

## 1. Gurudwara Chand Kaur Gumat



**Distance:** 1.7 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Located in Chand Nagar near Jewel Chowk, Gurudwara Chand Kaur Gumat is a historic Sikh shrine in the heart of Jammu city. Known for its ornate interiors with colorful floral motifs, it attracts a large number of devotees, especially during Gurupurabs. The Gurudwara, venerated by both Sikhs and Hindus, features a unique 3- foot tall white marble statue of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, installed by Maharaja Partap Singh, making it a significant spiritual and cultural site.

## 2. Shri Raghunathji Temple

**Distance:** 2 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Raghunath Mandir, the largest temple complex in Northern India, is located in the heart of Jammu at Raghunath Bazar. Built in 1857 by Maharaja Ranbir Singh, it features idols of Lord Rama, Mata Sita, and Shri Lakshman ji on a raised platform. The inner walls are covered with gold sheets, and the complex houses galleries with lakhs of saligrams and many temples dedicated to various Hindu deities. It also contains a Sanskrit Library with rare manuscripts.



## 3. Shri Ranbireshwar Temple



**Distance:** 2 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** The temple, named after Maharaja Ranbir Singh, was built between 1863 and 1878 and is the largest Shiva temple in North India. It houses a massive sphatic shivlingam, 7.5 feet tall, surrounded by ten 2-foot high billaur (crystal) lingas and galleries with 125,000 tiny Shivalings brought from the Narmada River. Located on Shalamar Road, about a kilometer from Raghunath Bazaar, it is a significant religious site.

## 4. Dogra Art Museum

**Distance:** 2.2 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Housed within the Mubarak Mandi Palace complex, the Dogra Art Museum (located in the Pink Hall) showcases over 800 rare paintings, including Pahari miniatures from Basohli, Kangra, and Jammu schools, along with artifacts like Emperor Shah Jahan's gold-plated bow. This museum offers a deep dive into the Dogra dynasty's cultural and artistic heritage, making it a must-visit for history and art lovers.



## 5. Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary



**Distance:** 2.4 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Located near Jammu city, Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary is a compact reserve known for rare species like blue rock pigeons, barking deer, and rhesus monkeys. Its proximity to the city makes it an accessible spot for a quick nature retreat, offering opportunities for birdwatching and exploring the region's unique flora and fauna.

## 6. Mubarak Mandi

**Distance:** 2.5 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Mubarak Mandi, also known as the Royal Dogra Palace, has a history of over 150 years and features a unique blend of Baroque, Mughal, Rajasthani, and European architectural styles. Key sections include Sheesh Mahal, Rani Charak Mahal, the old Army Headquarters, Foreign Office, and Grey Hall, where the Maharaja held his Darbar. The complex houses the Dogra Art Gallery, showcasing miniature paintings from the Jammu, Kangra, and Basohli Schools of Art, along with rare artifacts like a gold bow and arrow from Mughal King Shah Jehan.



## 7. Amar Mahal Palace



**Distance:** 2.8 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Perched on a hillock overlooking the Tawi River, the Amar Mahal Palace, built in the French chateau style, was the last residence of the Dogra rulers. Now a museum managed by the Hari-Tara Charitable Trust, it displays a 120-kg golden throne, antique books, and paintings by artists like MF Hussain. Its stunning architecture and panoramic views of Jammu city make it a captivating destination for history and architecture enthusiasts.

## 8. Panchvaktar Temple

**Distance:** 3 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** The temple, built by Raja Guje Singh of Jammu (1687-1703), is one of the city's oldest and is linked to the visit of Shankaracharya in the 9th century. It is sacred due to the self-originated Shivalinga (Svayambhuva Shiva Linga) and is revered as one of the major Shiva shrines. The Lord is worshipped here in the Panchvaktar form, symbolizing Shiva's five faces. The temple is also known as 'Rupay Wala Mandir' because of coins embedded in the floor.





## 9. Peer Kho Cave Temple



**Distance:** 4.5 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Situated on the banks of the majestic River Tawi, the Peer Kho Cave Temple holds within its depth tales of devotion and spiritual richness that attract explorers and pilgrims alike. This underground cave is twenty to thirty feet deep. It is believed that this cave was a meditative abode for Jamvant, the bear king, known to be the devotee of Lord Ram in the epic Ramayana.

## 10. Dudhadhari Mandir

**Distance:** 5.6 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Nestled in the hills of Jammu, Dudhadhari Mandir is dedicated to Saint Dudhadhari Baba, known for surviving solely on milk. Built in white marble, this small temple complex offers breath-taking views of the city and a peaceful spiritual ambiance. It's an ideal spot for those seeking tranquility and a quick visit, typically taking about an hour to explore.



## 11. Bahu Fort



**Distance:** 6.6 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Bahu Fort, built by Raja Bahulochan over 3,000 years ago, is a historic stronghold on the Tawi River's left bank. It houses the Bawe Wali Mata Temple, dedicated to Goddess Kali, and is surrounded by the scenic Bagh-e-Bahu Garden. The fort offers panoramic views of Jammu city, blending history, spirituality, and natural beauty.

## 12. Bagh-e-Bahu Aquarium

**Distance:** 6.6 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Bagh-e-Bahu Aquarium, located within the Bagh-e-Bahu Garden near Bahu Fort, is India's largest underground aquarium, spanning 220 meters. It houses over 400 species of freshwater and marine fish across 24 caves, offering an immersive marine experience. The aquarium includes a museum, multimedia center, and laboratory, making it a must-visit for families and nature enthusiasts.



### 13. Balidan Stambh



**Distance:** 7.6 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Balidan Stambh, located near Bagh-e-Bahu, is a war memorial honoring soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the nation. The towering monument is surrounded by landscaped gardens, offering a solemn space for reflection and patriotism. It stands as a tribute to bravery, attracting visitors seeking to pay respects and learn about Jammu's military history.

### 14. Peer Baba Dargah

**Distance:** 8-9 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Situated in Jammu city, Peer Baba Dargah is a revered Sufi shrine dedicated to Peer Budhan Ali Shah, a saint believed to have lived for over 500 years on milk alone. A symbol of interfaith harmony, it attracts devotees from diverse communities. Visitors are encouraged to respect the sanctity of this holy site, making it a significant cultural and spiritual stop.



### 15. Jambu Zoo



**Distance:** 9 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Jambu Zoo, located in Jagti, Nagrota, is a modern zoological park spread over 70 hectares, showcasing a variety of wildlife including tigers, leopards, and exotic birds. Designed as an eco-friendly attraction, it features landscaped gardens, walking trails, and educational exhibits, making it a family-friendly destination for wildlife enthusiasts.

### 16. Mahamaya Temple

**Distance:** 10km km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Mahamaya Temple in Jammu is a revered shrine dedicated to the local heroine Mahamaya, who sacrificed her life defending the region. Surrounded by the Trikuta Hills and overlooking the Tawi River, the temple offers a serene escape with spiritual significance. It's especially popular among pilgrims and tourists for its peaceful atmosphere and panoramic views.





## 17. Purmandal (Chhota Kashi)



**Distance:** 23 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Purmandal, known as Chhota Kashi, is a sacred village on the Devika River, famous for the Purmandal Temple dedicated to Goddess Parvati. Its spiritual ambiance, historical havelis, and annual melas like Shiv raatri attract pilgrims and culture enthusiasts. The north-flowing river adds a unique charm to this pilgrimage destination.

## 18. Nandini Wildlife Sanctuary

**Distance:** 25 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Spanning 34 sq. km, Nandini Wildlife Sanctuary is a haven for biodiversity, featuring leopards, pheasants, wild boars, and grey langurs amidst fir and pine forests. Ideal for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts, it offers opportunities for trekking and wildlife spotting in a serene, forested setting, making it a perfect escape from urban life.



## 19. Suchetgarh Border



**Distance:** 29 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Suchetgarh Border, near the Indo-Pak border, is a popular site for witnessing the Beating Retreat ceremony, similar to Wagah. The area offers scenic views and a sense of national pride, with the Octroi Post serving as a key attraction. Visitors can explore nearby wetlands like Gharana, combining patriotism with natural beauty.

## 20. Ambaran (Pambaran Buddhist Site)

**Distance:** 29 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Ambaran, near Akhnoor, is an ancient Buddhist site from the 1<sup>st</sup> century BCE to 5<sup>th</sup> century CE, showcasing terracotta figures and a small museum. It served as a key transit point for monks traveling to Kashmir and Central Asia. The site offers a glimpse into Jammu's Buddhist heritage.



## 21. Gharana Wetland



**Distance:** 30 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Gharana Wetland, near the Indo-Pak border, is a vital conservation reserve hosting migratory birds like bar-headed geese. It attracts birdwatchers with its serene ecosystem and ongoing development into a bird sanctuary. A visit offers a unique blend of nature and conservation efforts.

## 22. Surinsar Lake

**Distance:** 30 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Surinsar Lake, nestled amidst hills and forests, is a serene freshwater lake ideal for picnics and birdwatching. Part of the Surinsar-Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary, it holds mythological significance linked to Arjuna from the Mahabharata. Its tranquil setting and lotus-covered surface in summer make it a picturesque retreat.



## 23. Akhnoor Fort



**Distance:** 30 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** The Akhnoor Fort, built during the early 19th century, stands on the right bank of the Chenab River. Construction began in 1762 under Raja Tegh Singh to provide work during a devastating famine, with the fort completed in 1802 by his son Alam Singh. The eastern side features steps leading to the river, still well-preserved, used for religious ceremonies.

## 24. Dhansar Baba, Jammu

**Distance:** 50 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Baba Dhansar, located near Karua village in Reasi district, is a revered shrine dedicated to Baba Dhansar, believed to be a manifestation of Lord Shiva's serpent king, Sheshnag. The site features a natural spring and a small waterfall, creating a serene environment for pilgrims and visitors. The nearby cave temple and lush greenery make it a spiritual and scenic destination, especially during the annual fair held on Mahashivratri.





## 25. Mansar Lake



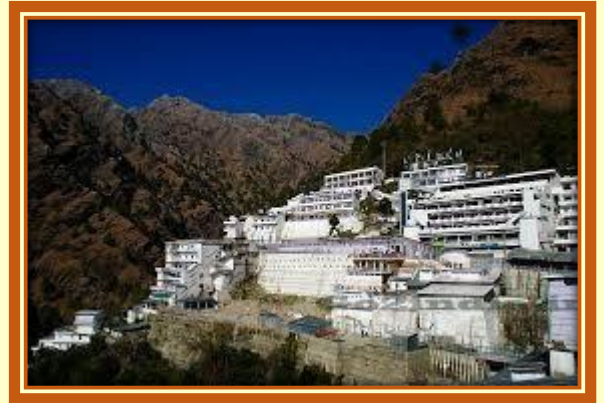
**Distance:** 50km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Mansar Lake is a scenic freshwater lake about 60 km from Jammu, surrounded by forested hills and peaceful walking trails. It's a favorite getaway for boating, picnics, and nature photography. The lake also holds religious importance, with nearby temples of Sheshnag and Narasimha, attracting both tourists and pilgrims.

## 26. Mata Vaishno Devi Temple, Katra

**Distance:** 51.9 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Mata Vaishno Devi Temple, located near Katra in the Trikuta Hills of Jammu, is one of India's most revered pilgrimage sites. Dedicated to Goddess Vaishno Devi, an incarnation of Goddess Durga, the temple is nestled at an altitude of 5,200 feet. Pilgrims undertake a 12-km uphill trek from Katra to reach the sacred Holy Cave, where the goddess is worshipped in the form of three natural rock formations (Pindis).



## 27. Krimchi Temples



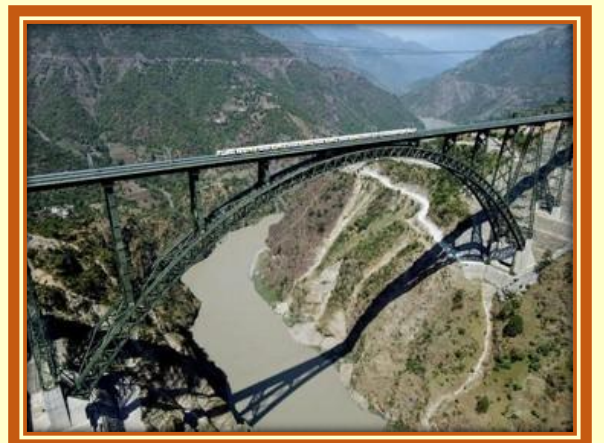
**Distance:** 64 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** The Krimchi Temples, located in Udhampur district, are a group of seven ancient temples, often referred to as the "Pandava Temples," believed to date back to the 8th-9th century CE. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, Vishnu, and other deities, these temples showcase exquisite stone architecture and are a testament to Jammu's rich historical and religious heritage. Surrounded by scenic hills, they are ideal for history buffs and spiritual seekers.

## 28. Reasi Bridge

**Distance:** 65 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** The Reasi Bridge is one of the highest railway bridges in India, offering breathtaking views of the Chenab River and surrounding mountains. Located near Reasi town, it stands as a marvel of modern engineering and an iconic part of the Udhampur- Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link. A perfect spot for scenic photography and admiration of infrastructure in harmony with nature.



## 29. Siar Baba Waterfall



**Distance:** 71 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Located near the Siar Baba Temple on the Chenab River in Reasi district, Siar Baba Waterfall cascades from over 30 meters, offering a stunning natural spectacle. Surrounded by lush landscapes, it's a serene spot for nature lovers and those visiting nearby religious sites like ShivKhori.

## 30. Mantalai Temple

**Distance:** 89 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Mantalai Temple, where Goddess Parvati was born and married Shiva, is nestled in deodar forests at 1,450 meters. The Aparneshwar temple features a Shiva Lingam and serene pond, offering spiritual tranquility. It's a peaceful retreat with historical and mythological significance.



## 31. Shiv Khori



**Distance:** 104 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Shiv Khori is one of the most revered pilgrimage sites dedicated to Lord Shiva. The name "Shiv Khori" translates to "Shiva's Cave" (Khori meaning cave in local dialect). It is famed for a naturally formed 4-foot-high Shiva Lingam that is believed to be self-manifested (Swayambhu).

## 32. Gauri Kund

**Distance:** 105 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Gauri Kund, a sacred natural spring near Sudhmahadev Temple in Patnitop, is steeped in mythology as the spot where Goddess Parvati bathed before praying at the temple. Located at 1,225 meters, it offers a tranquil setting with stunning views of the surrounding hills. The site attracts pilgrims and nature lovers, especially during the Sawan festival.





### 33. Sudh Mahadev Temple



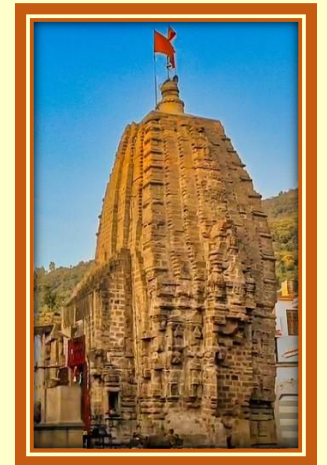
**Distance:** 110 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Sudh Mahadev Temple, over 2,800 years old, houses a black marble Shiva idol and is linked to Mahabharata legends. Located near Patnitop at 1,225 meters, it offers panoramic views and a sacred spring. The Sawan festival draws pilgrims for rituals and cultural programs.

### 34. Billawar, Ancient Shiva Temple

**Distance:** 110 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** The ancient Shiva Temple in Billawar, Kathua district, is a historic site with intricate stone carvings, believed to date back centuries. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, it draws devotees for its spiritual aura and architectural beauty. The temple's hilltop location offers scenic views, making it a peaceful retreat for those exploring Jammu's religious and cultural heritage.



### 35. Patnitop



**Distance:** 110 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Patnitop is a tranquil hill station nestled in Jammu's Udhampur district, perched at 2,024 meters in the Shivalik range of the Himalayas. Once known as "Patan Da Talab" or "Pond of the Princess," it offers lush meadows, dense pine forests, and panoramic views of the Chenab basin. A year-round destination, Patnitop is ideal for trekking, paragliding, and skiing in winter.

### 36. Skyview Patnitop Ropeway

**Distance:** 110km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Skyview Patnitop by Empyrean offers a breath taking gondola experience in Jammu, connecting Sanget Valley to the scenic Patnitop hill station. Spanning 2.8 km, this ropeway is India's highest in terms of ground clearance, soaring over 65 meters above the forested slopes of the Shivalik range. The ride, completed in just 10–13 minutes, provides panoramic views of lush pine forests and the majestic Himalayas.



### 37. Tatta Paani (Natural Hot Water Sulphur Springs)



**Distance:** 111 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Tatta Paani, located near Kalakote in Rajouri district, is famous for its natural hot water sulphur springs, believed to have therapeutic properties for skin ailments and relaxation. Set amidst scenic hills, it's a unique destination for wellness seekers and nature lovers, offering a blend of natural beauty and healing experiences.

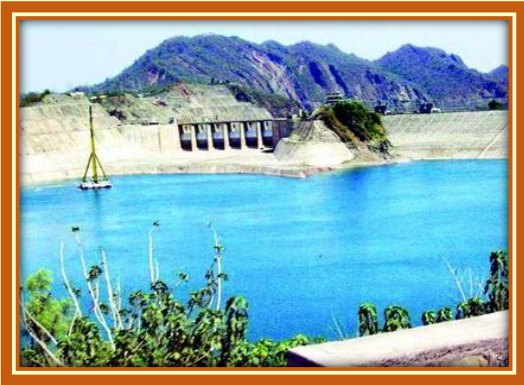
### 38. Sukrala Mata Mandir

**Distance:** 115 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Nestled near the hills of Jammu, Sukrala Mata Mandir is a peaceful and spiritually uplifting temple dedicated to Goddess Sukhlata, believed to grant peace and happiness. Surrounded by natural beauty, it attracts devotees and travelers seeking blessings and serenity.



### 39. Basohli



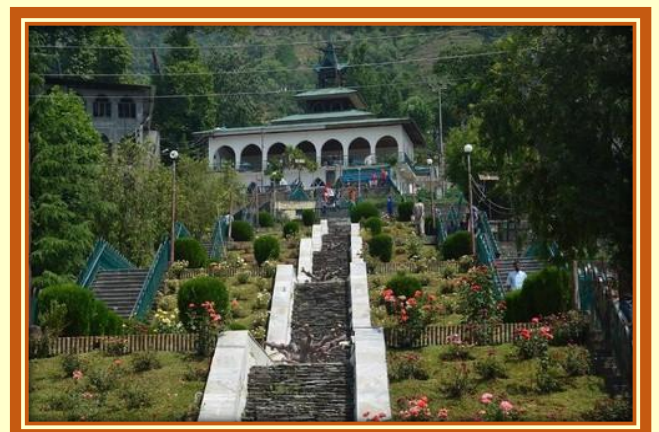
**Distance:** 150 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** A historic town in Kathua district, Basohli is renowned as the birth place of Basohli Paintings, the first school of Pahari art. Once a prosperous state, it features remnants of magnificent palaces and offers scenic views at the confluence of Jammu, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh. Ideal for history buffs and art enthusiasts, Basohli provides a glimpse into Jammu's rich cultural past.

### 40. Shahdara Sharif

**Distance:** 165 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Shahdara Sharif, in Rajouri, is a revered shrine of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah, set at 5,807 feet with Kashmir-like beauty. A symbol of communal harmony, it attracts diverse devotees with its spiritual ambiance and stunning Pir Panjal views. The shrine offers langar and accommodations for pilgrims.





## 41. Bhaderwah Valley



**Distance:** 182 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Bhaderwah Valley, dubbed Mini Kashmir, is known for its deodar forests, Neeru River, and adventure activities like paragliding and skiing. Cultural festivals and heritage sites like Vasuki Nag Temple add to its charm. It's a perfect blend of nature, adventure, and cultural exploration.

## 42. Nangali Sahib Gurudwara

**Distance:** 219 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Nangali Sahib Gurudwara, situated on the banks of Drungali Nallah in Poonch, is one of the oldest Sikh shrines in northern India, established in 1803 by Thakur Bhai Mela Singh Ji. Known for its serene mountain setting and communal gatherings on Sundays and Baisakhi, it draws devotees seeking spiritual peace and cultural connection.



## 43. Tulip Garden in Sanasar



**Distance:** 219 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** The Tulip Garden in Sanasar, located 20 km from Patnitop, is a vibrant attraction showcasing a kaleidoscope of colorful tulips set against a backdrop of coniferous forests and rolling meadows. Ideal for photographers and nature lovers, it offers a serene escape with stunning views, making it a must-visit for those exploring Jammu's natural beauty.

## 44. Buddha Amarnath Temple

**Distance:** 226 km from IGGDC Jammu (Approx)

**Description:** Buddha Amarnath Temple, located in Rajpura village, Mandi tehsil, Poonch district, is a sacred Shiva shrine older than the Amarnath cave in Kashmir. Featuring a white marble Shiva Lingam near the holy Pulsata River, it attracts devotees during the Raksha Bandhan Mela and Chari Mubarak Yatra. The temple's serene setting and communal harmony make it a significant pilgrimage site.

