

DIVINE DESTINATION

1 - **Shirdi** - This blessed little town is the holy abode of Sai Baba; the most loved and celebrated saints to have walked the holy land of India in the recent past. Located in the Ahmednagar District of Maharashtra, Shirdi is distinctly divine in nature.

2 – **Ajmer** - It was in Ajmer that Khawaja Muinuddin Chishti laid the foundation of Islam. His last resting place, the Darga Shariff in Ajmer is one of the most respected holy places in India, for not just the Muslims but also for Hindus.

3 – **Karni mata Temple** - Karnimata is said to be a wonder of the world. Rats live in this temple and are treated as Holy and are given protection and food in the temple. Bhandasar Jain Temple has elaborate artistic illustration of Jain beliefs and their outlook..

4 – **Bodhgaya** - Located around 100 kms to the south of Bihar is the quaint town of Gaya. It is believed in Hindu mythology that one visit to Gaya will make the devotees attain ultimate salvation. It's the very place where Gautam Buddha had attained ultimate Enlightenment.

5 – **The Golden Temple** - Known as a perfect example of peace and tranquility, the Golden Temple is one of the oldest Sikh pilgrimages in India. Besides being visited by the Sikh and Punjabis; the Golden Temple heartily welcomes spiritual seekers from every community.

6 – **Hazrat Bal** - On the western shores of the soothing Dal lake, where one of the most important and highly regarded Islamic shrines is located, Hazrat Bal is a pure embodiment of all the love and respect that devotees have for Prophet Mohamad.

7- **Isckon Temple**- In the heart of this city of Bangalore there's a shrine that stands in perfect harmony brimming with reverence and soul stirring energy- the International Society for Krishna Consciousness better known as the ISCKON Temple.

8- **Varanasi** - Considered as one of the oldest cities of the world, Varanasi is the epicenter of devout Hindus, Jains and Buddhists in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Also known as Kashi or Benares, the ghats of the city are chock-a-block with devotees, sages and travelers.

9 -**Ashtavinayak 1**- Ashtavinayak means the "Eight Ganeshas" also referring to the pilgrimage to the eight

temples in Maharashtra where each temple houses an effigy of Ganesha. Ashtavinayak temples are spread across the Pali, Theur, Lenyadri, Ranjangaon, Moregaon, Siddhtek, Mahad, and Ozhar belt.

10 – **Hemkund Saheb** - Hemkund is of huge religious significance for both Sikhs and Hindus. It is the auspicious place where the 10th and the last Sikh Guru, Guru Govind is said to have meditated right next to the fresh water lake..The Hemkund Sahib gurudwara was built right there to commemorate the guru.

11- **Mt Nebu** - Pages from the Holy Bible are strewn all over Jordan. One of the most respected places in Jordan, Mount Nebo is about ten minutes from the 'City of Mosaics', Madaba, close to the village of Faysaliyah. Rising above the surrounding Belqa plateau is, Mount Nebu.

12- **Haridwar** - Haridwar, literally means 'The gateway to the Gods'. It is considered as the gateway for the yatra char dhams. It is said that taking bath here purifies the soul and opens the doors to complete Nirvana.

13- **Ashtavinayak 2**- With his heart full of reverence for the almighty... the journey into the realm of faith becomes a must...and a pilgrimage becomes only a natural process... And this very desire to get ourselves closer to the supreme brought us to the state of Maharashtra...for the Astavinayak Yatra.

14- **Ashtavinayak 3** -People often wonder why there are eight diverse idols with different names of the same deity. The answer lies in the devotion and beliefs of the worshippers who through their hard penance have pleased Lord Vinayak to incarnate at various locations over the 'Yugs' or eras. There are many thought-provoking stories behind each of these manifestations.

15 – **Mathura** - Blessed by Krishna's footsteps, Mathura resonates with compassion and divinity. This is where the deity, skin dark as ebony showed his divinity and humanity alike. This is where myth, lore and religion culminate in a holy pinnacle. Mathura is the heart-throb amidst the Indian pulse.

16 – **Gangotri** - She is the pure, the unstoppable, holy. She is Ganga. Gangotri marks the source of the legend of Ganga's purity, and forever will be associated with the attainment of peace and salvation. This is Gangotri, in its pristine icy purity, in its Himalayan splendour, a truly Divine Destination.

17 – **Vamunotri** - As the conch shells blow, and as the vermilion colours the air with vibrancy, a chant of purity rings out in Yamunotri, and the crystal-clear untainted stream of spotless purity flows down, cleansing the land and its citizens off every iota of filth and negativity.

18 – **Monestries** - Monasteries pen stories and eras of tranquility. Divine, holy and sacred... these abodes of

silence and peace are the best bets when it comes to inner peace. They cleanse you from within and they purify every iota of energy within.

19 – **Kedarnath** - Kedarnath's history and its mythological relevance goes beyond the mere confines of religion. There lies a sacred thread of spirituality here, too. And that is exactly which attracts throngs of soul-searching people away from the urban chaos to search for identities.

20 – **Badrinath** - The holy streams meet here. Ganga's birthplace, mentions of Mahabharata and various other myths and legends seep the holy soil of Badrinath. A view into your inner conscience and a mirror to your truths, Badrinath is your answer to all of life's great philosophical queries.

21 – **Pushkar** - Come along with us as we take you on a spiritual journey in pursuit of complete mysticism and devotion... Snuggled in the lap of the arawali hills and beautified by the serene lake, Pushkar is a paradise for nature lovers.

22- **Shiv Khori** - Nestled in snow Caped Trikuta hills, with its grandeur and blooming greenery all around, The area has some of the most sought after Devine destinations in India...like Mata Vaishno Devi, the ancient Kalka Mata Temple, ancient Lord Shiva Mahadev Temple, and the famous Shiv Khouri cave..

23 – **Somnath** - Brandishing a burnished saffron hue as its garb, with a veil of the azure sky fluttering by, the wise wisdom of Somnath is soaked in a sense of knowledge trickled and accumulated through ages. With the blessings of Shiva, his blue intoxicant spirit seeps in the air, making it a must visit.

24 – **St. Xaviers Church** - Miracles and faith, hope and belief... these are virtues and values that drive us mere mortals. These virtues are the cementing glue within the ideological walls of the majestic St. Xavier's Church.

25 – **Thailand** - Hundreds of temples across Bangkok beckon us to discover these ancient centers of religion. With pristine waters and spirituals Wats, Thailand is a divine destination for every traveler. Undoubtedly, it was a fulfilling and enlightening experience.

26 – **Veraval** - A city in Gujarat dedicated to a Hindu lord Krishna, join us to visit two such pilgrimage destinations Dwarkadish and Harihar teerth dhaam and be enlightened.

27 – **Storkyrkan Cathedral** - Most cathedrals were built in a Romanesque style, after which cathedrals were built with a more gothic structure, this cathedral is one of them. The cathedral provides for an atmosphere of a mystery as well as awe about the period and the era of its creation.

28 – **Guru Tegh Bahadur Gurudwara** - With the Presiding presence of the Holy Book, the Guru Granth Sahib, the Guru Tegh Bahadur Gurudwara is where divinity flows and devotees flock. On the way to the Huzur Sahib Gurudwara in Nanded, Devotees always stop at the Guru Tegh Bahadur to complete their spiritual journey.

29 – **Ambaji Temple** - Being one of the 51 Shakti Peeths, astonishingly, this temple has no idol or pictures, as it predates idol worship. A divine destination for a Divine intervention is the holy Temple of Arasuri Ambaji.

30 – **Udupi Krishna Temple** - According to Legends, once a pious worshipper Kanakadasa, with his intense devotion pleased Lord Krishna and was allowed a glimpse of Lord Krishna. Thus every pious devotee of Krishna makes a once in a lifetime visit to the Krishna Temple.

31 – **Czech Cathedral** - A divine intervention is not needed on this celestial journey through the cathedrals and churches of Czech Republic. It provides for a spiritual journey which simultaneously also is a walk into history, with the influences from Gothic, renaissance and Baroque style architecture.

32 – **Nanded** - Nanded is known for being the holy place for the sikhs. The gurudwara is the abode of the tenth guru of Sikhism, Guru Gobind Singh. Built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh, this is the site where Guru Gobind Singh breathed his last.

33- **Kamakhya Temple** - A silent spectator to the universe, where you can hear the rhythms of the cosmos and listen to the footfalls of time immemorial.

34 – **Jerusalem** - Lets embark on a soul elevating journey to the sacred land of Jerusalem... Via Dolorosa (Way of Grief) is a road in the old city of Jerusalem, a path where Jesus was lead in agony, carrying the crucifixion cross...

35 - **Temples of Bishnupur** - A royal town, ruled by Kings for centuries, Bishnupur is famously known as the Land of the 'Dancing Deer.' A visit to this town and you will be impressed with its rich music, handicrafts and most of all, a treasure-trove of intricately carved terracotta temples.

36 - **Patna Sahib** - The birthplace of a Guru, the establishment of a 'way of life' and a monument of breath-taking beauty. Takht Sri Patna Sahib is the second seat of authority of Sikhism, the youngest religion in India.

37 – **Omkareshwar** - The very famous Temple of Omkareshwar in Madhya Pradesh, one of the 12 jyotirlings of Lord Shiva. Cuddled between the Satpura hill to the South and Vindhya Hills to the north, the Mandhata or Shiv Puri Island appears in the form of the sacred Hindu symbol 'Om'. The island is visited by a number of pilgrims, which increases during the festival of Mahashivratri. Want to wash away you sins and get blessed? Pilgrim to Omkareshwar and take a dip in the purity of the Narmada river and vanish the burdens of life.

38 - **Sun Temple Konark** - The one and only temple devoted to the surya or Sun God Konark is located at the shoreline at Orissa. The majestic colossal monument is built in such a way that the first ray of sun strikes the main entrance and illuminates it. The European sailors called it "The Black Pagoda" due to the colour of the stones it was built with. There were witnesses about this temple being built by the son of Lord Krishna. On your visit to our very own "Land of Bongs" you cannot miss out on this one.