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**DIVYA DESAM TEMPLES**



**INTRODUCTION**

Among the Vishnu temples which are scattered across the world, the following 108 temples are most popular and a must to visit temples at least once in our life time. In this present kali yuga, we are facing lot of difficulties and sufferings in our daily life. By visiting these temples, at a certain stage, our problems and difficulties will come to an end, and there is also a possibility of reaching the divine world, after our death. Hence let us try to visit 106 temples in our life time, since two of the temples are situated in **VAIKUNTA**, which we cannot go as of now.

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[Seerkazhi - Thirivikaraman Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/kazhiseerivnagaram-temple.shtml) | |  | 51. [Thiruvaali Thirunagari - Sri Lakshmi Narashima Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/tiruvaali-temple.shtml) | |  | 52. [Thiru Kavalampaadi - Sri Gopala Krishna Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/kavalampadi-temple.shtml) | |  | 53. [Thiru Arimeya Vinnagaram - Sri Kuda Maadu Koothan Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/arimeyavnagaram-temple.shtml) | |  | 54. [Thiru Vann Purushothamam - Sri Purushothama Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/vanpurushotaman-temple.shtml) | |  | 55. [Thiru Sempon Sei Kovil - Sri Per Arulaalan Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/semponseikovil-temple.shtml) | |  | 56. [Thiru Manimaada Kovil - Sri Narayana Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/manimaadakovil-temple.shtml) | |  | 57. [Thiru VaiKunda Vinnagaram - Sri Vaigundha Nathan Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/vaikundavinnagaram-temple.shtml) | |  | 58. [Thiru Devanaar Thogai - Sri Deiva Naayaga Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/devanarthogai-temple.shtml) | |  | 59. [Thiru Thetri Aambalam - Sri Seganmaal Ranganatha Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/thetriambalam-temple.shtml) | |  | 60. [Thiru Manikkoodam - Sri Varadharaja Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/manikoodam-temple.shtml) | |  | 61.[Annan Kovil - Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/vellakkulam-temple.shtml) | |  | 62.[Thiru Paarthanpalli - Sri Thamaraiyal Kelvan Perumal Temple](https://www.divyadesam.com/hindu/temples/seergazhi/parthanpalli-temple.shtml) | |
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**SHAKTI PEETHAS**



**INTRODUCTION**

Shakti Peetas are popular places of worship of Mata Parvati Devi. It is believed that, when Sati devi was self- immolated, her various body parts were fallen in different places. The places where her body parts were fallen are known as Shakti Peethas, and are worshipped popularly by the devotees.

The following are the 18 main Shakti peetas:

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| r. No. | Temple | Place | State in India/Country | Appellation | Part of the body fallen | Shakti |
| 1 | [Shankari Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Ambaji_Temple&action=edit&redlink=1) | [Triconmalee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ambaji) | Triconmalee, SriLanka | Lankayam Shankari Peetham | [Heart](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heart) | Shankari |
| 2 | [Adhi Kamakshi Amman Temple behind Kamakshi Amman Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Adhi_Kamakshi_Amman_Temple_behind_Kamakshi_Amman_Temple&action=edit&redlink=1) | [Kanchi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanchi) | [Tamil Nadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu) | Adi Kamakshi Devi Temple(or Kaliyambal Temple) behind Kama koti peetam | [Navel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skeleton) | [Kamakshi Amman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kamakshi) |
| 3 | Shrinkala | Pradmunyee ([Pandua](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pandua,_Hooghly" \o "Pandua, Hooghly)) [Bengal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Bengal) | BavTharini Peetham | [Stomach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stomach) | Maa Shrinkala | [-](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/-) |
| 4 | [Chamundeshwari Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chamundeshwari_Temple) | [Mysuru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mysore) | [Karnataka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karnataka) | Krounja Peetham | [Hair](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hair) | [Maa Chamundeshwari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durga) |
| 5 | [Jogulamba Devi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alampur,_Jogulamba_Gadwal_district#The_shrine_of_Jogulamba_devi) | [Alampur, Gadwal district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alampur,_Mahbubnagar) | [Telangana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telangana) | Yogini Peetham | [Teeth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teeth) | Jogulamba Thalli (Yogamba) |
| 6 | [Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mallikarjuna_Jyotirlinga) | [Srisailam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Srisailam), | [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh) | Srisaila Peetham | [Neck](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neck) | [Maa Bhramarambika](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parvati) |
| 7 | [Mahalakshmi Temple, Kolhapur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahalakshmi_Temple,_Kolhapur) | [Kolhapur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolhapur) | [Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra) | Shri Peetham | [Eyes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eye) | Aai Ambabai |
| 8 | Eka Veerika Temple | [Mahur, Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahur,_Maharashtra) | [Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra) | Moola Peetham | Left Hand | Eka Veerika |
| 9 | [Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahakaleshwar_Jyotirlinga) | [Ujjain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ujjain) | [Madhya Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madhya_Pradesh) | Ujjaini Peetham | [Tongue](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tongue) | Maa Kaali |
| 10 | Kukkuteswara Swamy Temple | [Pithapuram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pithapuram) | [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh) | Pushkarini Peetham | [Back](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Back) | Maa Puruhutika |
| 11 | [Biraja Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biraja_Temple) | [Jajpur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jajpur) | [Odisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odisha) | Oddyana Peetham | [Navel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Navel) | [Maa Biraja](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biraja_Temple) |
| 12 | part of [Kumararama Bhimeswara Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chalukya_Kumararama_Bhimeswara_Temple" \o "Chalukya Kumararama Bhimeswara Temple) | [Draksharamam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Draksharamam) | [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh) | Draksharama Peetham | left cheek | Maa Manikyamba |
| 13 | [Kamakhya Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kamakhya_Temple) | [Guwahati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati) | [Assam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assam) | Kamarupa Peetham | Genitals | [Devi Kamakhya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kamakhya) |
| 14 | [Alopi Devi Mandir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alopi_Devi_Mandir) | [Prayagraj](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prayaga) | [Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttar_Pradesh) | Prayaga Peetham | [Fingers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fingers) | [Maa Madhaveswari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alopi_Devi_Mandir) |
| 15. | Jwalamukhi Temple | Kangra | Himachal Pradesh | Jwalamukhi Peetham | [Head](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Head) | [Maa Jwalamukhi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jawalamukhi) |
| 16. | [Mangla Gauri Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mangla_Gauri_Temple) | [Gaya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaya,_India) | [Bihar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bihar) | Gaya Peetham | [Breast](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breast) | [Maa Sarvamangala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sati_(Hindu_goddess)) |
| 17. | [Vishalakshi Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vishalakshi_Temple) | [Varanasi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varanasi) | [Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttar_Pradesh) | Varanasi Peetham | [Noses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noses) | Maa Vishalakshi |
| 18. | [Sharada Peeth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharada_Peeth) | [Sharda, Kashmir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharda,_Kashmir) | [Kashmir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashmir) | Sharada Peetham | [Right Hand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hand) | Maa Sharada Devi |

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**TWELVE JYOTHIRLINGAS**



**INTRODUCTION**

There are twelve jyothirlingas situated in india. By worshipping these lingams, we will get great punyam(Good Karma) and get all the prosperities in our life, and also reach the divine world, after our death.

| **Sl No** | **Jyotirlinga** | **State** | **Location** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | [Somnath](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somnath) | [Gujarat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gujarat) | [Veraval](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veraval), [Saurashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saurashtra_(region)" \o "Saurashtra (region)) | Somnath is considered as the first pilgrimage site.The temple was destroyed and re-built several times is rich in its beauty. It is situated at Gujarat. |
| 2 | [Mallikārjuna Swāmi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mallikarjuna_Jyotirlinga) | [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh) | [Srisailam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Srisailam) | Srisailam, is located on a mountain in [Kurnool District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kurnool_District) in [Rayalaseema](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rayalaseema" \o "Rayalaseema). It is a place where [Shakti peetha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakti_Peetha) and Jyotirlingam are together. |
| 3 | [Mahakaleshwar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahakaleshwar_Jyotirlinga) | [Madhya Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madhya_Pradesh) | [Ujjain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ujjain) | [Mahakal, Ujjain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahakaleshwar_Jyotirlinga) in Madhya Pradesh is the place where Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga temple is located. The Lingam at Mahakal is believed to be [Swayambhu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swayambhu" \o "Swayambhu). It is a place where Shakti peeta and Jyotirlingam are together. |
| 4 | [Omkareshwar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omkareshwar) | [Madhya Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madhya_Pradesh) | [Omkareshwar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omkareshwar,_East_Nimar) | Omkareshwar is in Madhya Pradesh and contains the Jyotirlinga shrine and the [Mamaleshwar temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahakaleshwar_Jyotirlinga" \o "Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga). |
| 5 | [Kedarnath](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kedarnath_Temple) | [Uttarakhand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttarakhand) | [Kedarnath](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kedarnath) | Kedarnath in Uttarakhand forms a part of the major Shiva temple pilgrimage. Kedarnath Temple, situated in [Himalayas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himalayas), is accessible only for six months a year. |
| 6 | [Bhimashankar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhimashankar) | [Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra) | [Bhimashankar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhimashankar) | Bhimashankara temple is located near pune in Maharashtra and it is a very ancient temple and one of the holiest temple in india. |
| 7 | [Kashi Vishwanath Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashi_Vishwanath_Temple) | [Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttar_Pradesh) | [Varanasi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varanasi) | The Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh is one among the Jyotirlinga shrine, and is the most sacred Temple, which is praised in [Thevaaram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thevaaram" \o "Thevaaram).les. The main deity is known by the name Vishwanath. Visiting this temple, will relieve us from the curse of ancestors. |
| 8 | [Trimbakeshwar Shiva Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trimbakeshwar_Shiva_Temple) | [Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra) | [Trimbakeshwar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trimbakeshwar), near [Nashik](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nashik" \o "Nashik) | The [Trimbakeshwar Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trimbakeshwar_Shiva_Temple" \o "Trimbakeshwar Shiva Temple), near Nasik in Maharashtra, is a Jyotirlinga shrine. |
| 9 | [Nageshvara Jyotirlinga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nageshvara_Jyotirlinga) | [Gujarat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gujarat) | Near [Jamnagar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamnagar) | Nageshvara Jyotirlinga is one of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines mentioned in the Shiva is situated in the present day Dwarka region. |
| 10 | [Baidyanath Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baidyanath_Temple) | [Jharkhand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jharkhand) | [Deoghar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deoghar) | Baidyanath Jyotirlinga temple, also known as Baba vaidyanath dham and vaidyanath dham is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas, the most sacred abodes of [Shiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiva). It is located the [state](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/States_and_territories_of_India) of [Jharkhand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jharkhand). |
| 11 | [Rameshwar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramanathaswamy_Temple,_Rameswaram) | [Tamil Nadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu) | [Rameswaram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rameswaram) | [Rameswaram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramanathaswamy_Temple,_Rameswaram) in [Tamil Nadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu) is home to the vast Ramalingeswarar Jyotirlinga temple and It is also one of the [Padal Petra Stalam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padal_petra_stalam" \o "Padal petra stalam)  mentioned in [Thevaaram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thevaaram" \o "Thevaaram). |
| 12 | [Ghrishneshwar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grishneshwar) | [Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra) | [Ellora](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellora) | Ghrishneshwar Temple, is one of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines mentioned in the Shiva Purana. |

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**BADRINATH TEMPLE**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Badrinarayan Temple** is a [temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu_temple) dedicated to Lord [Vishnu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vishnu) situated in [Uttarakhand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttarakhand" \o "Uttarakhand), India. The temple is also one of the 108 [Divya Desams](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divya_Desams" \o "Divya Desams). It is open for six months every year (between the end of April and the beginning of November), due to the extreme weather conditions in the [Himalayan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himalayas) region. The temple is located in [Garhwal hill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garhwal_Himalaya" \o "Garhwal Himalaya) tracks in [Chamoli district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chamoli_district" \o "Chamoli district) along the banks of [Alaknanda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alaknanda" \o "Alaknanda) River. It is one of the most ancient temples and attracts large number of pilgrims every year.

The presiding deity worshipped in the temple is known as Badrinarayan. It is a self-manifested statue of Lord Vishnu. Although Badrinath is located in North India, the head priest will be chosen from [Kerala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerala). The temple is mentioned in ancient hindu puranic texts. It is also mentioned in the sacred text “**DIVYA PRABHANDHAM**”.

By worshipping Lord Badri Narayan, we will get all the benefits in our life, and can get salvation after our death. Hence it is advisable to visit and worship this temple at least once in our life time.

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**KAILASH MANSAROVAR**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Mount Kailash** is a highest peak in the [Kailash Range](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gangdise_Shan" \o "Gangdise Shan). The mountain is located near [Lake Manasarovar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Manasarovar) and [Lake Rakshastal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Rakshastal). In [Hinduism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hinduism), it is believed to be the sacred abode of Lord [Shiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiva), who resides there along with Mata [Parvati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parvati" \o "Parvati), Lord [Ganesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganesh)a and [Kartikeya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kartikeya" \o "Kartikeya).

Every year, thousands of pilgrims are visiting the holy Kailash. [Pilgrims](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pilgrim) would circumambulate Mount Kailash on foot for getting better prospects in their life. The path around Mount Kailash is 52 km long. It will take a minimum of 15 hours to complete the entire trek. The mountain is located in the Tibetan Himalayas. There are a few amenities, such as resting places, refreshment drinks and snacks, are available to continue the trip in the holy mountains without much difficulty. It is believed that by visiting Mount Kailash we can attain **SALVATION**.

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**MUKTINATH TEMPLE**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Muktinath** is a [Vishnu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vishnu) temple, which is considered as very sacred and worshipped by both [Hindus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindus) and [Buddhists](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhists). It is located in [Nepal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nepal). It is one of the world's highest temples. It is believed that by visiting this temple, we will get **MUKTI** (**SALVATION**) after our death. This temple is considered as one among the sacred divya desams. It is an ancient temple. It is also considered as sacred similar to the Vishnu temples in Srirangam, Srimushnam, Tirupati, Naimisharanya, Thotadri, Pushkar and Badrinath. The sacred water around the temple complex is the sacred Pushkarini. Pilgrims are expected to offer a [prasad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prasad" \o "Prasad) (religious offering of food) to the deity. The temple is also glorified in the sacred text:  [Nalayira Divya Prabandham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nalayira_Divya_Prabandham" \o "Nalayira Divya Prabandham).

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**ASHTAVINAYAKA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Ashtavinayak** refers to eight [Ganeshas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganesh" \o "Ganesh). Ashtavinayaka yatra refers to visiting the eight [Ganesa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu_temples" \o "Hindu temples) temples in [Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra).  The Ashtavinayak temples are located around [Pune](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pune). Each of these temples has its own history, and all the ganesha deities are worshipped by lot of people regularly. The appearance of each idol of Ganesh differs from one another. It is believed that those who worship the Ashtavinayak temples at a single stretch can get all the prosperity in their life, and after their death, they will get liberated from the chain of re-births, and permanently attain the divine world.

The following are the Ashta Vinayak temples:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | [Mayureshwar Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morgaon_Ganesha_temple) | Morgaon, [Pune district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pune_district) |
| 2 | [Siddhivinayak Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siddhivinayak_Temple,_Siddhatek) | [Siddhatek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siddhatek), [Ahmednagar district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ahmednagar_district" \o "Ahmednagar district) |
| 3 | [Ballaleshwar Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ballaleshwar_Pali) | [Pali](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pali,_Raigad), [Raigad district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raigad_district" \o "Raigad district) |
| 4 | [Varadavinayak Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varadvinayak) | Mahad, [Raigad district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raigad_district" \o "Raigad district) |
| 5 | [Chintamani Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chintamani_Temple,_Theur) | Theur, [Pune district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pune_district) |
| 6 | [Girijatmaj Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lenyadri#Cave7:Ganesha_Temple) | [Lenyadri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lenyadri), [Pune district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pune_district) |
| 7 | [Vighneshwar Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vigneshwara_Temple,_Ozar) | Ozar, [Pune district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pune_district) |
| 8 | [Mahaganapati Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ranjangaon_Ganpati) | [Ranjangaon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ranjangaon), [Pune district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pune_district) |

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**SIX ABODES OF LORD MURUGAN**



**INTRODUCTION**

The **Six Abodes of Murugan** are six temples located in [Tamil Nadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu). Lord Muruga is called in various names such as [Kartikeya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kartikeya" \o "Kartikeya), Kanda, Vadivela and Senthil Andava at various temples. The six sacred temples of Murugan are mentioned in the sacred text "Thirumurugatrupadai", and in "Thiruppugazh. The six abodes are [Palani](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palani_Murugan_Temple), [Thiruthani](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruthani_Murugan_Temple), [Swamimalai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swaminathaswamy_Temple,_Swamimalai), [Pazhamudircholai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pazhamudircholai), [Thirupparankunram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirupparamkunram_Murugan_Temple) and [Thiruchendur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruchendur).

The story of Lord Murugan is mentioned in [Skanda Purana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skanda_Purana" \o "Skanda Purana). According to the legend, when the demon king Soorapadman disturbed the [Devas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deva_(Hinduism)), by Lord [Shiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiva)’s third eye spark, Lord Karthikeya was created and he killed Soorapadman and protected the devas. Muruga is worshipped for getting all sorts of benefits in our life. He will give boldness, wisdom, good physical and mental energy, and help us to get liberated from the life cycle. Lord [Muruga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muruga" \o "Muruga) is the god of mountainous region.

[Arunagirinathar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arunagirinathar) was a great poet and once he was saved from death by the grace of god [Murugan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murugan" \o "Murugan). He then became an ardent devotee and composed several poems on him.   The main traditions of the six temples, is the [tonsuring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tonsure) of devotees. Devotees carry kavadi, and also pierce their mouth and body with vel, which is considered as a symbol of true bhakti expressed by the devotees on Lord Muruga.

The six abodes are as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| [Palani Murugan Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palani_Murugan_Temple) | [Palani](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palani), [Dindigul district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dindigul_district" \o "Dindigul district) | Located in Dindigul District, on the Palani hill bottom and was worshipped by Goddess Lakshmi. Here, the main deity is made out of Navabashanam and was established by Saint Bhogar. |
| [Swamimalai Murugan Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swamimalai_Murugan_Temple) | [Swamimalai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swamimalai), [Thanjavur district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanjavur_district" \o "Thanjavur district) | Located near Kumbakonam. The temple narrates the incident about giving explanation of chanting of the pranava “OM” Mantra by Lord Muruga to Shiva. |
| [Thiruchendur Murugan Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruchendur_Murugan_Temple) | [Thiruchendur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruchendur), [Thoothukudi district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thoothukudi_district" \o "Thoothukudi district) | Located on the sea-shore near Tuticorin. In this place, Lord Murugan won a massive victory over demon Soorapadman by worshipping Lord Shiva. |
| [Thirupparamkunram Murugan Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirupparamkunram_Murugan_Temple) | [Thiruparankunram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruparankundram), [Madurai district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madurai_district) | Located on the outskirts of Madurai where Muruga married Indra's daughter Deivanai. |
| [Thiruthani Murugan Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruthani_Murugan_Temple) | [Thiruttani](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruttani), [Thiruvallur district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruvallur_district" \o "Thiruvallur district) | Located near Chennai, Murugan married Valli here. |
| [Pazhamudircholai Murugan Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pazhamudircholai) | [Pazhamudircholai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pazhamudircholai), [Madurai district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madurai_district) | Located on the outskirts of Madurai and Murugan is seen with both of his consorts Deivanai and Valli. |

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**SABARI MALA TEMPLE**



**INTRODUCTION**

The **Sabarimala temple** is a [temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple)  located at [Sabarimala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sabarimala_(Place)" \o "Sabarimala (Place))  in [Pathanamthitta district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pathanamthitta_district" \o "Pathanamthitta district), [Kerala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerala), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India). It is the famous temple where lakhs of devotees are visiting every year to have the glimpse of Lord Ayyappa after observing fasting and doing puja for 41 to 48 days. Lord [Ayyappan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayyappan) also known as Dharma Sastha, is the son of Lord [Shiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiva) and [Mohini](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mohini" \o "Mohini), the feminine form of [Vishnu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vishnu). The temple is situated on a hilltop, and is surrounded by mountains and dense forests. Temples exist in each of the hills surrounding Sabarimala.

The worship of [Sastha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sastha" \o "Sastha) forms part of the very ancient history of south India.  At Sabarimala, the deity is worshiped as [Ayyappan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayyappan" \o "Ayyappan). This is an ancient temple.

There are many Sastha temples throughout the world.  The temple was rebuilt in 1950. The temple consists of a [sanctum sanctorum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanctum_sanctorum) with a gold-plated roof. The shrine of Kannimoola ganapathi is also found in the Sannidhanam. Ganapathi homam is the main offering. The 18 sacred steps is the main stairway to the temple. Lord Karuppu Sami and Kadutha Sami are guarding at the foot of the holy 18 sacred steps. The temple of [Maalikapurathamma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maalikapurathamma" \o "Maalikapurathamma), is located few yards from Sannidhanam. Free annadanam is also provided in the temple for the ayyappa devotees.

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