



JYOTIRLINGA 1 OF 12 · SOMNATH (VERAVAL), GUJARAT

Somnath सोमनाथ

STATION

Veraval, about 6 km

AIRPORT

Diu, about 85 km

BEST SEASON

Oct to Mar

OPEN

Open all year

TIMINGS

The temple is open for darshan from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, with aarti at 7:00 AM, 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM.

6:00 AM to 10:00 PM Darshan, all day

7:00 AM Morning aarti

12:00 noon Midday aarti

7:00 PM Evening aarti

8:00 PM to 9:00 PM Jay Somnath sound and light show, not in the monsoon

DARSHAN

Entry is free. The trust does not run a paid darshan line, so the free queue is the only queue.

There is nothing to buy for darshan. Trust guest house rooms and puja vidhis are booked online on [somnath.org](https://www.somnath.org), most pujas with 3 days notice. The trust takes bookings only there or at its offices, never by phone, WhatsApp or private UPI.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- Sarees, dhotis, trousers, t-shirts and skirts are allowed. Avoid mini skirts and what the trust calls disrespectful dress. Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the temple area.
- Mobiles, cameras, smartwatches, laptops, tablets and calculators are not allowed inside. All of it goes in the cloak room lockers, which are free.
- Footwear comes off before entry. The shoe house next to the cloak room is free.
- Wheelchairs and a golf cart are available at the main gate, and there is a lift inside the temple.



JYOTIRLINGA 2 OF 12 · SRISAILAM, ANDHRA PRADESH

Mallikarjuna मल्लिकार्जुन

STATION	AIRPORT	BEST SEASON	OPEN
Markapur Road, about 85 km	Hyderabad, about 203 km	Oct to Feb	Open all year

TIMINGS

The temple opens before dawn for Suprabhatham. Darshan runs from 6:00 AM until the doors close at about 9:30 PM. A break in the early afternoon is common; confirm at the temple.

03:30 AM	Suprabhatham
06:00 AM	Darshan opens
05:30 PM	Pradoshakala Maha Mangala Harathi
09:30 PM	Doors close

DARSHAN

Sarva Darshanam is free. The devasthanam gives up to 1 hour in the queue on weekdays and 2 hours at weekends. Paid tickets are sold at the counters and online on srisailadevasthanam.org. Book at least 24 hours before you arrive. A ticket cannot be cancelled, moved to another date or given to someone else. Children above 10 need their own ticket, and a government photo ID is required.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- Traditional dress. The devasthanam lists dhoti with shirt or kurta and pyjama for men, and saree, half saree or chudidhar with dupatta for women. No modern clothes or sleeveless dress. For sevas, men wear pancha with kanduva and women a saree with blouse.
- Mobile phones and water bottles are not allowed inside. The cloak room is free.
- Footwear is not allowed inside the temple or in the queue lines; leave it outside before you join. The devasthanam also asks that hats, caps and sunglasses come off inside.
- There is a special queue for disabled people, pregnant and postnatal women and the aged.



JYOTIRLINGA 3 OF 12 · UJJAIN, MADHYA PRADESH

Mahakaleshwar महाकालेश्वर

STATION	AIRPORT	BEST SEASON	OPEN
Ujjain Jn, about 2 km	Indore, about 58 km	Oct to Mar	Open all year

TIMINGS

Five aartis a day, from the 4:00 AM bhasma aarti to the shayan aarti that ends at 11:00 PM. Three of them shift by half an hour between the two halves of the Hindu year. The committee prints no darshan hours: MP Tourism gives 4:00 AM to 11:00 PM and the Google Maps listing 4:30 AM to 10:00 PM, so check on the day.

04:00 AM to 06:00 AM	Bhasma aarti, booked in advance
07:00 AM to 07:45 AM	Dadyodak aarti (bal bhog). 7:30 to 8:15 AM from Kartik to Phalgun
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM	Bhog aarti. 10:30 to 11:15 AM from Kartik to Phalgun
07:00 PM to 07:45 PM	Sandhya aarti. 6:30 to 7:15 PM from Kartik to Phalgun
10:30 PM to 11:00 PM	Shayan aarti

DARSHAN

The committee lists online booking only for Sheeghra Darshan, the bhasma, sandhya and shayan aartis and puja. It lists no booking for the general queue.

Everything is booked on the committee site, shrimahakaleshwar.mp.gov.in, after a mobile-number login. Bhasma aarti: tatkal booking opens at 8:00 AM the day before, regular booking at 8:00 AM on the 1st of the previous month. Sandhya aarti booking opens at 12:00 PM and shayan aarti at 4:00 PM on the day, first come first served. Sheeghra Darshan is booked from the same day up to 15 days ahead, in hourly slots from 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM and one from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM, up to 2,500 people a slot. Helpdesk 1800 233 1008.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- The committee publishes no dress rule for general darshan; modest clothes are the safe choice. The dress rule applies to entering the sanctum during the bhasma aarti: dhoti and soala for men, saree for women. General visitors do not enter the sanctum at present.
- Phones are banned in the temple premises, carrying them as well as photos and video. Leave the phone at the hotel or in the car, since a deposit counter is not assured.
- Shoe stands sit along the darshan routes. Crowd plans name stands at Bhil Samaj Dharamshala, Jhalaria Math, Harsiddhi Pal and Karkaraj.



JYOTIRLINGA 4 OF 12 · KHANDWA (MANDHATA ISLAND), MADHYA PRADESH

Omkareshwar ओंकारेश्वर

STATION	AIRPORT	BEST SEASON	OPEN
Khandwa Jn, about 70 km	Indore, about 85 km	Oct to Mar	Open all year

TIMINGS

The temple day runs from the 4:30 AM Mangal aarti to the Shayan darshan that ends at 10:30 PM.

04:30 AM to 05:00 AM Mangal aarti and bhog

05:00 AM to 12:20 PM Mangal darshan

12:20 PM to 01:15 PM Madhyanha bhog

01:15 PM to 04:00 PM Madhyanha darshan

04:00 PM to 04:30 PM Sayamkalin shringar

04:30 PM to 09:30 PM Shringar darshan

09:30 PM to 10:00 PM Shayan aarti

10:00 PM to 10:30 PM Shayan darshan

DARSHAN

Normal darshan is free and needs no booking. The Shighra Darshan ticket is optional.

Shighra Darshan tickets are booked online through the trust site, shriomkareshwar.org, and are valid only for the slot chosen. They cannot be used during the service breaks.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- The trust states there is no official dress code and advises regular, modest attire for darshan.
- The trust's rules list no phone or camera ban, and none is in force on the darshan routes. Carry little more than ID, phone and water across the bridge, since bags slow the security check. Ask the guard before taking photos.
- Footwear goes in the stands where the darshan routes start. Crowd plans in 2026 name stands at Nirvani Akhara, near the old bus stand, and at Brahmapuri parking, and the one-way route brings you back to the same stand.
- The trust lends wheelchairs free for up to 2 hours from the Yatri Suvidha Kendra near the Jhula Pul, with a helper if one is free. Expect a wait at peak times.



JYOTIRLINGA 5 OF 12 · RUDRAPRAYAG, UTTARAKHAND

Kedarnath केदारनाथ

STATION

Rishikesh, about 207 km

AIRPORT

Jolly Grant, Dehradun, about 223 km

BEST SEASON

May to Nov

OPEN

Closed in winter, dates set each year

TIMINGS

In the open season the temple opens at 4:00 AM and closes at 9:00 PM.

4:00 AM

Temple opens; morning pujas booked with the committee

9:00 PM

Temple closes

DARSHAN

Darshan itself is free and open to everyone in the season. What is bought ahead is a puja, a path, an aarti or a bhog, not entry.

All of it is booked on the committee site, badrinath-kedarnath.gov.in, and prior registration with an Indian mobile number is mandatory. Yatra registration is separate and runs on registrationandtouristcare.uk.gov.in. A helicopter shuttle ticket can only be booked on heliyatra.irctc.co.in.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- The committee asks for decent, preferably traditional dress. Bring warm layers: the temple stands at about 3,580 m.
- Phones, photography and video are not allowed inside the temple, which is under CCTV.
- Footwear comes off before you enter the temple.
- Private vehicles stop at Sonprayag and a shared shuttle covers the 5 km to Gaurikund, the last road point. The temple is 16 km on foot from there, with pony, palanquin and helicopter as the alternatives.



JYOTIRLINGA 6 OF 12 · PUNE DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA

Bhimashankar भीमाशंकर

STATION

Pune Jn, about 124 km

AIRPORT

Pune, about 119 km

BEST SEASON

Oct to Feb

OPEN

Open all year

TIMINGS

The temple opens at 5:00 AM and closes at 9:30 PM, with worship breaks through the day.

05:00 AM

Temple opens

05:00 AM to 05:30 AM

Worship

05:30 AM to 12:00 noon

Darshan and abhishekam

12:00 PM to 12:20 PM

Naivedyam puja

12:20 PM to 02:45 PM

Darshan and abhishekam

02:45 PM to 03:20 PM

Worship

03:20 PM to 07:30 PM

Dev darshan

07:30 PM to 08:00 PM

Worship

08:00 PM to 09:30 PM

Dev darshan

09:30 PM

Temple closes

DARSHAN

Darshan is free. The trust has ended VIP and recommendation entry, so the same queue applies to everyone.

Since the temple reopened in June 2026, darshan has needed a free online pass from the trust, with photo ID, and a cap on the number of pilgrims a day. Check with the trust whether the pass is still required before you travel.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- The trust asks visitors to bathe and wear clean clothes before entering the temple.
- The trust rules do not cover phones or cameras. Ask at the gate before you take photographs.
- No footwear anywhere in and around the temple premises.
- The temple is about 1 km from the bus stand and is reached down about 200 steps, which you climb back up after darshan.



JYOTIRLINGA 7 OF 12 · VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH

Kashi Vishwanath काशी विश्वनाथ

STATION	AIRPORT	BEST SEASON	OPEN
Varanasi Jn, about 5 km	Varanasi, about 26 km	Oct to Mar	Open all year

TIMINGS

The temple opens at 2:30 AM and closes at 11:00 PM, and darshan runs in the gaps between the five aartis.

02:30 AM	Temple opens
03:00 AM to 04:00 AM	Mangala aarti, Rs 500, on normal days only
04:00 AM to 11:00 AM	General darshan
11:15 AM to 12:20 PM	Bhog aarti, Rs 300
12:20 PM to 07:00 PM	Darshan
07:00 PM to 08:15 PM	Sapta Rishi aarti, Rs 300
08:15 PM to 09:00 PM	Darshan
09:00 PM to 10:15 PM	Shringar bhog aarti, Rs 300
10:30 PM to 11:00 PM	Shayan aarti, free
11:00 PM	Temple closes
06:00 AM to 06:00 PM	Sugam Darshan ticket window

DARSHAN

General darshan is what the day schedule above calls darshan: no ticket, in the gaps between aartis.

Aarti places and the Sugam Darshan ticket are bought on the trust site, shrikashivishwanath.org, or at the temple counter. The trust publishes the help desk number as +91 6393 131 608.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- The trust says there is no dress code for darshan, and asks devotees to wear decent clothes.
- Mobile phones, smart watches, electronic keys, cameras and other recording devices are not allowed in the temple premises, and the trust FAQ adds pens and other gadgets. The trust runs free lockers, but says they are limited, so leave the phone and bags at the hotel if you can.
- Shoes come off at stands outside the entrance, before the security check. Keep the token.



JYOTIRLINGA 8 OF 12 · NASHIK, MAHARASHTRA

Trimbakeshwar त्र्यंबकेश्वर

STATION	AIRPORT	BEST SEASON	OPEN
Nashik Road, about 38 km	Nashik (Ozar), about 50 km	Oct to Mar	Open all year

TIMINGS

Darshan runs from 5:30 AM to 9:00 PM, with three pujas through the day at the linga.

05:30 AM to 09:00 PM Darshan

07:00 AM to 08:30 AM Morning puja, of Brahma Deva

10:45 AM to 12:30 PM Mid-day puja, of Mahadev

07:00 PM to 08:30 PM Evening puja, of Vishnu

DARSHAN

Darshan runs from 5:30 AM to 9:00 PM. The general queue is free, entered from a separate gate from the pass holders.

The trust sells a Rs 200 donation darshan pass online at trimbakeshwartrust.com and at counters near Kushawart Chauk and at Shivprasad Bhaktaniwas. It is for a date, not a time slot, and pass holders show ID at the north gate (Uttar Mahadwar). Rudrabhishek and Laghurudra pujas are booked on the same site.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- The trust publishes no dress code for darshan; wear modest clothes. Only men doing rites with a priest go into the sanctum itself, in a dhoti or sovale.
- Phones are not allowed near the sanctum and staff enforce it; you may be asked to deposit yours at a counter, so carry it switched off or leave it behind. Food and water bottles are not taken inside.
- A paid footwear stand runs near the gate. Leave footwear there before joining the queue.
- The trust waives the donation pass for Divyangjan (with UDID proof), anyone over 65 and women more than 6 months pregnant at the counter. No trust page mentions wheelchairs, so ask at the north gate.



JYOTIRLINGA 9 OF 12 · DEOGHAR, JHARKHAND

Baidyanath वैद्यनाथ

STATION

Baidyanath Dham, about 1 km

AIRPORT

Deoghar (DGH), about 9 km

BEST SEASON

Jul to Aug (Shravan)

OPEN

Open all year

TIMINGS

The temple opens at 4:00 AM, closes for the middle of the day, and reopens for an evening session.

04:00 AM

Doors open

04:10 AM

Kancha jal

04:00 PM

Doors close for the afternoon

06:00 PM

Doors reopen

06:10 PM

Shringar puja

09:00 PM

Doors close

DARSHAN

The general queue is free. The doors open at 4:00 AM, close for the middle of the day and reopen at 6:00 PM.

A paid fast-track pass, Shighra Darshanam, is sold online and at counters for a time slot. The fee is not published, so ask at the temple office.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- Modest, traditional clothing. Men are encouraged to remove upper garments before the sanctum. Shorts and revealing clothes are not allowed.
- Phones must be switched off or left in the locker area before the sanctum; lockers are free. No photos inside the main sanctum; photos are allowed in the outer complex. Since July 2026 the temple committee has banned phones inside the temple, and phones, bags and other belongings are not allowed in during Shravani Mela.
- Footwear comes off before the temple premises. Shoe-keeping is available outside, but its spot and charge vary, so leaving footwear at your lodging is simplest.
- The temple site says wheelchairs are free at the temple office, first come first served, with ID, and that a help desk at the entrance (6 AM to 9 PM) handles lost and found, lockers and wheelchairs.



JYOTIRLINGA 10 OF 12 · DWARKA, GUJARAT

Nageshwar नागेश्वर

STATION	AIRPORT	BEST SEASON	OPEN
Dwarka, about 15 km	Porbandar (PBD) or Jamnagar (JGA), about 126 km	Nov to Feb	Open all year

TIMINGS

The temple is open from about 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM daily.

06:00 AM	Doors open
09:00 PM	Doors close

DARSHAN

Darshan is free, in a single queue, from about 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

There is no online or paid darshan booking. Abhishek and puja are booked at the temple counter on the day.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- No temple body publishes a dress code. Men doing abhishek at the linga must wear a dhoti, sold or rented at a changing room on site, and women a saree or a suit with dupatta; for darshan alone the code is not strictly enforced. Modest, traditional clothing is the safe choice.
- Photography is not allowed inside the main temple. Phones may be stopped at the sanctum, with a deposit counter at the entrance, so expect to put your phone away.
- Footwear comes off before the temple. Shoe-stand spots and charges vary, so leaving footwear in your vehicle is simplest.
- Wheelchairs are available at the temple. The sanctum is below ground level, reached down steps.



JYOTIRLINGA 11 OF 12 · RAMESWARAM, TAMIL NADU

Rameshwaram रामेश्वरम

STATION	AIRPORT	BEST SEASON	OPEN
Rameswaram, about 1.4 km	Madurai, about 180 km	Oct to Mar	Open all year

TIMINGS

The temple opens at 4:00 AM and closes at 9:00 PM, with darshan in two windows and a break in the middle of the day.

04:00 AM	Temple opens
05:00 AM to 06:00 AM	First darshan, of the spadiga linga
06:00 AM to 01:00 PM	Darshan at the moolasthanam
01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	Temple closed
03:15 PM to 08:00 PM	Darshan
09:00 PM	Temple closes
05:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bath at the 22 theerthams
03:00 PM to 07:00 PM	Bath at the 22 theerthams
06:00 AM to 06:15 AM	Thiruvananthandal pooja
07:00 AM to 07:15 AM	Vilaa pooja
10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Kalasandhi pooja
12:00 PM to 12:15 PM	Uchikkala pooja
06:00 PM to 06:15 PM	Sayaraksha pooja
08:30 PM to 08:45 PM	Ardhajama pooja

DARSHAN

The general queue is free and runs inside the darshan windows above. On top of it the temple sells a special entrance darshan and a quicker darshan.

This temple is on the Tamil Nadu HR and CE online portal at rameswaramramanathar.hrce.tn.gov.in, which is where the fees and the booking sit.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- The temple publishes no dress code, but traditional dress is expected: dhoti or kurta-pyjama for men, saree or churidar with dupatta for women. Shorts and jeans are turned away.
- Camera phones are not allowed inside. Since 1 September 2026 Tamil Nadu bars camera-enabled phones from its major temples, Rameswaram among them; basic phones without a camera are allowed. Deposit phones at the counter near the East Gate.
- Free footwear rooms are on East Car Street and West Car Street, next to the temple.
- Six wheelchairs are kept at the East Rajagopuram entrance, and four free battery cars run on the car streets for elderly and disabled visitors. An information centre is on the left of the East Car Street entrance.



JYOTIRLINGA 12 OF 12 · SAMBHAJINAGAR (VERUL), MAHARASHTRA

Grishneshwar घृष्णेश्वर

STATION

Aurangabad, about 29 km

AIRPORT

Aurangabad (IXU), about 37 km

BEST SEASON

Oct to Mar

OPEN

Open all year

TIMINGS

The temple is open from about 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM daily.

05:00 AM

Doors open

09:00 PM

Doors close

DARSHAN

Darshan is free, in a single queue, from about 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

There is no online or paid VIP darshan. Abhishek and special pujas are booked and paid for at the temple counter on the day.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- Male devotees enter the inner sanctum bare-chested, which the state tourism page gives as the temple rule here; a shirt can be left at the counter. Women wear modest traditional clothing. There is no rule for the outer premises.
- Photography is not allowed inside, and phones and cameras may be stopped at the sanctum; leave them in your vehicle or at the deposit counters outside.
- Footwear comes off before the temple. Leave it in your vehicle or at the counters and prasad shops outside.