and eateries housed within.
- It is situated in the Great Thar Desert.



Red Fort

- Agra Fort is a UNESCO World Heritage site located in Agra, Uttar Pradesh India. The fort is also known as Lal Qila, Fort Rouge and Red Fort of Agra.
- It is about 2.5 km northwest of its much more famous sister monument, the Taj Mahal.
- It is rumored that Shah Jahan died in Muasamman Burj, a tower with a marble balcony with an excellent view of the Taj Mahal.



Kangra Fort

- The famous Kangra fort built by the Royal family of Kangra, situated in the Kangra valley of Himachal Pradesh.
- This is the oldest forts in the world. It is the largest fort in the Himalayas and the oldest forts in India.



Chittorgarh Fort


- Chittorgarh Fort is the largest fort of India and the grandest in the state of Rajasthan.
- It is situated on the left bank of the Berach river.
- It is also called as Water Fort, The fort had 84 water bodies inside, out of which only about 22 exist today.
- These 84 water bodies were said to hold so much water that could meet the needs of 50,000 soldiers of the kingdom for 4 consecutive years



Panhala Fort

- Panhala fort, The largest and most important fort in Maharashtra, located in the Sahyadri mountain range near Kolhapur.
- Panhala fort structures is the representative of the great Maratha Empire.
- Panhala Fort is the only fort where the ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji is believed to have spent the longest time.



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- Srirangapatnam Fort the famous fort in Karnataka, Situated near to the holy river Kaveri.
 - Srirangapatnam Fort or Tipu Sultan's palace is one of the prominent monuments in Karnataka.
 - The legendary Tipu Sultan's residence was inside this fort. Hence, it is also known as Tipu Sultan Fort.

Fort St. George, Chennai

- The very first fort to be built by the British in India in 1644, Fort St. George stands in Chennai.
- Today it is the administrative office of the legislative assembly of Tamil Nadu.



Rock Fort, Tiruchirapalli

- Built on a 272 feet high rock that could possibly be over a billion years old is the Rock Fort in Trichy.
- The fort has witnessed many battles and was prominently used by the British in the Carnatic Wars. It has two temples within its premises; the UcchiPillayar temple and Thayumanaswami temple. The Rock Fort is a landmark monument of Trichy.

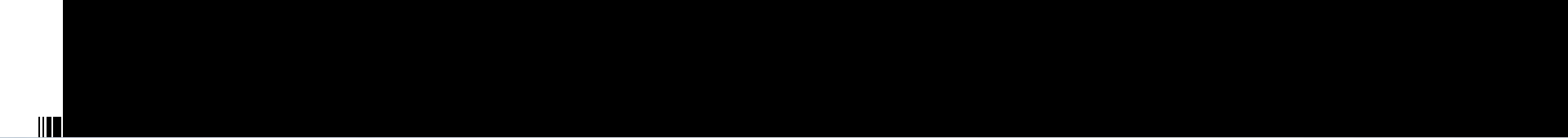
Vellore Fort

- Vellore is popularly known as the Fort City of Tamil Nadu.
- Now a very calm and understated place, it was once a battleground and has seen many wars.
- The Vellore Fort is prime attraction in the town completely made of granite stone.



Gingee Fort

- Gingee fort, commonly called as Senji Fort is located in Viluppuram district of Tamil Nadu.
- This fort is one of the oldest Fort found in Tamil Nadu which is best known for its architectural excellence.
- Gingee fort is structurally strong and it is constructed over small rocky hills with huge compound to prevent enemy from entering the premises.
- Gingee Fort or Senji Fort is one of the surviving forts in Tamil Nadu, India.
- The fort is so fortified, that Shivaji, the Maratha king, ranked it as the "most impregnable fortress in India" and it was called the "Troy of the East" by the British.



Danish Fort

- *Fort Dansborg, locally called Danish Fort, is a Danish fort located in the shores of Bay of Bengal in Nagapattinam district, Tharangambadi in the South India in Tamil Nadu*

PALACES



Amar Mahal Palace

- *The beautiful Amar Mahal Palace is situated in Jammu, now been converted into a Museum.*
- *Amar Mahal Palace is situated on the bank of river Tawi and offers a grand view of majestic Sivalik Hills.*



Amba Vilas Palace

- *Mysore Palace or the Mysore Maharaja Palace is located in the heart of the city.*
- *Mysore Palace is one of the most visited monuments in India.*
- *And its one of the largest palaces in the country, also known as Amba Vilas Palace, was the residence of the Wodeyar Maharaja's of the Mysore state.*



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Laxmi Vilas Palace

- *Laxmi Villas Palace, an extravagant building built by Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III in 1890 .*
- *Major Charles Mant was the architect.*
- *It is reputed to have been the largest private dwelling built till date and four times the size of Buckingham Palace.*
- *The Palace compound is of over 500 acres and houses a number of buildings*

Marble Palace

- *The Marble palace near the Chorbagan in North Kolkata built in 1835 by Rajendra Mallick.*
- *The house contains large sculpture, paintings and other valuable pieces along with a Marble Palace Zoo located next to the palace.*



Presidential Palace

- *Located on the western end of the Rajpath in New Delhi, the Rashtrapati Bhavan is the official residence of the President of India*
- *With its 340 room main building covering 5 acres on an estate of 330 acres.*
- *The premises of the Rashtrapati Bhavan has been divided into three circuits.*
- *The first one is the Main Building and Central Lawn, The second circuit is the Rashtrapati Bhawan Museum complex, The third circuit comprises of the marvellous Mughal Gardens which is a paradise of elegant gardens and lush greenery.*





Bolghatty Palace

- *The famous Bolghatty Palace is situated in the beautiful scenic island known as Bolgatty island in Kochi, Kerala.*
- *Bolgatty Palace was a mansion built by Dutch and now its a heritage hotel resort managed by the KTDC.*



Thirumalai Nayak Palace

- *The Thirumalai Nayak Palace is built by King Thirumalai Nayak in the city of Madurai, Tamil Nadu.*
- *Thirumalai Nayakkar Mahal is one of the most beautiful Palace and considered to be one of the wonders of the South India.*
- *Thirumalai Palace is situated near to the famous the Meenakshi Amman Temple.*



Chowmahalla Palace

- *The Royal Chowmahalla Palace is belongs to the Nizams of Hyderabad, located at the center of Hyderabad.*
- *Magnificent Chowmahalla Palace is renowned for its unique style and elegance design situated just next to the famous Charminar.*



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Hawa Mahal

- *Hawa Mahal or the 'Palace Of The Winds' located in the heart of the beautiful Pink City of Jaipur in Rajasthan, India.*
- *It is one of the most famous tourist attractions and a prominent landmark of the city that is renowned for its rich cultural and architectural history.*
- *The Hawa Mahal Jaipur is the beautiful many windowed extension of the City Palace that is said to resemble the honeycomb structure of a bee's nest.*



HANDICRAFTS






HANDICRAFTS

- India is a land of diverse cultures and ethnicity. The art and crafts are an integral part of lives of India.
- The artisans of India are blessed with a rich cultural heritage that reflects in their handicrafts.
- Every Indian Handicraft has magical and undoubtedly beauty. The Indian Handicrafts items are globally famous for their unique, intricate and expressive charm.
- The artisans of the different Indian state depicts their culture and tradition through handicrafts.
- A handicraft, sometimes more precisely expressed as artisanal handicraft or handmade, is any of a wide variety of types of work where useful and decorative objects are made completely by hand or by using only simple tools.

Saharanpur (Wood works)






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- Saharanpur is located in Uttar Pradesh, famous for its wood carving industry. The city produces some of the world's best wood work.
 - At Saharanpur wooden industry, the items are crafted from the woods of the Sheesham, Dudhi and Sal trees. On demand, they also procure and work with Teak, Mahogany and Ebony.


Assam (Terracotta works)



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- The term 'Terracotta' has derived from Latin and Italian words. The Terra which is a Latin word means 'earth' or 'soil' whereas cotta is an Italian word means 'statue'.
 - The Assamese artisans are famous for crafting terracotta handicrafts with soil, mud and clay. Back in the day, the Assamese artisans are highly focused to craft spiritual idols.
 - The Dhubri village in the Goalpara district of Assam occupies the prime location to craft many terracotta handicrafts such as dolls, tables, vases, pots and much more.

Gujarat (Textile handicrafts and fabrics)




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- Gujarati Handicrafts are famous for their mirror work and heavy colourful designs which give them a funky and tribal vibe
 - Other traditional designs are the stylized parrots, flower borders, tree motifs, mango motifs etc.
 - Another favourite trend of Gujarat is Bandhani; it is a tie and dye work. The tie and dyed fabric is trendy in India and known as Bandhej. It is considered as one of the finest handcrafted fabric in the world. Gujarat is popular for their big mirror works.




Kashmir (Woolen Handicrafts)



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- Kashmir is a beautiful land famous for its amazing landscapes, sightseeing and mind numbing splendour.
 - The Shawls of Kashmir are globally famous for their finish and softness.
 - One of the famous Kashmiri Shawl is Jamavar. Jamavar shawls are made of brocaded woollen fabrics, sometimes in pure wool and sometimes blended with cotton.
 - Another favourite Shawl of Kashmir is Pashmina shawls.

Kondapalli Toys, Andhra Pradesh



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- Kondapalli Toys are made of wood in a village nearby Vijayawada and registered as one of the best geographical indication handicraft from Andhra Pradesh.
 - Kondapalli Toys also known as Lepakshi Handicrafts are very unique in style and theme. These traditional crafts created in a small village called Etikoppaka region of Andhra Pradesh.

Thanjavur Dolls

- Thanjavur Dolls are traditional handmade bobble head dancing doll, recognized as a Geographical Indication by the Government of India.
- Thanjavur painting and Thanjavur Doll are world famous Indian cultural doll and paintings.





Mysore Rosewood Inlay, Karnataka


- Mysore Rosewood Inlay works are manufactured in around the region of Mysore and awarded Geographical Indication tag from the Government of India.

Swamimalai Bronze Icons

- Swamimalai Bronze Icons are manufactured in Swamimalai of Tamil Nadu. The bronze idols and statues has been recognized as a Geographical indication of India.
- Swamimalai Bronze Icons refers to bronze idols and statues manufactured in Swamimalai, Tamil Nadu. It has been recognized as a Geographical indication by the Government of India in 2008–09...


Jaipur Blue Pottery, Rajasthan



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- Blue Pottery of Jaipur is a traditional craft and an eye catching art of Jaipur city.
 - Kripal Singh Shekhawat was famous renowned craftsman and ceramist of India and known for his skills in Blue Pottery of Jaipur.

Coconut Shell Craft, Kerala



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- Brass broidered coconut shell craft of Kerala requires great skills to make products like cups, flower vases and snuff boxes.
 - Coconut shell craft is also practiced in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa and Tamil Nadu.

Budithi Bell and Brass Craft, Andhra Pradesh

- Budithi Bell and Brass Craft in Srikakulam district are registered as the geographical indication handicrafts and create objects like lamps, flower pots and bells for temples.




Longpi Coiled Pottery, Manipur



Sea Shell Crafts, Andaman



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- The large and beautiful shells found in abundance in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. are cleaned and polished before being used to make ashtrays, small boxes, bangles, table lamps, and jewellery.

Pipli Applique Work, Odisha

- Pipili is a town and a NAC under jurisdiction of Puri district in the Indian state of Odisha. It is **famous** for designing beautiful Applique handicrafts.
- It is a town of artisans **famous** for their colourful fabrics. Pipli Applique Work is well known craft in Puri and the town is also famous for their colourful fabrics and beautiful Applique handicrafts.



Rogan Printing, Kutch

- **Rogan painting**, is an art of cloth printing practiced in the Kutch District of Gujarat.
- In this craft, paint made from boiled oil and vegetable dyes is laid down on fabric using either a metal block (printing) or a stylus (painting).
- Rogan Printing is only practiced in the Kutch district by only one family. The craft was nearly died out but today with the help of NGO Rogan art of cloth printing is practiced by few families.



JUTTI,PUNJAB

- Jutti footwear are traditionally made up of leather in Amritsar and Patiala.
- Nagra Juti, Punjabi jutti and Mojari are delicately embroidered with threads worn along with traditional dresses like sherwani and kurta pajama.




Patravali

- **Patravali** or **Pattal** or **Vistaraku** or **Vistar** or **Khal i** is an Indian eating plate or trencher made with broad dried leaves.
- It is mainly made from Sal leaves.
- It is made in circular shape, by stitching 6 to 8 sal leaves with tiny wooden sticks.
- It is popular during traditional meals, festivals and in temples. It is a cottage industry in India where women work on weaving them at home in spare time. It was used extensively in the ancient times by Hindu sages for its purity.
- It was a custom to serve food in a patravali for guest meal or celebrations, temple prasadam



Kolhapuri Chappal, Maharashtra



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- **Kolhapuri chappals** are Indian hand-crafted leather slippers that are locally tanned using vegetable dyes.
 - Kolhapuri Chappals or **Kolhapuris** as they are commonly referred to are a style of open-toed, T-strap sandal.
 - In July 2019 Kolhapuri chappals got a geographical indication tag .
 - There is a wrong perception that only artisans from Maharashtra are involved in making these chappals. But many artisans from Karnataka are also involved in making Kolhapuri chappals for centuries



Fairs and Festivals

Kumbh Mela

- **Kumbh Mela (Haridwar, Allahabad, Nashik, and Ujjain)**
Kumbh Mela is one of the biggest Hindu festivals which is more than 2000 years old.
- The dates of the fair are calculated according to the alignment of the planets – Jupiter, Sun and the Moon. It is celebrated by taking a dip in the holy rivers and is believed to help to achieve salvation.
- The Kumbh Mela takes place once in every three years. Kumbh Mela in 2013 was held at Allahabad and attracted more than 10 crore people – a record human gathering on earth.
- The traces of Kumbha can be found in Puranas (Scriptures of Hindu Mythology) where there's a story of the Gods and the demons fighting for Amrita Kumbha (elixir pot).



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Pushkar Camel Fair

- **Pushkar Camel Fair (Pushkar, Rajasthan)**
The **Pushkar Camel Fair** is another famous Indian fair which attracts tourists from all over the world.
- It is a five-days long affair known for camel trading and interesting competitions like 'the longest moustache'.
- Rajasthan is a vibrant and riveting state giving you numerous options for shopping and eating.
- local people adorned in traditional bright and colorful attires selling junk jewelry, fine fabrics, and intricate artwork.
- The best part for tourists in Pushkar is that they can choose to reside in either in a palace or a tented camp, both of which will be a pleasant experience. Except that one can enjoy activities like camel rides, elephant rides, desert safari in Pushkar.



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Hemis Gompa Fair

- **Hemis Gompa Fair (Ladakh, Kashmir)**
Hemis Gompa Fair is celebrated every year on the birth anniversary of Guru Padmasambhava at the Hemis Monastery.
- It is a 300 years old fair which holds a special place in the hearts of Buddhists.
- The fair is marked by ceremonial dances known as the mask dance by Lamas, instrumental music, singing, worshiping and chanting by the monks.
- This will be a mystical experience as the lamas and all the people are dressed in eccentric clothes.
- The masks of dancing lamas are very interesting as they depict mythical characters and the dance performance represents the story of how Guru Padmasambhava defeated the Devils.
- The music played using instruments like horns, cymbals and drums are overwhelming. One major attraction of the fair is the country liquor which is served during the celebrations.



Goa Carnival

- **Goa Carnival (Goa)**
The name Carnival itself is quite self-explanatory of what you can expect at the Goa Carnival.
- The Goa Carnival is a huge celebration across the cities and villages of Goa.
- This elaborate affair is very much similar to Latino Carnival and therefore live music, dancing, colorful masks, and dresses are an integral part.
- The origin of the carnival is credited to the Portuguese who once ruled Goa. Now the Goa carnival is organized by State Tourism Board and is a 4 day long extravagant celebration of Goan culture and cuisine.
- Goa is the only place in India where the Carnival is held and attracts millions of tourists every year.



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Surajkund Crafts Fair

- **Surajkund Crafts Fair (Surajkund, Haryana)**
Surajkund Crafts Fair is a celebration of Indian traditions, cultures, cuisines, and artisans of India.
- The fair is one of the longest celebrations in India which goes on throughout the first fortnight of February.
- This fair has been acclaimed internationally as the countries outside India have also been participating.
- In 2015, 20 countries participated in the fair and more than a million visitors attended the fair.
- Each year, the Surajkund Crafts Fair Authority chooses a state of India as its theme.
- During the day, the finest handicrafts, handloom items, and other traditional arts are the main attraction for visitors. And the evenings are a joyful celebration of Indian cultures through folk dance and singing performances.



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Rath Yatra

- **Rath Yatra (Puri, Odisha)**

Rath Yatra is a sacred Hindu festival celebrated in the honor of Lord Jagannath.

It is one of the oldest festivals in the world. The Rath Yatra is a huge procession of the deities – Lord Jagannath, his sister Subhadra and brother Balabhadra.

The procession of Lord Jagannath is carried out on a chariot known as Garudadhwaja. On the day of the Rath Yatra, thousands of devotees gather around.

The sounds of conches and chants fill the air. The devotees pull the ropes of the chariots to add to their good karmas as it is believed to be a sacrament for one's bad deeds in the past.



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Desert Festival

- The Desert Festival is held every year in the month of February.
- This three day long festival amidst the sand dunes of Thar desert is a pure delight.
- This is a bright and cheerful festival where some very interesting competitions are held.
- The most famous one is camel polo. Folk dances and folk songs are performed.
- A large number of tourists visit Rajasthan especially to attend this desert festival in Jaisalmer.



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Hornbill Festival

- **Hornbill Festival (Nagaland)**
- The 10 days long music festival is also known as the 'festival of festivals'.
- The Hornbill Festival is a famous music festival celebrated every year in December in Kohima, the capital of Nagaland, North East India.
- The different communities showcase their best through the handicrafts exhibitions, paintings, sculptures and wood carvings. The melodious folk music, folk dances, and archery are the most loved activities at the festival.



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Khajuraho Dance Festival

- Celebrated annually at end of winter and the beginning of spring this five day dance festival at Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh is a treat to eyes.
- This dance festival celebrates the Indian diversity and heritage through centuries old dance forms which include Kathak, Bharathanatyam, Kuchipudi, Odissi, Manipuri.
- It also includes the mythological dance performances such as Shiva's cosmic dance-the Tandava and Lord Krishna's Raas Leela with the Gopis.
- These performances against the backdrop of the glorious temples of Khajuraho are a sight to see for everyone who wishes to explore the culture of Indian classical music.
- Also, let us not forget that The Khajuraho Group of Monuments are a UNESCO world heritage site and definitely worth a visit.



Sonepur Mela

- Held on Kartik Purnima (the full moon day) in the month of November in Sonepur, Bihar, on the confluence of river Ganges and Gandak.
- It hosts one of the world's largest animal fairs
- Biggest cattle fair of Asia and stretches on from fifteen days to one month.
- Also known as Harihar Kshetra Mela, it's a month-long fair where elephants, camels, cows, buffaloes, horses, dogs, birds, sheep, rabbits, guinea pigs are traded.
- Its origin dates back to ancient times when Emperor Chandragupta Maurya used to buy elephants and horses.



Gangasagar Mela

- Largest fair celebrated in West Bengal.
- Located on an island in the Sunderbans, about 80 km south of Kolkata.
- It is held every year on the occasion of Makar Sankranti and draws devotees from all over the country.
- A dip in the water at this place, during Gangasagar Mela, is considered to be extremely sacred. On the day of Makar Sankranti (January 14), when the sun makes a transition to Capricorn from Sagittarius, it is said that the bath becomes a holy source of salvation.
- After the holy dip, the pilgrims offer 'Puja' at the Kapil Muni Temple or Ashram. It is a charming tourist destination, which attracts both pilgrims and adventure lovers.



Ambubachi Fair

- Ambubachi Mela of Kamakhya Dham is one of the significant fairs and festivals celebrated in India.
- This mela is held every year during monsoon in the Kamakhya temple at Guwahati that happens to fall during the Assamese month Ahaar, around the middle of June, when the Brahmaputra river is in spate.
- It is the celebration of the yearly menstruation course of goddess Kamakhya.
- Thousands of followers visit this fair from different parts of the country.
- The pandits chanting mantras on behalf of the devotees, pilgrims performing puja, all these make the fair an interesting affair.





SHOPPING





SHOPPING

- Shopping is a favorite pass time of majority human being. India is a land of varieties.
- There is a peculiarity of every region and it is reflected in the Art work and culture of the place.
- As times are changing, shopping is becoming a multicultural affair. One can find Gujarati garments, Brass work from the south, Kolkata saris in nearly each Indian household.
- One can shop for all these items in one's own neighborhood and at the various shopping festivals. Shopping in the various shopping festivals in India is full of fun and amusement.
- The experience is totally different from shopping in the latest and modern shopping malls. One can bargain for the things one is buying and be happy reducing the prices.

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- One can shop at these shopping festivals to one's heart's content for all the necessities and wants. One can buy gift items from various places and they may cost one just a few rupees.
 - This kind of shopping adds value to one's gifts as these are exclusive as these cannot be obtained from any shop or mall.
 - There are various shopping festivals held at different seasons in nearly every part of the country.

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- This way, goods and commodities from every region comes within reach.
 - If one has a liking for a particular thing, one need not go that region and buy it.
 - One can just find out if the shopping festival in ones area has a stall that sells that particular commodity.
 - Starting from small items like the Kolhapuri chappals to some Pakistani Marble artifacts can bought in the shopping festivals. One can buy corals from


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- Various cultural programmes are also held at the venues of the various shopping festivals in India. These entertain the shoppers and attract huge crowds.
 - One can enjoy dance shows, music performances by eminent musicians, mimicry, dramas, etc at the shopping festivals. These shopping festivals enrich one with a number of cultural programmes while one shop and drop.
 - There are a number of food stalls that cater to ones cravings. One can relish authentic regional food stuff at the shopping festivals. This way, one can shop and also cater to ones taste buds at the same time. Many a times, the shopping festivals are held when the climate of the place is pleasant and tourism is at its peak.

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- This gives a boost to the economy and also adds to the tourist attraction of the particular place. The festivals are held during holidays or during other important festivals. For example, the Sakaal shopping festival is held during the Diwali period. The Global Indian shopping festival in Kuala Lumpur is held during the summer holidays.
 - One can shop at the discounted prices at the various shopping festivals. One can also get a spot prize or a scratch and win prize if one are lucky. One also has a chance of winning the bumper prizes which are the attraction of many shopping festivals. Thus, shopping is a favorite pass time of all people- young and old.




Gurgaon Shopping Festival

- This is important to the residents since it comes prior to the Diwali (festival of lights) festival during September and November of every year.

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- Amongst varieties one can choose from a variety of brands from local make, popular Indian brands to popular international brands in apparel, handicrafts & artifacts, home decors, and other household products.
 - One can get nice bamboo work from the North East, Jute from West Bengal, silk from the South of India, etc.
 - One can enjoy by participating as a viewer in a number of cultural events organized during the shopping festival.
 - Starting from Bollywood actors, and great musicians to local folk performers grace the shopping festival with elegant performance.

Pondicherry Shopping Festival


- Pondicherry is a beautiful town on the southern coast.
- The place has rich colonial culture and one can feel the French connection in the air.
- The place is famous for back waters, boulevards neatly lined, the beautiful beaches and the Pondicherry shopping festival.
- Shopping in Pondicherry is a rewarding experience.
- Shopping in Pondicherry is enjoyable as the taxes are very low.
- One gets to shop for the exquisite things like the handmade papers of Pondicherry.
- The Handmade papers are world famous and are in great demand for their texture and color.


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- Another best thing about shopping in Pondicherry is the antique furniture.
 - One can expect to get antique furniture like the British colonial furniture, Tamil furniture, French and Keralite furniture.
 - The Pondicherry shopping festival is celebrated for a month.
 - This month long festival is usually conducted during the year end.
 - This is the peak tourist season in Pondicherry and the shopping festival adds to the attractions.

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- The visitor to the shopping festival gets a lot of advantages as he can reach to a lot of people and get a first hand knowledge of local culture and lifestyle.
 - The government promotes this festival with a lot of media coverage.
 - The Advertisement coverage brings both buyers and sellers together thus this event can help one to create ones brand and promote sales.
 - Apart from shopping cultural events like dance, singing, orchestra

Hyderabad Shopping Festival


- Hyderabad is one of the popular tourist destinations in India.
- The place is popularly regarded as the land of Char Minars and famous Forts apart from recently being the IT hub of the country.
- Mouth watering Biryanis which comes from this place is listed under the world delicacies.
- Hyderabad is also popular for one more thing, The Hyderabad shopping festival.
- The festival is a month long affair every year. It is usually organized during the month of May as the climate is suitable for various outdoor events.
- The pleasant climate attracts a number of tourists from all over and the shopping festival in Hyderabad adds to the attraction of the place.

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- Hyderabad shopping festival is one of the biggest shopping events in the country.
 - Nearly 5 million people visit the festival each year.
 - The shoppers comprise of locals, tourists from various states of India and a number of foreign tourists from all over the world.
 - Many manufacturers and retailers participate in the shopping festival of Hyderabad. Many national and international brands compete with each other in this event.

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- The best part is, even the local brands from the city get to compete with the well known international brands.
 - The shopping festival boosts up the local economy. One can shop for as little as Rs. 10 in the shopping festival to purchase of various bangles, jewelries, pearl sets, stone work, etc at the festival that may cost more than a million.
 - One can take back some nice mementoes from the shopping festival in Hyderabad.
 - The Lac jewelry and other similar items are in great demand in the festival.
 - While shopping, one can relish local dishes like famous Biryani and the Khichada along with different dishes of Paya.

Delhi Shopping Festival

- The capital city of India is a land of festivals starting from political to religious every occasion is a moment of celebration in the capital city.
- One can celebrate any festival with pomp and shopping festival is no different.
- People look forward to Delhi shopping festival. All the people young and old participate in the shopping festival in Delhi.
- The whole country is represented in the Delhi shopping festival.
- There are stalls from various regions that represent the culture of that particular place.
- One can shop to ones hearts content in the Delhi shopping festival. As it is, shopping in Delhi is fun.
- Shopping in the shopping festival in Delhi is more fun. There are product ranges from household goods to various luxury goods available in the festival at different price ranges.

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- There is facility for the men to read books, watch cultural shows, enjoy various cuisines and beverages while the women folk do the shopping.
 - The stalls have names of the malls of the area they are located in. The shopping festival has a number of cultural activities to entertain the shoppers.
 - One can enjoy shopping while one admires the programmes like of Jagjit Singh's Gazal.
 - There are also many more such events that consist of musical shows, singing and dance programmes.
 - There is a grand fashion show, rock show and jewelry festival.
 - The food exhibition at the festival is always amazing and many customers take pleasure in and relish the healthy and tasty food. The busiest stalls are the chat stalls from Delhi.
 - The shopping festival in Delhi is helping Delhi to come up as a shopping brand. The shopping festival is much similar to the shopping festival of Hong Kong, Dubai shopping festival, Kuala Lumpur shopping festival, etc. The shopping festival in Delhi is enjoyed by the locals and tourists.



Amusement Parks

Amusement Parks

- Amusement Parks are artificially built structures for game and fun activities.
- With growing urbanization and related industrialization people of metros are always in a hunt for places for a perfect recreation during their leisure.
- With this objective amusement parks are built on the outskirts or in the heart of the cities.
- Artificially created water based and swing based activities give a perfect walk-out to the participants with a short travel.
- The oldest amusement park in the world was opened in 1583 is Bakken, at Klampenborg, North of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- A Black gang Chine amusement park, established in 1843 by Victorian entrepreneur Alexander Dabell, on the Isle of Wight, UK can be considered the oldest existing theme park in the world.

Wonderla, Bangalore

- Wonderla is an amusement park located near Bidadi, 28 Kilometres Bangalore, spanning over 82 acres of land.
- It has been promoted by V-Guard Group, based in Cochin, Kerala.
- It is the second theme park project from the group and has been operational since October 2005.
- It has been set up with a total investment of over 105 crores.
- The entertainment includes soft water rides, dry rides for kids and high dry and water rides from the adult.

Veegaland

- Veegaland is a popular amusement park in Kerala, India.
- The park is run by the Chittilappilly family which also owns V-Guard Industries, and Wonderla amusement park in Bangalore.
- The park is situated on the top of a hill at Pallikara, 12 Kilometres from the city of Kochi.
- Veegaland at present known as Wanderla Kochi is the first amusement park in the country to have ISO14001 certification for eco-friendliness and OHSAS 14001 for international safety standards.

Black Thunder

- Black Thunder was known as Asia's No.1 Water Theme Park when it was first introduced in India.
- It is within the green hills of the Nilgiris. Black Thunder is situated at 41km from Coimbatore and 40 km from Ooty.
- Located amongst coconut plantation the park provides children play zone, health club, corporate conference facilities at its lush green lawn having a breathtaking view of Nilgiris.
- The park has got 40 deluxe rooms offering ideal atmosphere for theme and private parties.

Athisayam Theme Park

- Athisayam is an amusement theme park located in Paravai on Madurai - Dindigul National Highway 7, 12 km from Madurai.
- The park is located in sprawling campus of over 70 acres and features about 40 games and 20 water rides.
- The park is popular for its water rides, recreating the experience of Courtalam waterfalls.

Ramoji Film City

- Ramoji Film City (RFC) is the world's largest integrated film studio complex spread over 2,000 acres (8.1 km²) of land.
- It is also a popular tourism and recreation centre, containing both natural and artificial attractions including an amusement park.
- It is situated between Hayathnagar and Peddamberpet towns on Hyderabad - Vijayawada, NH9 highway, about 25 km South-East of Hyderabad.

Water Kingdom

- Water Kingdom is said to be Asia's largest theme water park.
- The Water Kingdom has several enchanting attractions including the world's biggest wave pool, heart stopping rides 'n' slides, river adventure cruises and much more.
- Water Kingdom is located just next to Essel World, Gorai, Mumbai.

Essel World

- Essel World is an amusement park in Gorai, Mumbai, India.
- It is spread over 64 acres of land and attracts 10,000 visitors every day.
- It can be reached from the suburbs of Borivali or Malad.
- Essel world was started by Subhash Chandra of the Essel Group in 1986.




Live Entertainment

Live Entertainment

- Live entertainment is a huge source of revenue for the global Media and Entertainment industry.
- Live entertainment - sometimes also called event management- is growing at a fast and steady rate.
- The number of corporate awards, television, films and sports events is increasing rapidly, helping the sector grow at a fast rate.
- The current live entertainment segment of the Media and Entertainment industry comprises a small number of large event management companies and a large number of smaller companies.

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- Various types of live entertainment events organized in India are:
 - Award shows
 - Celebrity appearances
 - Music concerts
 - Variety entertainment shows
 - Fashion shows/beauty contests
 - Branded Events (promotion and management of brands)
 - Televised Events (Events specially created for television channels)
 - Popular sports events like IPL etc.

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- Such live entertainment events get their revenue from Sponsorship receipts, Ticket sales, advertising revenues, and Licensing / assignment of Intellectual Property Rights of television, music, video and internet.



Luxury Trains in India



Exploring India on a luxury train has become extremely popular. It's an excellent way to see the country without having to compromise on comfort.

These luxury tourist trains, which offer every indulgence imaginable right down to customized cutlery, inject glamour and romance into seeing some of India's best tourist attractions.

Luxury Trains in India



- ❑ **Palace onWheels**
- ❑ **Deccan Odyssey**
- ❑ **Heritage onWheels**
- ❑ **Fairy Queen Train**
- ❑ **The Royal Orient**
- ❑ **The Golden Chariot**
- ❑ **Royal Rajasthan on Wheels**



Palace on Wheels



- ❑ The Palace on wheels is rated as one of the top ten luxury train journeys in the world. It offers a heart-rending trip to the splendid forts and palaces of Rajasthan.
- ❑ The concept of the Palace on Wheels was derived from the royal background of the coaches, which were originally meant to be the personal railway coaches of the erstwhile rulers of the princely states of Rajputana, Gujarat, the Nizam of Hyderabad and the Viceroy of British India.





Palace on Wheels



- It was launched by the Indian Railways in association with Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation to promote tourism in Rajasthan
- The train departs from New Delhi and during its eight day journey, travels around Rajasthan with stops in Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, SawaiMadhopur, Chittaurgarh, Udaipur, Bharatpur, and Agra.







DECCAN ODYSSEY




- ❑ Patterned on the lines of more popular Palace On Wheels Train Tour, the Deccan Odyssey Train was first introduced in Jan,2004.
- ❑ The Deccan Odyssey goes across the beaches in Goa, areas in Maharashtra, the world famous Ajanta and Ellora caves and Aurangabad.





DECCAN ODYSSEY



- ❓ This journey of seven nights takes you from Mumbai onwards to Ganapatipule, Sindhudurg, Tarkarli, Goa, Pune, Aurangabad and back to Mumbai. It covers a total distance of 2,200 kms.
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Heritage on wheels



❑ This luxury train takes you on the journey of the colorful regions of Shekhawati and Bikaner in Rajasthan.

These regions of Rajasthan are virtually unexplored and the Heritage on wheels gives the opportunity to explore and see the high quality frescos in this open air art gallery of this state of many shades Rajasthan.





Fairy Queen Train



- The Fairy Queen is the most famous heritage train of India and the oldest working steam locomotive in the world.
- It was built in the year 1855 by the British firm Kinston, Thompson & Hewitson for the British firm East India Railways. Fairy Queen is well-known as the oldest rolling locomotive of the world and is rightly put in the category of heritage train.
- The train started its journey way back in the year 1855 till 1908 but due to some reasons, its regular operations were halted. The Indian Railway again in July 1997 again started the journey of this heritage train that started from Delhi and goes on till Alwar.
- A major highlight here is a visit to the famous Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary.





Fairy Queen Train



- The destinations of the train includes Delhi, Alwar and the world famous Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary.





Royal Orient Train



- As you embark on your journey by the Royal Orient train, explore two of the most famous royal states of India that reflects the glorious royal heritage of the country, Gujarat and Rajasthan.
- Modeled on the popular Palace on Wheels, India's first luxury tourist train, the train offers tourists a taste of royal luxury while showcasing the Indian culture and heritage.

The Royal Orient Train





The Golden Chariot



- Named after a renowned world heritage site, the Stone Chariot in Hampi, the Golden Chariot promises to take the enthusiasts on a journey through the eternal historical marvels, swish palaces, innate wildlife and serene beaches.
- The train compliments the historical significance of Karnataka and it is evidently visible from its construction and design, which are inspired by Mysore and Hoysala architecture.



The Golden Chariot



- The Golden Chariot embarks on a 7-night/ 8-day journey, along the land of Karnataka; covering Bangalore, Mysore, Kabini, Belur, Hampi, Badami and Goa.
- The train has 19 coaches named after famous dynasties that ruled over the state of Karnataka - Adilshahi, Bahamani, Chalukya, Ganga, Hoysala, Kadamba, Rastrakota, Sangama, Shathavashna, Vijayanagar, Yudukula and so on. The interiors of the cabin are designed inspired by Mysore palaces.





Karnataka



THE GOLDEN CHARIOT

Many worlds. One voyage.

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Royal Rajasthan on Wheels

- Following the success of the Palace on Wheels, another luxury train was launched in January 2009 that travels through Rajasthan
- This new upgraded luxury version of the present Palace On wheels has been made to cater to needs of the high end clientele. It offers more spacious deluxe cabins & a new concept of super deluxe cabins with bath tubs. Other additional facilities include Two Retro-lounges, One Spa Saloon & the new train is Internet Wi-Fi enabled



Royal Rajasthan on Wheels

- Tour duration: 7 Nights / 8 Days
- Places Covered: New Delhi - Jaipur - SawaiMadhopur - Chittaurgarh - Udaipur - jaisalmer - Jodhpur - Bharatpur - Agra
- The Royal Rajasthan on Wheels runs from September until the end of April each year. It stops during the very hot and monsoon months.

ROYAL RAJASTHAN ON WHEELS



Maharaja Express



- The ***Maharajas' Express*** is a luxury tourist train owned and operated by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation.
- It runs on 5 circuits covering more than 12 destinations across North-West and Central India, mainly centered on Rajasthan between the months of October and April.
- The Maharajas' Express was voted "The World's Leading Luxury Train" five times in a row at The World Travel Awards in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and





Maharaja Express



Itineraries:

The Princely India Tour: This is a seven-night itinerary- Mumbai – Vadodara - Udaipur- Jhodhpur- Bikaner- Jaipur- Ranthambore - Agra- Delhi route

The Royal India Tour: This operates as the Princely India journey in the reverse with minor changes

The Classical India Tour: This is a six-night itinerary that Delhi-Agra-Gwalior-Khajuraho -Bandavgarh-Varanasi-Gaya- Kolkatta route

The Celestial India Tour: This operates as the Classical India Tour in the reverse with minor changes.

