Historical Monuments in Himachal Pradesh
The Rashtrapati Niwas in Himachal Pradesh, is situated over the Observatory Hills in the capital city of Himachal Pradesh – Shimla. This is not just significant historically to the state but also the whole country as it houses many manuscripts, artifacts, important documents, and even old photographs that belong to the British Raj. Moreover, this beautiful architectural and historic marvel was designed by Henry, Irwin, a British architect. During the colonial rule this place served as the residence of the Viceroy of India.
Naggar Castle
A Wood Mansion

Situated on the Naggar Castle Road, this ancient castle was constructed around 1460 AD. It is one of the top historical monuments in Himachal Pradesh. This massive ancient mansion is made from unique materials such as stone and wood. It is situated at an elevation that gives a paradisiacal view of the surroundings as it is situated in the beautiful Kullu Valley. It is also acting as a museum of historical artefacts as it houses a gallery with relics non display where visitors to this historic site can see and learn about the heritage and traditions of the region.
Baijnath Temple

The Most Famous Temple

This temple is situated in great surroundings offering panoramic views of the hills and mountains in Himachal Pradesh. This Shiv Ji Temple in Bir was founded in 1204 A.D. The first thing that will grab your attention when you arrive in this quaint town is the ancient Shiva temple called Baijnath temple. It is well known for the unique and attractive architecture in a picturesque backdrop of mountains. It gives a peaceful soul and mind. This is one of the famous temples in Himachal Pradesh.
Hadimba Devi Temple

Ancient Looks And Beliefs

This is one of the most famous temples of Himachal Pradesh that is popularly called Hadimba Temple. Sitting in the hills of Manali the cave temple is nestled in between great Cedar forests providing excellent views of the surrounding hilly regions. Also called Dhungari temple it is dedicated to Hadimba Devi.

The deity figure is made mention in ancient Indian epic Mahabharat and is in the form of a huge rock coming out from under the ground. There is a writing outside the temple for public view that explains the section of the Mahabharat epic about the Pandyas living in Himachal Pradesh while they were living in exile. The region is also known as Dhungari Van Vihar.
Champavati Temple

Fascinating Architecture

It is situated in the pristine city of Chamba filled with mountains as well as historic places in Himachal Pradesh. One such a place is the Champavati Temple amidst hills with inscriptions and wall paintings. The city that is popular for hosting its textiles, art and craft also organizes two major festivals. The Suhi Mata Mela and the Minjar Melas are celebrated for many days by locals. Dancers perform dance and musicians perform music. Constructed by the King of Chamba for his daughter the Champavati Temple architecture is astounding with great historical significance. Hence, the temple is now managed and is headed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
The Rock Cut Temple is another ancient temple that dates back to the 8th century dedicated to several deities like Devi and Saura, Shiva and Vishnu. It is also popular as Masrur Temple and remains although most of the historic structure was severely damaged due to many earthquakes in this region. This temple remains unstudied and unknown to a certain extent as it is believed that the huge temple was built in advanced design and complex architecture. In spite of the extensive damage this popular temple in Himachal Pradesh attracts many devotees and tourists who are amazed by the temple interiors and architecture.
The Lake Prashar is one of the most scenic lakes in Himachal Pradesh. The Prashar Rishi temple is also built alongside this picturesque lake. In addition to the view and the region where the temple is situated there are also several legends associated on how this temple was founded.

As per the ancient Indian epic called Mahabharat in which the Rish Prashar meditated on the banks of this river, it is said to have been built. Moreover, there is also an island located in the middle of this river. The floating island lies on this river that nobody has recorded its depth. It is not only a popular tourist attraction in Himachal Pradesh but also a major historical attraction in India. Now this famous temple in Himachal Pradesh is also gaining international popularity.
There are many tourists from around the country and international tourists that visit this beautiful Key Monastery situated in Spiti Valley. Without a doubt, it is one of the top historical monuments in Himachal Pradesh that attracts visitors every year. It is believed to be more than one thousand years old and is also the biggest Buddhist monastery in Spiti valley. There is a statue of Buddha inside along with other ancient scriptures. Unfortunately, there have been several attacks on this Key monastery where hundreds of Buddhist monks get training.
Located Amidst Valleys

Situated in the scenic village of Tabo within the picturesque Spiti valley the Buddhist Monastery was founded by Ringchen Zangpo. The monastery is home to many Buddhist teachings on the walls of the monastery that also has several scrolls, statues, and ancient manuscripts that showcase the religion of Buddhism. It is not just the oldest monastery in the state of Himachal Pradesh but also the whole of India. The active monastery is situated below the valley that makes it unique from other monasteries and special. However, there are also various caves situated above the monastery where monks meditate if they have to. Even the walls within these caves have depictions and inscription of Buddhist teachings.
This is another great monastery situated in Bir which is one of the most popular monasteries in Himachal Pradesh. With an amazing grand stupa in place as well as an astounding statue of Padmasambhava the monastery never fails to brighten you up. It is a must-visit if you are going to Bir and you can definitely see that you feel peaceful here. There is a specific colony established in the year 1960 after the exile of Tibetans called Bir Tibetan Colony. This is where the Chokling Monastery is situated on the Bir Billing Road.
Sitting on the top of the famous Jaitak Hills in Himachal Pradesh, this place is of great historical importance. It is one of the most ancient historical monuments in the state and country and was constructed in the early eighteenth century by Ranjor Singh Thapa, the Gurkha leader. Moreover, it was built with materials brought from the Nahan fort. This fort that was later brought down as much possible when it was attacked and destroyed gives splendid views from the top of the hills where it is situated. It is located 25 kilometers from the Nahan mountain ranges and you can clearly see the amazing ranges on a clear day.
This is one of the most ancient places in the country as it dates back to ancient times. The Trigarta Kingdom even has mention in the Mahabharata. So, the Kangra Fort in Himachal Pradesh can go back as old as this kingdom and has a very interesting history. One specialty of the ancient fort is that several rulers of various dynasties were not able to conquer this historic fort. There are two ancient temples inside the fort namely Laxmi Narayan temple and the Ambika Mata Temple that is famous for housing the Rishabhanatha statue. Hence, this is another interesting spot for history buffs in Himachal Pradesh.
Memorial stones, otherwise known as Barselas, are erected to honor women who performed the ritual of sati at the time of the king’s death. Located near the Sukreti river, the royal barselas are an impressive funeral monument in the erstwhile Himachal. Some famous monuments of Himachal Pradesh are special but the Barselas are a constant reminder of the prejudices and weird traditions that were followed in the previous centuries.
Kuthar Fort

A Magnificent Architecture

The Kuthar fort might not come under the list of most famous monuments of Himachal Pradesh but it doesn’t mean that it does not cater to history. Some of its sections are almost 800 years old. Some portions of the fort are relatively new and spread over a large area with fresh-water springs. The Fort showcases Rajasthani style of architecture with convoluted pillars that feature a great design within the fort.
Nurpur Fort
About 900 Years Old

Built in the 10th century, the Nurpur fort is mostly in ruins after first being destroyed by Britishers and later an earthquake in 1905. However, some parts of this 900 year old fort are still intact making it a great place to visit in between the mountains. A 16th century temple is built inside the fort called Brij Raj Swami temple where idols of Lord Krishna and Meera Bai are worshipped.
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