



Usha Kiran Palace Gwalior

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Usha Kiran Palace is a gracious, more than 135 years old heritage retreat, designed in an Indo-Western style, noted for its carved sandstone filigree screens which is a dominant feature of local architecture. Built by HH Maharaja Jayaji Rao Scindia of Gwalior (Scindia Dynasty of the Marathas), as an annex to the main palace. This historic building has welcomed royalty and many dignitaries. It is located next to Jai Vilas Palace, the ancestral home of the Scindia family.



Destiny played a part in the rise of the Scindia's to eminence from hereditary chieftains of Kanedkhed in Maharashtra to the ruling family of the Gwalior. Ranoji Scindia, the founder of the dynasty conquered Malwa around the 18th century. When Ranoji captured the fortress of Gwalior from the Mughals in 1738, this became the Scindia stronghold, from where they ruled over the next two centuries.

The conquests of Maharaja Mahadji Scindia further expanded the Scindia's empire that stretched from Afghanistan to Western and Central India – from Maharashtra to Malwa. By the turn of the century, the Scindia's became the most powerful sovereigns in India.

Under the succession of the enlightened rulers, Gwalior was one of the most progressive princely states, one of only five royal states to merit a 21 gun salute. It was among the first principalities to introduce the railway network and foster the development of education and the arts.



Gwalior's chequered history has witnessed many heroic battles and tales of chivalry. From ancient times, this city has been a center of art and culture, giving rise to indigenous schools of painting and music. Royal patronage has developed a rich tradition in textiles, jewellery, carpets, stone & wood carvings. Today its majestic fort, temples, historic monuments and royal heritage makes this a many splendored destination.



HH Maharaja Sir Jayaji Rao Scindia of the Scindia dynasty built the Usha Kiran Palace to welcome the King and Queen of England. Embraced by artistic stone carvings, magnificent courtyards and delicate filigree work, this palace stands in splendid solitude in a beautifully landscaped garden.



Later his grandson, Maharaja George Jiwaji Rao Scindia, made it his royal residence, preferring its quiet, wooded surroundings to the grandeur of the adjoining Jai Vilas Palace.

In 1941 the marriage between Maharaja George Jiwaji Rao Scindia and Lekha Divyeshwari Devi (renamed as Vijayaraje Scindia) was solemnized. He died in 1961. He lived up to his death in Nau Talav Palace (present Usha Kiran Palace), Gwalior.



Today, replete with every contemporary amenity, its original architecture, meticulously restored by Taj Hotels, Resorts and Palaces as a luxury retreat for the visitors exploring the rich heritage of Gwalior. Every moment spent at Usha Kiran Palace is truly reminiscent of royalty.

This heritage hotel, set amidst 9 acres of beautifully landscaped lawns, has 40 rooms which are spacious, elegantly furnished, offering reflections of local culture and architecture while providing contemporary comforts.

All our air conditioned rooms are equipped with a LCD TV, Digital Safe, Channel Music, Tea/Coffee Maker, Direct Dial Facility, Complimentary basic Wi-Fi amongst various other amenities.

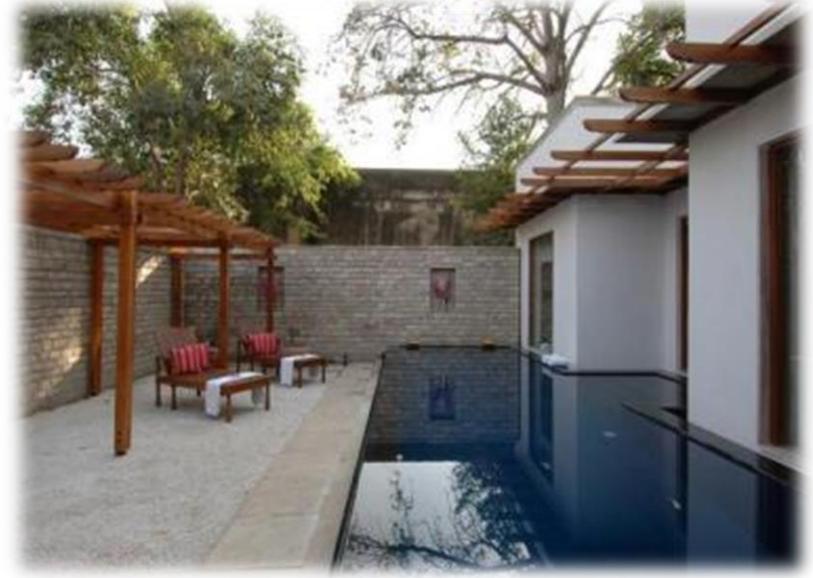
Our bathrooms include sleek massage showers and shower heads.

Superior Rooms	: 15
Deluxe Rooms	: 15
Luxury Suites	: 06
Royal Suites	: 02
Bougainvillea	: 02



In Stay Experiences

Villas



Wrapped around the lap pool, the two exclusive luxury Villas are a perfect Getaway within the Palace grounds. Each Villa is provided with a private pool and sun bathing area. The two Villas (Bougainvillea 1 & 2) are away from the main Palace building to offer complete privacy. One villa has a single bedroom and the other has two bedrooms. The villas have separate sitting room which offers a view of the private pool. The bedrooms have low-built beds and curtains of exquisite Chanderi fabric. Private candle light dinner can be arranged by the Villa pool on request.

Royal Suites

Guests are welcomed with arched openings, and vibrant hues. Elegant, and modern, yet reflecting the local culture in design details like silk drapes, coloured globes of light, and canopied beds. Adorned with antique Venetian mirrors and mother-of-pearl mosaics, the two luxurious royal suites (675 sq. ft.), Chand Niwas & Suraj Niwas, offer magnificent views of the beautiful landscaped gardens, the majestic Gwalior Fort & the Jai Vilas Palace.

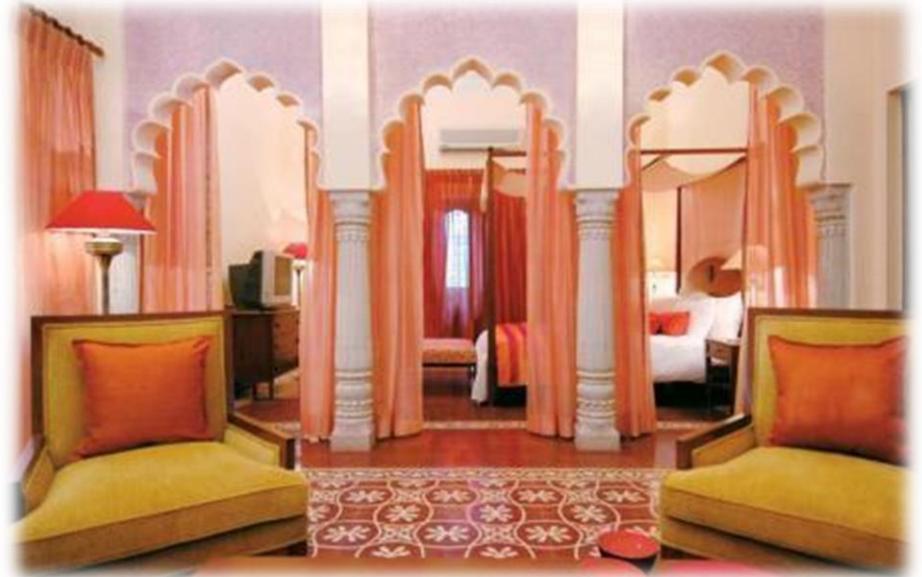
An 85 year old Marryat & Scott elevator leads the way to the suites which enhances the old-world experience. The suites also have a private terrace for a romantic candle light dinner.





Luxury Suites

There are also 6 Luxury Suites that offer a living room and have been richly designed keeping in mind the feel of the city, with low-built bed, Chanderi high-fall curtains and artefacts.



Deluxe Rooms

Each of the 15 deluxe rooms is spacious and bright, reflecting the local culture and ethos. Lavishly furnished with Indian style divans and silk cushions, the Deluxe Rooms retain a regal allure. In the tradition of palace residences, each room has its own distinctive decor that sets it apart. Most of the deluxe rooms overlook the private courtyards, gardens or sunlit corridors.



Superior Rooms



Each of the 15 rooms is a reflection of the local culture and exquisite architecture. Light, airy, and modern, these rooms offer gorgeous views and décor befitting royalty. Well equipped with guest amenities including verandahs, international direct dial facility, minibar, and colour television with satellite programmes.

Palatial Experiences

Heritage Elevator & Letter Box

An 85 year old Marryat & Scott Ltd., London elevator leads the way to the suites which enhances the old world experience.

An original letter box has been conserved to enhance the heritage ambience of the palace and to relive the old world charm.



Delicate Filigree Work



Culinary Experiences

Silver Saloon Restaurant



Overlooking a verdant courtyard, Silver Saloon takes its inspiration from history and offers signature cuisine that was once the preserve of the Maratha and Nepal royal families. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and also offers select Continental, Asian & Indian delicacies. Experience a touch of royal together with a trendy approach in service and style while you listen to classical music from the Gwalior Gharana.

The Courts, The courtyard café, offers an alfresco dining experience in a palm shaded court in the verandah, amidst vistas of greenery

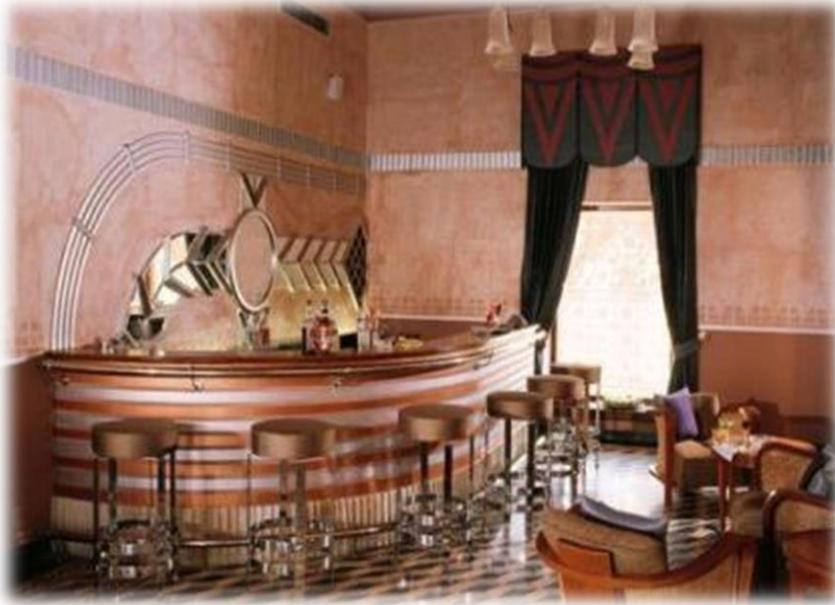
The State Room



At The State Room, antique glass chandeliers and lofty ceilings create an impressive backdrop for formal gatherings. With a comprehensive range of contemporary conferencing facilities, the hall can accommodate up to 90 guests in the theatre-style arrangement.

Sprawling landscaped lawns make an ideal venue for outdoor functions.

The Bada Bar



The Bada Bar with a grand 100 years old Billiard Table serves a range of international and national favourites. A swinging place with *Art Deco* Feel.

Relax and Rejuvenate

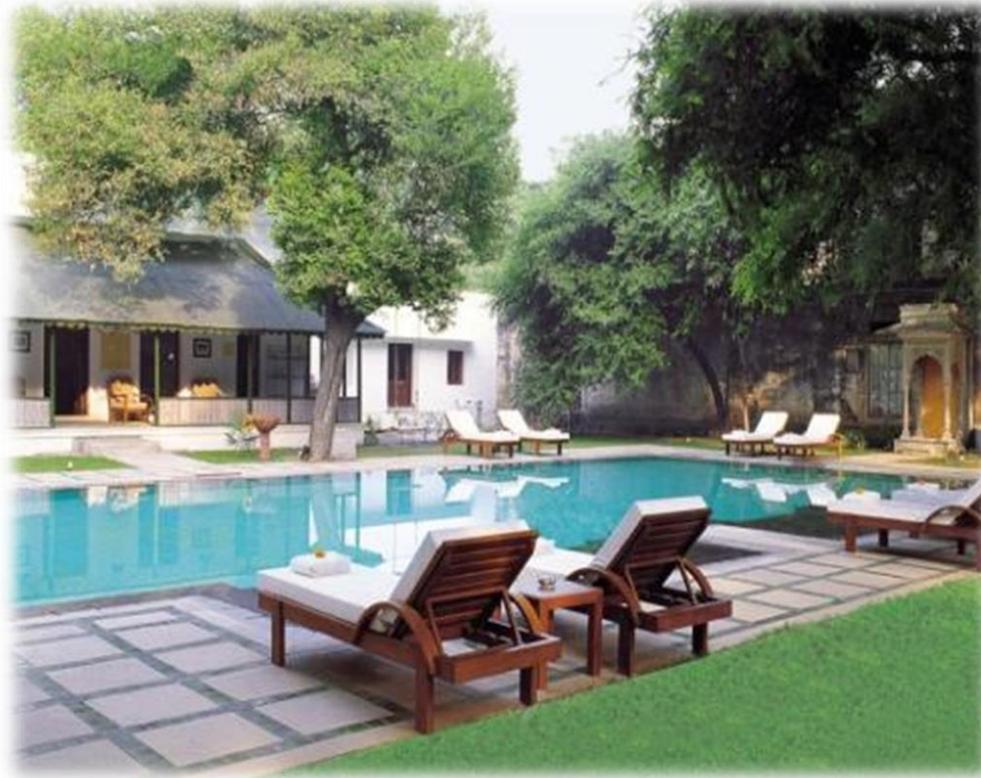
Jiva Spa



Blending ancient Indian wisdom with contemporary therapies is Jiva Spa which offers the best in Indian rejuvenation therapies. At Jiva Spa, indulge in signature treatments from the Royal House of Gwalior such as the '**Mangal Snaan**' a saffron infused auspicious bath or a range of aroma therapy treatments.

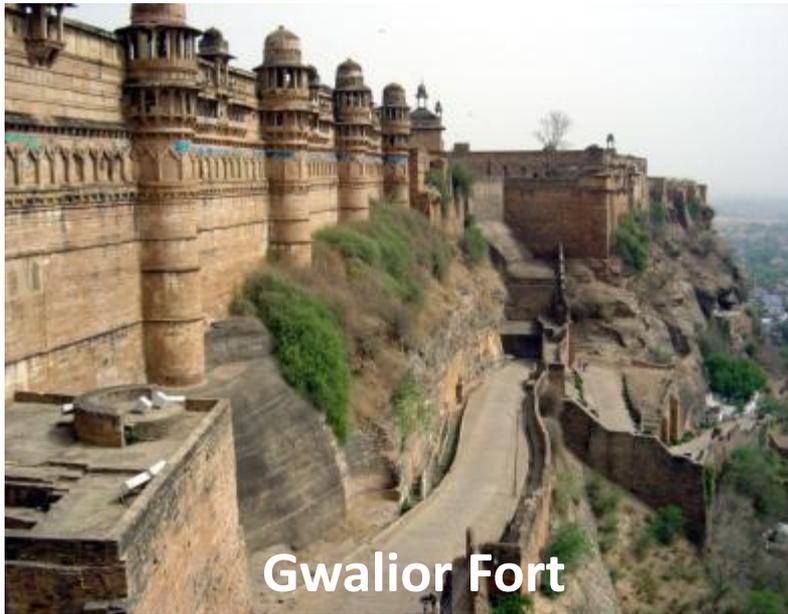
This is the only spa in the world where live musicians, serenade guests with soothing strains of Indian classical music during their treatments.

Swimming Pool

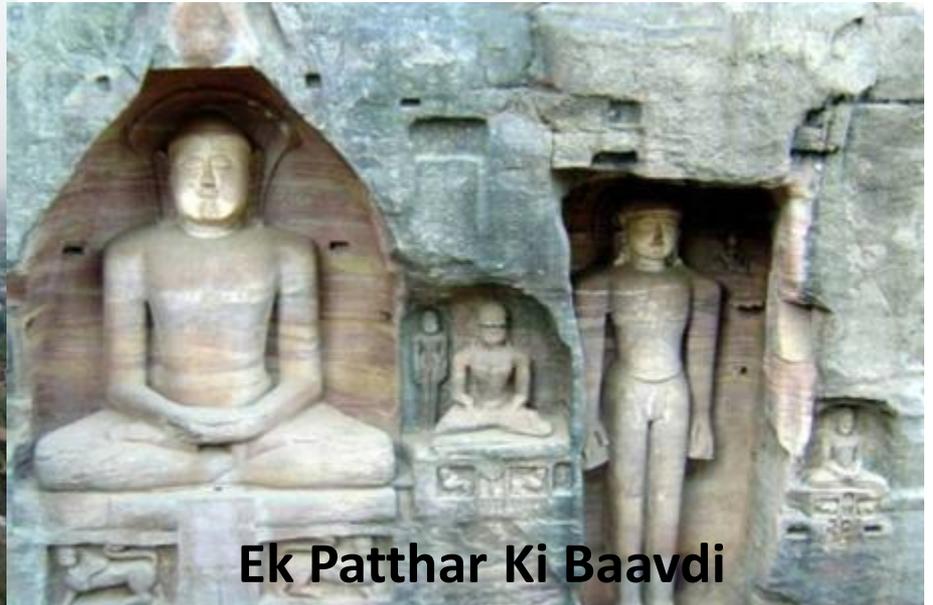


A large swimming pool, under the cool shade of oak trees, is ideal for relaxation. A well equipped fitness centre, a splash pool, a billiards table, library and a souvenir shop are the other recreational facilities offered.

Exploring the City



Gwalior Fort

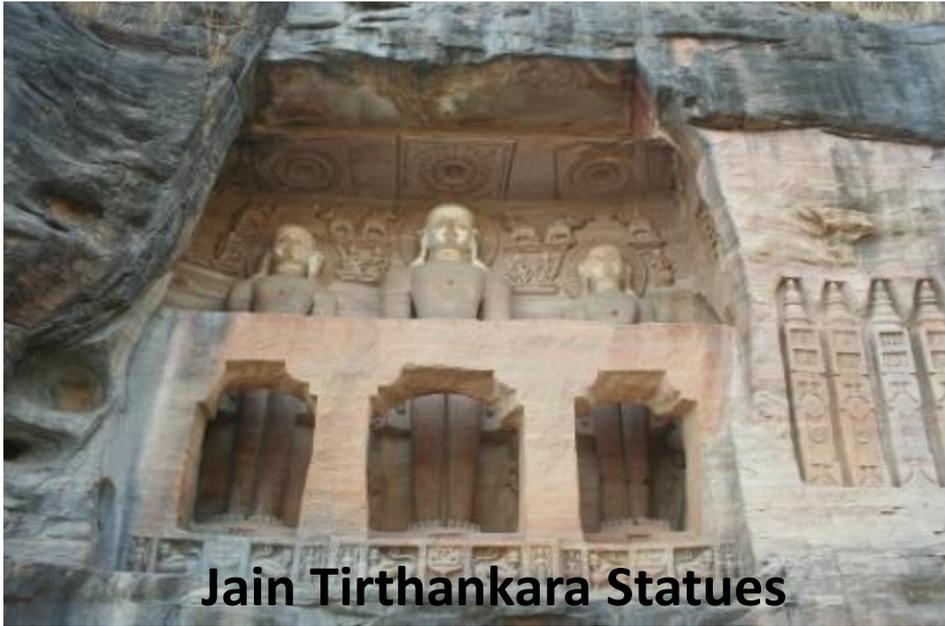


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Saas Bahu Ka Mandir

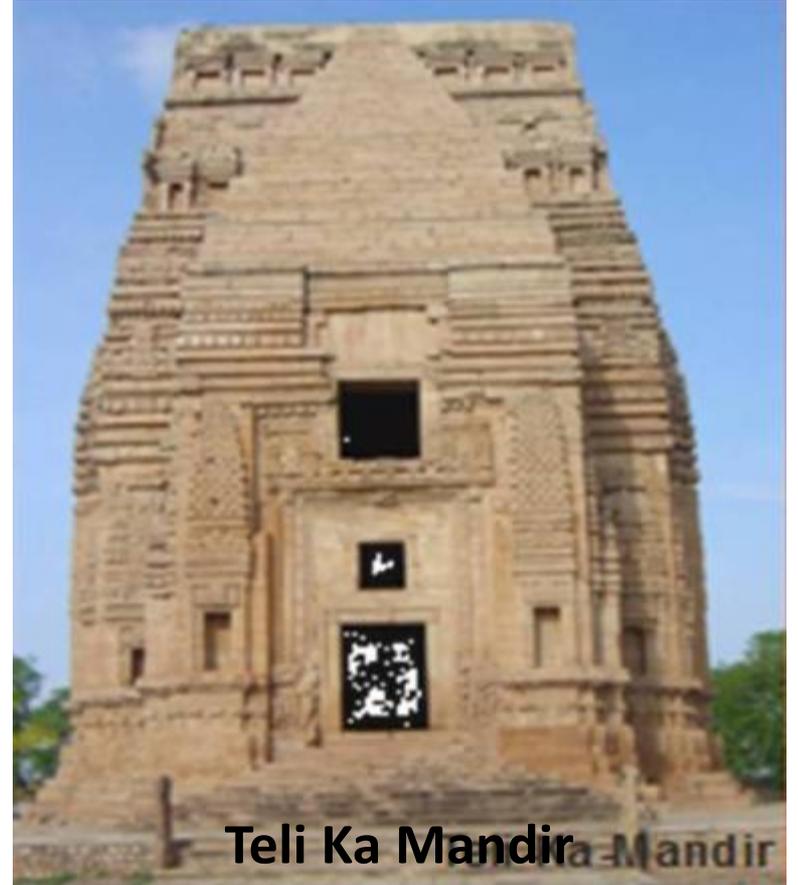




Jain Tirthankara Statues



Gujari Mahal



Teli Ka Mandir



Jai Vilas Palace

Jai Vilas Palace : It is the abode of the Scindias, built from 1872 to 1874 on turrets. The grand Durbar hall is one of the finest in the world it is painted with gold leaves, hung with wonderful chandeliers and decorated with enormous mirrors. The way to the hall is by a grand crystal staircase. Roofed with stone slabs, the hall is 36 ft long. Asia's biggest pair of chandeliers hang in the Durbar hall and the carpet spread over is Asia's largest single piece carpet. There is also a Silver Train with cut glass wagons which served guests as it chugged around on miniature rails on the table and swords that were once worn by Aurangzeb & Shah Jehan. It's near by Taj Usha Kiran Palace.



Mitawali



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Padawali



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Inside Padawali Temple



Bateshwar Temple



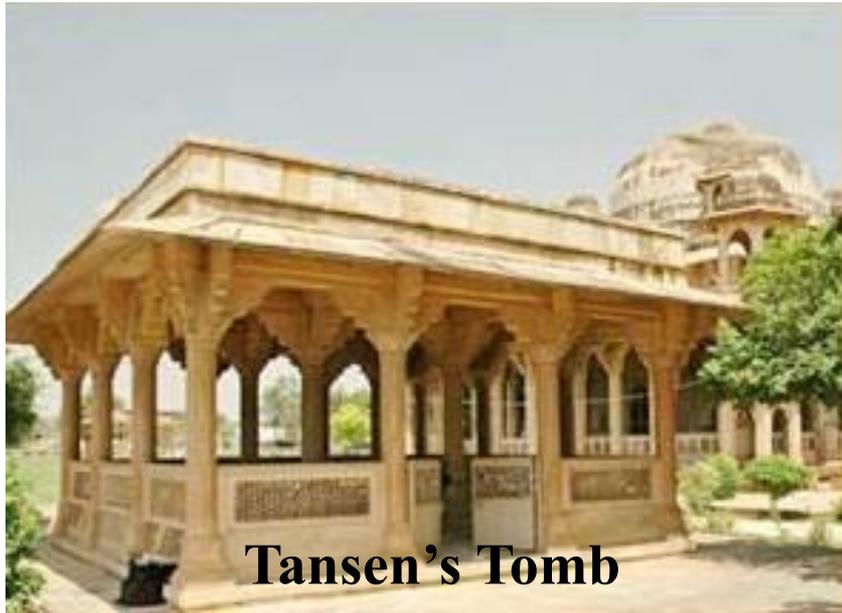
Sihoniya Kakanmath Temple



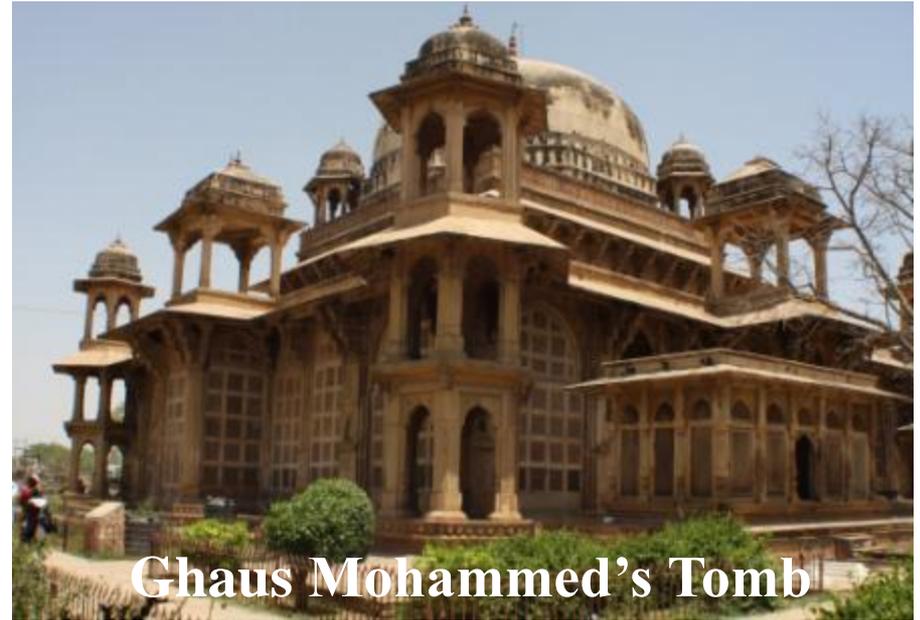
Bateshwar Temple



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Tansen's Tomb



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Sun Temple

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