

SHRI RAM JANMABHOOMI

Ayodhya Tour Guide

Explore the Land of Shri Ram

AYODHYA DARSHAN

Everything You Need to Know Before You Go

Ram Lalla's Pran Pratishtha took place in Ayodhya on 22 January 2024.

If you're planning a visit, this complete e-guide covers everything from reaching Ayodhya to exploring the sacred city.

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Ram Lalla's Pran Pratishtha (consecration) took place in Ayodhya on 22 January 2024. If you are planning a trip to Ayodhya, this complete e-guide from Ayodhya Tour Guide brings together all the information you need – from reaching the city to getting around and exploring it.



Ram Mandir Darshan

32

Steps to
Sanctum

200 M

Gate to Temple

30 FT

Darshan
Distance

6

Aartis Daily

When does the Ram Mandir open?

Morning: 6:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Afternoon / Evening: 2:30 PM to 10:00 PM (timings may change)

How does the darshan work?

The distance from the main entrance gate of the Ram Mandir complex to the temple is about 200 metres. Wheelchair facilities are available for the elderly and differently-abled to help them cover this distance.

Inside the temple, devotees climb 32 steps through the Singh Dwar (Lion Gate) to enter the Ram Mandir. After passing through five mandapas (pavilions), you reach the Garbha Griha (sanctum), where you can have darshan of Ram Lalla from a distance of about 30 feet.

What are the Aarti timings for Ram Lalla?

Aarti	Time
Mangala Aarti	4:30 AM
Shringar Aarti	6:30 – 7:00 AM
Bhog Aarti	11:30 AM
Madhyanh Aarti	2:30 PM
Sandhya Aarti	6:30 PM
Shayan Aarti	8:30 – 9:00 PM

Good to know

No arrangement has yet been announced for VIP darshan or for the Mangala and Shringar aartis. Devotees can join the Shringar, Bhog and Sandhya aartis. The deity rests for two and a half hours daily (12:00 PM – 2:30 PM), during which the sanctum doors stay closed.



Aarti Passes & Darshan Rules

How can you join the aarti?

Offline pass

The Trust is finalising the rules for joining the aarti. At present, passes are issued by the Trust. Offline passes are made at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi camp office, for which carrying an ID proof is mandatory.

Online registration

Online passes can be registered for at online.srjbtkshetra.org/#/aarti, although this system is not yet active. It is expected to become operational from 27 January, after which online booking will be possible.

Is there a VIP darshan arrangement?

There is currently no official VIP darshan arrangement, ticket or fee at the temple. Arrangements are still being worked out.

Prasad & what you can carry

Devotees are given 'Elaichi Dana' (cardamom-sugar drops) as prasad, distributed free of charge by machines installed along the route out of the complex — there is no paid prasad arrangement. With special permission, devotees may offer vegetarian, pure sweets and dry fruits; coconuts, flower garlands and other offerings are not allowed for security reasons.



Before you enter

At the time of darshan you may carry only essentials such as money and spectacles inside. Free locker facilities are available along the darshan route for everything else.



How to Reach Ayodhya

Air Connectivity – existing flights

City	Airline	Departure	Arrives Ayodhya
Delhi	IndiGo (regular)	11:55 AM	1:15 PM
Delhi	Air India Express	10:00 AM	11:20 AM
Mumbai	IndiGo	12:30 PM	2:45 PM
Ahmedabad	IndiGo	9:10 AM	11:00 AM
Chennai	SpiceJet (from 1 Feb)	12:40 PM	3:15 PM
Bengaluru	Air India Exp. (Wed)	7:30 AM	10:00 AM
Bengaluru	Air India Exp. (Mon,Thu)	8:05 AM	10:35 AM
Kolkata	Air India Exp. (Wed)	12:45 PM	2:30 PM
Kolkata	Air India Exp. (Mon,Thu)	1:25 PM	3:10 PM

New flights starting from February

City	Airline & Schedule	Departure	Arrives Ayodhya
Mumbai	SpiceJet, 6 days/wk from 2 Feb	8:20 AM	10:40 AM
Bengaluru	SpiceJet, 4 days/wk from 2 Feb	10:50 AM	1:30 PM
Ahmedabad	SpiceJet, from 1 Feb	6:00 AM	8:00 AM
Delhi	SpiceJet, from 1 Feb	8:40 AM	10:00 AM
Darbhanga	SpiceJet, from 1 Feb	11:20 AM	12:30 PM
Jaipur	SpiceJet, from 1 Feb	7:30 AM	9:15 AM
Patna	SpiceJet, from 1 Feb	2:25 PM	3:25 PM
Pune	Akasa, from 15 Feb (via Delhi)	8:50 AM	12:55 PM
Gwalior	Air India Exp., from 16 Jan (via Delhi)	8:15 AM	11:20 AM



Rail Connectivity

Good to know

Indian Railways plans to run 1,000+ special trains connecting different parts of the country to Ayodhya, running for 100 days from 19 January – from Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Pune, Kolkata, Nagpur, Lucknow, Jammu & Kashmir and other cities. Check with your local station for details.

Key trains from major cities to Ayodhya

City	Train	Departs	Arrives	Days
Delhi	Vande Bharat Exp.	6:10 AM	2:30 PM	Mon,Tue,Thu,Fri,Sat,Sun
Delhi	Ayodhya Exp.	6:20 PM	7:15 AM	Daily
Delhi	Kaifiyat Exp.	8:25 PM	6:56 AM	Daily
Amritsar	Saryu Yamuna Exp.	1:05 PM	8:51 AM	Mon, Wed, Sat
Ahmedabad	Sabarmati Exp.	11:10 PM	4:22 AM	Mon,Tue,Thu,Sat
Jaipur	Marudhar Exp.	1:40 PM	4:43 AM	Mon, Thu, Sat
Bhopal	YPR-GKP Exp.	3:35 AM	4:24 PM	Sat
Indore	INDB-PNBE Exp.	1:55 PM	7:45 AM	Sat
Mumbai	Saket Exp.	6:00 AM	8:00 AM	Wed, Sat
Kolkata	KOAA-JAT Exp.	11:45 AM	6:21 AM	Daily
Bengaluru	YPR-GKP Exp.	11:40 PM	4:24 PM	Wed



Road Connectivity

Distance & travel time from major cities

City	Distance	Travel Time
Delhi	688 km	11 hours
Mumbai	1600 km	38 hours
Jaipur	710 km	13 hours
Ahmedabad	1350 km	34 hours
Indore	930 km	19 hours
Bhopal	781 km	13 hours
Chandigarh	914 km	15 hours
Raipur	782 km	19 hours
Ranchi	667 km	20 hours
Patna	417 km	11 hours



Road & bus connectivity

All major cities are connected to Ayodhya by road. Travel in your own vehicle, or by government and private buses — UPSRTC bus services also run from Delhi to Ayodhya.

Distance from nearby Uttar Pradesh cities

City	Distance	Travel Time
Agra	468 km	11 hours
Lucknow	134 km	2.15 hours
Gorakhpur	133 km	2.15 hours
Prayagraj	167 km	2.30 hours
Varanasi	218 km	2.30 hours

Taxis and buses are easily available to Ayodhya from these major tourist cities of Uttar Pradesh as well.



Where Can You Stay?

Accommodation options in Ayodhya are growing steadily, with very good availability within a 5 km radius of the Ram Mandir. Here are some popular places to stay near the temple.

Place	Rooms	Tariff (Rs.)	Distance	Phone
Jain Dharamshala	50	500-2000	1.5 km	6260 363 801
Ram Vaidehi Mandir Dharamshala	200	1000-3000	2 km	75700 88000
Kanak Mahal	50	1000-3000	2 km	9682958388
Ram Hotel	50	1000-3000	1 km	9415140674
Ramprastha Hotel	40	1000-3000	2 km	8115000098
Ramila Kutir	25	Rs. 5,000	2 km	--
Ramayanam Hotel	40-50	Up to 20,000	3 km	--



Hotels 5-7 km away

Panchsheel Hotel, Shaan-e-Awadh Hotel, Krishna Hotel and Tara Ji Resort are 5-7 km from the Ram Mandir, with tariffs ranging from about Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 10,000.



A note on food

The whole of Ayodhya is vegetarian. Many hotels also serve food made without onion and garlic — including Janki Mahal and Jain Dharamshala.



Major Places to Visit

Besides darshan at the Ram Mandir, several other places in Ayodhya are connected to Lord Ram and bear traces of his life. These sites are all close to the Ram Mandir.



Hanumangarhi

500 metres from Ram Mandir

Significance There is a tradition of visiting the Hanuman temple before going to the Ram Mandir. The idol here shows Hanuman ji seated in the lap of Mother Anjani.

Timings Open 4:00 AM to 10:00 PM.



Chhoti Devkali

1 km from Ram Mandir

Significance This is the temple of Mata Sita's family deity. It is believed she installed an idol of Mata Parvati here and would come to worship.

Timings Morning to night.



Kanak Bhavan

1 km from Ram Mandir

Significance Mata Kaikeyi gifted this building to Shri Ram and Devi Sita as their personal palace. In 1885, Maharani Vrishbhanu Kunwari Ju Dev of Orchha had the present building constructed. Idols of Shri Ram and Mata Sita are installed in the main sanctum.

Timings 9:00–11:30 AM and 4:30–9:30 PM.



Sita Rasoi

1 km from Ram Mandir

Significance Located on the north-western edge of Ram Janmabhoomi, this ancient kitchen was once used by Mata Sita.

Timings Morning to night.



Saryu Ghat

2 km from Ram Mandir

Significance Ayodhya has 14 ancient ghats, each linked to age-old beliefs. Devotees gather here for a holy dip during festivals. The evening aarti on the Saryu takes place between 6–7 PM.



More Places to Visit



Maniram Das Chhawani

1 km from Ram Mandir

Significance This temple has two havelis facing each other. The walls across two floors of the Valmiki ji Bhavan here are inscribed with the entire Valmiki Ramayana.



Ramlala Sadan

1 km from Ram Mandir

Significance The first temple in Ayodhya built in Dravidian style, dedicated to Lord Ranganathan, a form of Lord Vishnu and the family deity of Shri Ram.



Dashrath Mahal

700 metres from Ram Mandir

Significance Built by King Dashrath, though renovated several times since. It houses idols of Lord Ram, Mata Sita, Lakshman and Bharat.



Rang Mahal

1 km from Ram Mandir

Significance The saints of this temple consider themselves companions of Mata Sita. It is believed that after her wedding, Mata Sita's face-viewing ceremony took place here.



Nageshwarnath Mahadev Temple

2 km from Ram Mandir

Significance Dedicated to Lord Shiva, this temple stands at Ram Ki Paidi. It is believed to have been built by Kush, Shri Ram's younger son.



4 More Tirths Near Ayodhya



How many days should you plan?

Set aside at least one full day for Ayodhya. To properly see all its sites, plan for at least three days.

Place	Significance	Distance
Bharat Kund	Bharat kept Shri Ram's sandals here and ruled from this spot for 14 years.	16 km
Guptar Ghat	Shri Ram is believed to have taken jal samadhi here, before departing for Sanku Dham.	10 km
Makbhum	King Dashrath performed a yagna here for the birth of Shri Ram.	20 km
Suryakund	A temple and kund (pond) dedicated to the Sun God.	3 km



Major Festivals in Ayodhya

Ram Navami and Diwali both bring a special festive atmosphere, drawing large numbers of devotees.

Large crowds of devotees visit during Chaitra, Kartik and Sawan.

The Sawan Jhula Mela (July–August) is worth watching here.

The Kartik Mela, along with the 14 Kosi Parikrama, takes place in October–November.

There is a festive atmosphere every month during the Saryu bath on Purnima (full moon).

If you're travelling by your own vehicle...

You can generally travel to Ayodhya in your own vehicle. Because the roads to Hanumangarhi and Kanak Bhavan are narrow, vehicles need to be cleared through the Yellow Zone; the rest of Ayodhya has no difficulty. Taxis are available within the city, and e-golf carts are available at the Janmabhoomi site. Vehicle parking has been set up at all entry routes.



10 Tips That Will Come in Handy

- 1 You cannot carry personal belongings (phone, wallet, charger, pen, notebook) inside the Ram Janmabhoomi complex. Lockers in the complex are free of charge.
- 2 E-buses are being introduced for the whole city. Golf carts will also be available, priced at Rs. 50 per person.
- 3 Considering weather and festivals, the best months to visit are March, April, May, October, November and December.
- 4 Free wheelchair and lift facilities are available for elderly and differently-abled devotees at the Ram Mandir.
- 5 Besides Ayodhya, Lucknow has the nearest international airport, about 152 km away. Gorakhpur, Prayagraj and Varanasi airports are 158 km, 172 km and 224 km away respectively.
- 6 Just outside the Ram Lalla temple is the Ram Rasoi run by the Mahavir Mandir Trust of Patna, offering free food to devotees who show their Aadhaar card.
- 7 Taxis are available from Lucknow International Airport to Ayodhya, bookable for around Rs. 3,000.
- 8 There are at least 5 security checkpoints during darshan at the Ram Mandir, where you may need to go through security checks.
- 9 In case of a sudden medical need, there is a medical camp at the Ram Mandir. The Shri Ram Hospital is also located nearby.



Official Helpline

For assistance, contact the Ramjanmabhoomi Police Station SHO at 9454403310, or the Ramjanmabhoomi Help Desk at 05278 292000.



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