

Amravati Division Tourism

Places in Amravati District

Amravati is popular for several pilgrimages and temples located in the vicinity such as Shri Ambadevi Temple. It is one of the ancient temples in the destination dating back to the time of Lord Krishna.



Shri Bhakti Dham Temple is another sightseeing attraction that has gained popularity among children. A park is built in the premises of the temple that attracts tourists and children alike. Besides temples, the destination is home to various wildlife sanctuaries and tiger reserve.

Chikhaldara Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in the Amravati district of Maharashtra and forms one of the popular excursions from the Amravati city. The sanctuary forms a part of the sole hill station of the Vidarbha region, characterized by beautiful lakes, serene lakes and cascading waterfalls.



Melghat Tiger Reserve is situated in the Satpuda hill range, near the Chikhaldara Wildlife Sanctuary. It falls under the Chikhaldara and Dharni tehsils of Amravati and sprawls over a wide area of approximately 1676.93 sq km. This tiger reserve is counted amongst the few remaining abodes of the Royal Bengal Tiger in the state of Maharashtra.

Places in Akola District

Akola, situated in the Vidarbha region, is one of the popular destinations of Maharashtra. This destination is known for its attractions such as forts, sanctuaries and temples. Tourists visiting this destination can explore the Narnala Wildlife Sanctuary, which is one of the popular wildlife sanctuaries in India. The sanctuary is home to various animal species like wild boars, barking deer and porcupines



Tourists can also visit Balapur Fort, which is known for the famous Bala Devi Temple, situated on its southern side. The Narnala Fort, located on the Satpura hills, is also frequented by tourists visiting Akola. This fort is famous for Jafarabad Fort and Teliagarh Fort that are located to the north-east and to the south-west of Narnala Fort, respectively. Apart from this, tourists also visit to Raj Rajeshwar Temple, which is dedicated to Lord Shiva.



Places in Yavatmal District

Yavatmal, a district headquarters in Maharashtra, is famous for its old temples, forts and picnic spots. The important pilgrimage places in the region are the Datta Mandir at Niranjn Mahur, the Narsimha Temple at Anji (Ghatanji) as well as the Kalamb and Khateshwar Maharaj Temple at Jodmoha.



Dhanki, Jambhora, the hot water springs at Kapeshwar, River Painganga, Yavatmal City and River Waghadi are some of the major attractions in the district. The Painganga Wildlife Sanctuary and Tipeswar Wildlife Sanctuary are the two important sanctuaries of this region

The Kalamb Village in this district has an underground Chintamani Ganesh Temple and a holy water tank known as 'Ganesh Kunda'. The town Wani, located on the banks of River Nirguda, is famous for the Shri Ranganathaswamy Temple. The major trading centres of the district are Digras, Darwha, Pusad, Arni, Pophali, Umarched, Ghatanji, Rajur, Patanbori, Ner, Umari, Ralegaon and Bahulgaon

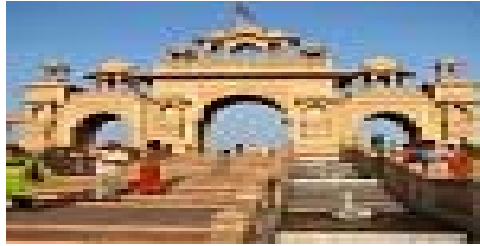
The Ghanti Baba Fair at Digras, Shri Ranganathaswamy Fair at Wani, Shri Chintamani Fair at Kalamb and the Maroti Maharaj Fair at Ghatanji are the prominent festivals celebrated in this district.

Places in Buldhana District.

Tourism in Buldhana district includes visiting places of both religious as well as historical significance. There are a number of places located here where the tourist can go to get an idea of the district's rich historical traditions.

Shri. Sant Gajanan Maharaj, Shegaon

Shegaon is famous for the Samadhi of Shri Gajanan Maharaj. Gajanan Maharaj made his divine appearance in the year 1878 and enlightened millions. He attained samadhi on Bhadrapad Shukla Panchmi 08-09-1910. The Samadhi Sthan (Temple) is visited by millions of devotees from far and near. A large number of pilgrims can be seen here, some coming from various parts of Maharashtra, and across India. Allegorically, Shegaon can be described as the Pandharpur of Vidarbha. Thousands of devotees pay their respects at the Samadhi every Thursday, which is regarded as a special day. A beautiful temple of Lord Rama has also been constructed in the premises of the shrine. Fairs are held here at Shengaoon on Ram Navami in Chaitra and on Rushi Panchami in Bhadrapada month of the Hindu calendar.



Hanuman Murti, Nandura

Located here is the world`s largest statue of Lord Hanuman. This statue is 105 feet tall, and the girth of the chest is around 70 feet. The base is around 30 feet, and the tail and the arm measure around 70 feet and 25 feet respectively.



Lonar Crater



Lonar ranks amongst the world`s five largest craters and the third largest salt water lake in the world. Investigations reveal it to be around 50,000 years old. Lonar Crater is a huge bowl (roughly 7 kms in circumference and 1.6 kms in diameter) that has been carved out. Within the depression lies a saline lake. The crater was first discovered in the year 1823 by the British Officer, C.J.E. Alexander. The

Lonar crater also finds mention in the ancient scripts like the Skanda Purana, Padma Purana and Ain-i-Akbari. During the days of Emperor Akbar, Lonar also housed a salt factory. There are a number of interesting places of tourist interest in and around the crater.

Sindkhed Raja - Birth Place of Rajmata Jijau



Sindkhed Raja, a small Taluka place in Buldhana district, situated 105 kms away from district headquarters Buldhana on the State Highway No. 183, is known world wide as the birth place of Rajmata Jijabai, the mother of the great Maratha warrior and king, Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Places in Washim District

Washim, which was previously known as Vatsagulma, is a famous district in the state of Maharashtra. In ancient times, the district was under the reign of the Vakataka Dynasty. This district is known for different tourist attractions such as the Pohara Devi in Manora, the Dargah Tarhala, the Shri Nath Nange Maharaj Temple and Dawha. Travellers can also visit the Shri Sakharam Maharaj Temple, Chamunda Devi and the Shivaji Chowk in Washim.



Balaji Mandir is an old temple in the district, which was constructed in 1779 with a paved quadrangle structure and a verandah. Near the Balaji Mandir is the Balaji Talao or Deo Talav, which is thronged by devotees during Ganesh Chaturthi. Padmatirtha was created by Lord Vishnu and has an old Mahadeva Temple that was built by Shri Rama Narayan Toshniwal.

The Antariksha Parshwanath Jain Mandir and Shri Narsimha Saraswati Swami Maharaj, also known as the Guru Mandir, are other attractions of the district. The Gudeshvara Temple and Shri Nath Nange Maharaj Temple are also situated near the town of Washim in the district.