

# Amarkantak

“ You will experience diversity, rich cultural heritage, vivacity, solitude and natural splendour at Amarkantak, a tourist's paradise in every sense. It has something to offer for everyone.

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Amarkantak, literally meaning ‘The one with the Voice of God’, is not only a religious centre but also a place with an abundance of natural beauty. It is famous as a source of two rivers, the Sone and the Narmada and also is a meeting spot of the Satpuras and the Vindhya. It has several beautiful monuments and temples which reflect the glorious past, as each of them has an interesting story attached to them. The city is blessed with picture perfect scenic landscape, verdant forests, a fresh healing air, glittering streams, grassy hills and warm people. Some of the major attractions include Sonmuda and Bhriugu Ka Mandal.

At

Amarkantak, you can follow the river that the adivasis of this region call ‘Ma Rewa’, from her divine source to her first tentative

steps down the green sal woods, red earth and black basalt rocks, to her ebullient leaps down to the plains. Amarkantak is really a hamlet; most of it lies on one main road, which takes in a market with a few dhabas and ashrams, and the Narmada Temple complex. If in a hurry, a day is enough to cover all main sights by car or jeep. Amarkantak is also the place to realise that the tribal idyll described by websites is a fissured one. The tribals — repositories of forest-based knowledge — are now construction labourers, mine workers, taxi drivers and waiters. The forests, in the words of a local, are “hollow”. And the Narmada is making her joyous way forward to face 30 big dams, 135 medium dams and 3,000 small dams on herself and her tributaries.

Antiquity is an apposite word in discussing Amarkantak. Geologically, these mountains are much older than the Himalaya and the Narmada is said to be 150 million years older than the Ganga. Among the humanmade structures, the Narmada Temple, made by the Bhonsle kings of Nagpur, dates to the 18th century. Nearby, a group of 10th century temple remains called Karna Matha temples stand with weathered but towering shikharas, apparently built by the Kalchuri Dynasty of Jabalpur. Not in use anymore, these are protected by the ASI.

## When To VISIT

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**Jan**  
Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.  
Max: 24.8°C Min: 11.2°C Rain: 23.4mm

**Feb**  
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.  
Max: 28.0°C Min: 14.1°C Rain: 23.3mm

**Mar**  
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.  
Max: 32.7°C Min: 18.3°C Rain: 22.5mm

**Apr**  
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.  
Max: 36.9°C Min: 22.4°C Rain: 20.1mm

**May**  
Hot weather. Carry Light clothes.  
Max: 38.9°C Min: 25.3°C Rain: 40.2mm

**Jun**  
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.  
Max: 34.2°C Min: 24.6°C Rain: 207.4mm

**Jul**  
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.  
Max: 29.5°C Min: 23.3°C Rain: 310.7mm

**Aug**  
Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.



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Max: 29.2°C Min: 23.1°C Rain: 297.8mm

### Sep

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.

Max: 29.8°C Min: 22.3°C Rain: 247.5mm

### Oct

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen, umbrella.

Max: 30.0°C Min: 19.0°C Rain: 59.2mm

### Nov

Pleasant weather. Carry Light woollen.

Max: 27.8°C Min: 14.8°C Rain: 15.0mm

### Dec

Cold weather. Carry Heavy woollen.

Max: 25.4°C Min: 11.4°C Rain: 9.9mm

## What To SEE



5 Sights

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### 1 Narmada Udgam Complex

Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh, India

Narmada Udgam Complex is a complex of small shrines within an enclosure, and the sacred kund from which the Narmada River is understood to emanate is its focus.

Pilgrims on their Narmada parikrama give a distinct flavour to the place with their air of infinite patience, and satisfaction of

achieving a goal. The kund is full of devotees bathing, washing or performing rites. It's surrounded by shrines containing icons of some antiquity dedicated to Surya, Vishnu, Gorakhnath and Gyarah Rudra. The primary shrine is that of the Goddess Narmada herself, where a blackstone Narmada with large silver eyes is ensconced. Right opposite her chamber is the equally important chamber of the Amarkanteshwar Shiva linga, locally said to be a swayambhu (selfoccurring) linga, accompanied by a white stone image of Parvati as Sati.

The Narmada Temple, made by the Bhonsle kings of Nagpur, dates back to the 18th century and houses a black stone Narmada with large silver eyes. Nearby, a group of 10th-century temple remains called Karna Matha temples stand with towering shikharas, built by the Kalchuri dynasty of Jabalpur. Pilgrims on their months-long Narmada parikrama give a distinct flavour to the place with their air of infinite patience and calm. The kund is full of devotees bathing or performing rites. Wait to share the mother's & favorite food with her at noon: a halwa made of exactly equal proportions of flour, ghee and sugar! One can see why the goddess, a child yet, would love it.

### 2 Dudh Dhara Falls

Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh, India

Within these woods, the Narmada matures into a strong cascade of water falling an inspiring 70 ft down sheer rock to mutate into an adventurous river. You can drive up to Kapildhara Viewpoint, but to look at it in its full glory and splash in the Narmada, walk half a kilometre down to the smaller but lovelier Dudhdhara Falls. Local jeeps are available.

### 3 Kapildhara



Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh, India

The Kapildhara waterfall is one of the most sought after destinations with a fall of about hundred feet. According to 'Vindhya Vaibhav' Kapil Muni received divine light. The nearby mountains are full of caves where saints have been performing their spiritual practices.

### 4 Sri Yantra Mandir



Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh  
484886, India

Sri Yantra Mandir is being constructed by Acharya Mandaleshwar of the Attal Akhada Sri Swami Shukdevanadji in Amarkantak for many years now. The whole temple is in the shape of a colossal Sri-Yantra and is a geometric representation of the Primal Force, Maha Shakti. The worship of Sri Vidya is considered to be an evolved, elite and mysterious system of worship of the supreme power in the form of the Divine Mother as the beautiful goddess, Tripura Sundari or Empress Beauty of the three Worlds. The temple is being established in Amarkantak to maintain continuity of this tradition, to prevent any further loss in the preservation of knowledge as well as to research and re-establish the lost knowledge of this tradition.

### 5 Narmada Kund Shiv Temple



Narmada kund Complex,  
Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh, India

## Where To Eat



4 Places

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### 1 Sarvodaya Vishram Griha



The restaurant in the hotel promises a delicious meal. The ambiance being comfortable with a polite staff. The menu also offers a barrage of options. A minute away from the Narmada Temple, it's in the middle of the market.

### 2 Mahaveer Hotel

### 3 BASANT BHOJNALAY (RESTAURANT)



### 4 Bajrangbali restaurant



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