

List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India

What is UNESCO?

The full name of UNESCO is 'United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization'. It was formed on 16 November 1945, headquartered in Paris (France). UNESCO is a body of the United Nations, with 192 member countries, seven associate member countries and two observer member countries. Its aim is to establish peace and security through international peace cooperation through education, nature and social science, culture and communication. According to the Union Cultural Ministry, the total number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India is 38, including 30 cultural, 7 natural and 1 mixed sites.

Cultural UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India

S.N.	Cultural World Heritage Sites Name	State	Year
1	Ajanta Caves	Maharashtra	1983
2	Agra Fort	Uttar Pradesh	1983
3	Ellora Caves	Maharashtra	1983
4	Taj Mahal	Uttar Pradesh	1983
5	Sun Temple, Konark	Orissa	1984
6	Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram	Tamil Nadu	1984
7	Churches and Convents of Goa	Goa	1986
8	Fatehpur Sikri	Uttar Pradesh	1986
9	Group of Monuments at Hampi	Karnataka	1986
10	Khajuraho Group of Monuments	Madhya Pradesh	1986
11	Elephanta Caves	Maharashtra	1987
12	Great Living Chola Temples	Tamil Nadu	1987
13	Group of Monuments at Pattadakal	Karnataka	1987
14	Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi	Madhya Pradesh	1989
15	Humayun's Tomb	Delhi	1993
16	Qutb Minar and its Monuments	Delhi	1993
17	Mountain Railways of India (Includes Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, the Nilgiri Mountain Railway and the Kalka-Shimla Railway)	Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Tamilnadu	1999,2005
18	Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya	Bihar	2002
19	Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka	Madhya Pradesh	2003
20	Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park	Gujarat	2004

21	Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus)	Mumbai , Maharashtra	2004
22	Red Fort Complex	Delhi	2007
23	Jantar Mantar, Jaipur	Rajasthan	2010
24	Hill Forts of Rajasthan	Chittorgarh, Kumbhalgarh, Ranthambore fort, Gagron Fort, Amber Fort and Jaisalmer Fort - Rajasthan (2013) - Rajasthan	2013
25	Rani-ki-Vav at Patan	Gujarat	2014
26	Architectural work of Le Corbusier	Chandigarh	2016
27	Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara (Nalanda University)	Bihar	2016
28	Victorian Gothic	Mumbai , Maharashtra	2018
29	Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai	Mumbai , Maharashtra	2018
30	Jaipur	Jaipur , Rajasthan	2019

Natural UNESCO World Heritage Sites In India

S.N.	Natural World Heritage Sites	State	Year
1	Kaziranga National Park	Assam	1985
2	Manas Wildlife Sanctuary	Assam	1985
3	Keoladeo National Park	Rajasthan	1985
4	Sundarbans National Park	West Bengal	1987
5	Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks	Uttarakhand	1988
6	Western Ghats	Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra	2012
7	Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area	Himachal Pradesh	2014

Mixed UNESCO Word Heritage Sites In India

S.N.	Mixed Word Heritage Sites name	State	Year
1	Khangchendzonga National Park	Sikkim	2016

Important facts related to UNESCO World Heritage Sites

- Italy ranks first in the list of World Heritage Sites.
- India ranks second among countries with the highest number of World Heritage Sites among Asian countries after China.
- India ranks sixth in the world by number of World Heritage Sites.
- Agra Fort and Ajanta Caves were the first two sites from India to be included in world sightseeing in 1983.
- World Heritage Day is celebrated on April 18.

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