

Prambanan Temple

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Prambanan Temple Latest News

Recently, the Prime Minister of India visited the UNESCO World Heritage site of Prambanan Temple in Yogyakarta along with the Indonesian President.

About Prambanan Temple

- **Location:** It is the largest Hindu temple complex in **Indonesia**, located in Sleman, **Yogyakarta, Southern Java**.
- It is known locally as the Temple of the **Slender Virgin** (Roro Jonggrang).
- **Built By:** It was built in the **9th century by the Sanjaya dynasty**, a Hindu kingdom that ruled over central Java.
- **Dedicated Deities:** It is **dedicated to the Hindu Trimurti**, the three main gods of Hinduism: **Shiva, Vishnu, and Brahma**.
- In **1991**, **UNESCO** designated Prambanan Temple as a **World Heritage Site**.

Prambanan Temple Architecture

- The architectural style of Prambanan reflects the influence of both **indigenous Javanese** traditions and elements borrowed from **South India, specifically the Pallava style**.
- The **galleries surrounding the temples** feature beautifully preserved bas-reliefs (a sculpting technique where the figures or designs project only slightly from a flat background surface) **depicting episodes from the Ramayana**
- The main temple **complex consists of 240 temples**.
- The highlight is the central compound, where **eight main and eight minor temples** are assembled on a raised platform.
- The three main temples are the **Shiva Temple, Brahma Temple, and Vishnu Temple**.
- Shiva's temple is the biggest and centrally located. It soars to a height of 47 meters, making it one of the tallest temples in Southeast Asia.
- While the main temple complex is dedicated to **Hindu gods, Buddhist temples and shrines surround the area**.

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