



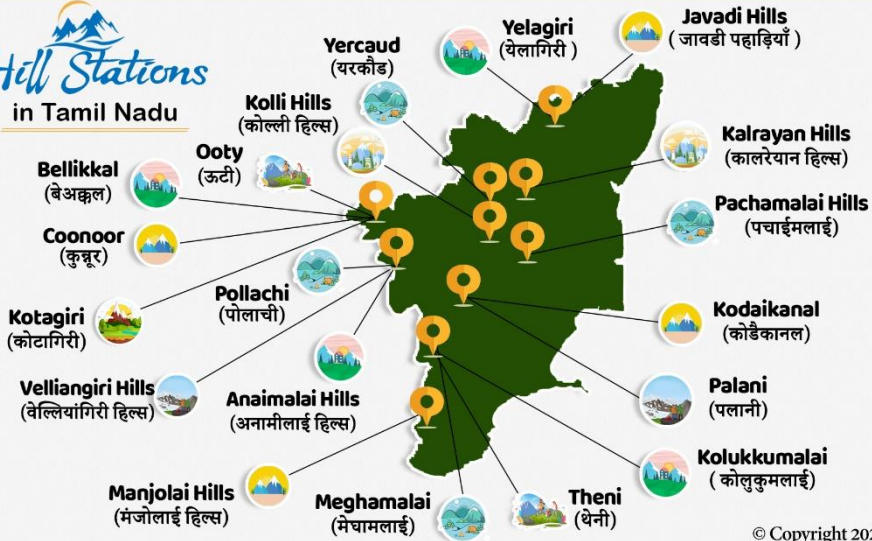
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# Hill Stations

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# Hill Stations in Tamil Nadu



Ooty - Udagamandalam

The majestic “Queen of the Hills” forms part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve

It is a popular hill station located in the Nilgiri Hills.  
Nilgiri Mountain Railway - UNESCO World Heritage Site  
Nilgiri Tahr

Yercaud - Located in the Shevaroy Hills of Tamil Nadu

**Kodaikanal** (Dindigul) - Situated in the upper Palani Hills Referred to as the 'Princess of Hill Stations'

**Palni Hills** (Dindigul) - Palani Hills joined with Anamalai Hills and Cardamom Hills at Anamudi peak in Kerala state.

**Coonoor** - Situated at a short distance of 17 km from Ooty in Nilgiri hills, it has many tea estates

**Topslip** - located in the Anamalai Mountain range, Anamalai hills are separated from Nilgiri Hills by Palghat Gap.

**Kotagiri** - A popular hill station in the Nilgiris.

**The Velliangiri Mountains** - A part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, are situated at the Western Ghats border of Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu bordering Palakkad District, Kerala. Known as the "Saptagiri, 7 Hills - Seven Mountains", these mountains are held and revered on par with spiritually most powerful place on the planet - Mount Kailash, the legendary abode of Lord Shiva. On the top of the Velliangiri Mountains, Shiva is worshipped as Swayambhu, one who is self-created and in this form, he graces the devotees.

**Anamalai Hills (Elephant Mountains)**- Bounded by the rivers Aliar and Uppar, Anamali is another hill station in the Western Ghats. Anamudi Peak (2,695 metres) lies here is the highest peak in southern India.

Eravikulam National Park, Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary, and Anamalai Tiger Reserve located among these hills are well known for elephants.

**The Javadi Hills (Ooty of Tirupattur)** are an extension of the Eastern Ghats spread across parts of Vellore and Tiruvannamalai districts in Tamil Nadu in southeastern India. This range separates Vellore and Tiruvannamalai districts.

**Masinagudi** - Forms a part of the Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary

**Manjulai** - It is set deep in the Western Ghats within the Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve.

**Meghamalai** - Commonly known as the High Wavy Mountains, is a mountain range located in the Western Ghats in the Theni district. It is dotted with cardamom plantations and tea estates. Megamalai Wildlife Sanctuary is like an extension of Periyar Tiger Reserve and Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary

# Hill Stations in Rajasthan

**Achalgarh**  
(अचलगढ़)



**Mount Abu**  
(माउंट आबू)



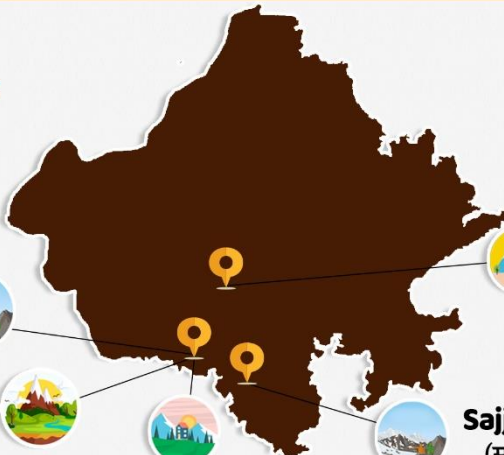
**Guru Shikhar**  
(गुरु शिखर)



**Sajjangarh**  
(सज्जनगढ़)



**Ranakpur**  
(रणकपुर)



Mount Abu

Aravali hills

Nakki Lake, Dilwara Temple

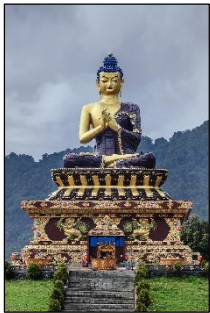
**Sajjan Garh** - also known as the 'Monsoon Palace', is a wonderful palatial building in Udaipur. The palace is located on the Bansdara Peak of the Aravalli Range. Maharana Sajjan Singh of the Mewar Dynasty built the palace in 1884 to watch the monsoon clouds. Very near to Pichola Lake.

**Guru Shikhar** - the highest point of the Aravalli Range. It rises to an elevation of 1,722 metres, 15 km from Mount Abu. It is named Guru-Shikhar after Dattatreya, an incarnation of Vishnu,

**Ranakpur** – Nestles into Aravali Ranges in Pali district, this hill station is an important destination for Jain pilgrims. It is named after Rana Kumbha.

# Hill Stations in Sikkim





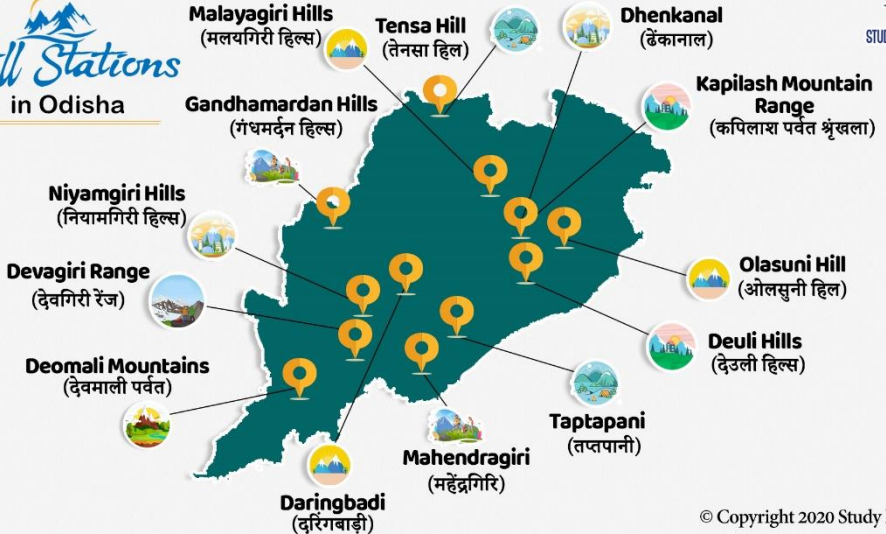
**Ravangla** – Situated at altitude of 7000 Feet  
South Sikkim district, famous for Buddha Park

**Namchi** – HQ of South Sikkim, 45 kms from Darjeeling

**Lachen** - Lachen means big pass.

**Lachung** - It is located at the confluence of River Lachen and River Lachung, the tributaries of Teesta River. The word Lachung means 'small pass'. The Indian Army has a forward base in the town.

# Hill Stations in Odisha



**Daringbadi** - Kashmir Of Odisha

**Dumuriput** - A serene Village 7 kms from Sunabeda in Koraput

**Mahendragiri** - This is the second highest mountain peak of Odisha after Deomali in Koraput district.

**Taptapani** – Famous for Hot sulphur water Springs

**Olasuni Hill** - It is situated on the border of Cuttack & Jajpur district of the state Odisha. "Olasuni Cave" are located here.

**Deuli Hills** - Rock-Cut Hills from ruins of Buddhist stupas of Ashoka period

**Dhenkanal** - Ancient Town, There are remnants of the ancient fort Ganesh Khola which can also be explored.

Chandragiri - For Tibetan Culture, Buddhist monasteries, Mini-Tibet of Odisha

Tensa Hill - For Green Meadows

Deomali Mountains

Devagiri Hills - Religious Hill Station

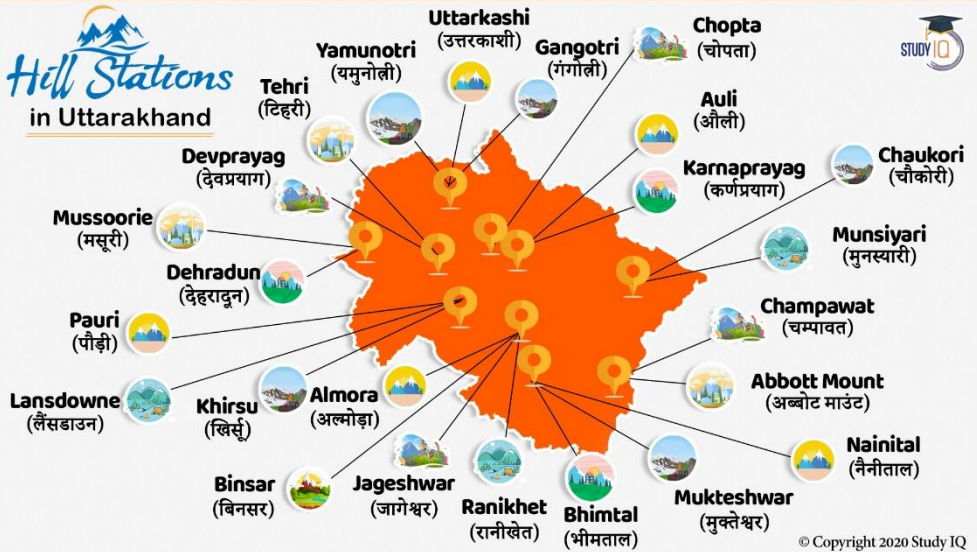
Niyamgiri Hills - The sacred mountain of Dongria

Gandhamardan Hills

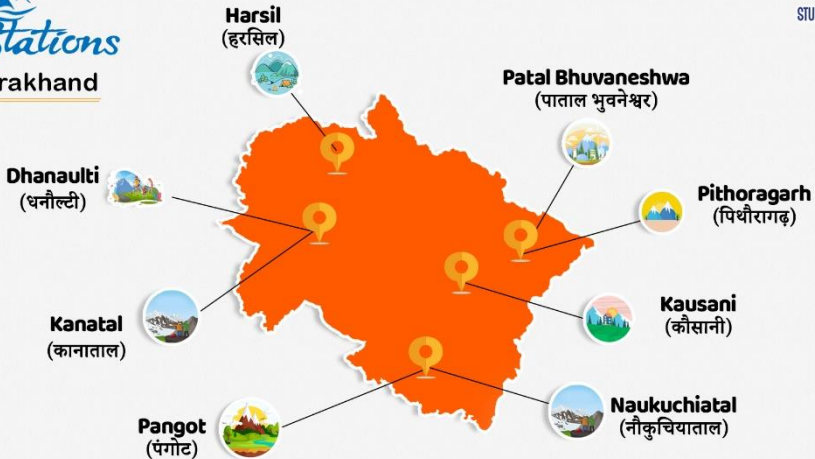
Malayagiri Hills – Famous for Waterfalls

Kapilash Mountain Range

# Hill Stations in Uttarakhand



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**Nainital** – HQ of Uttarakhand high court, Naini Lake, Tiffin Top, Nainital Zoo, Naina Devi Temple, Hanuman Garhi, Bhimtal, Naukuchiatal, Sattal

**Mussoorie** is a hill station in Dehradun in the foothills of the Garhwal Himalayan range. The adjoining town of **Landour**, which includes a military cantonment, is considered part of "greater Mussoorie". Mussoorie Range is a part of Middle Himalayas. Highest point is Lal Tibba. Other important places are Kempty falls, Jharipani falls, Gun hill.

**Dhanaulti** is a hill station situated in the foothills of the Garhwal Himalayan range located 24 km (15 mi) from the hill station of Mussoorie in Tehri district.

**Dehradun** –Forest Research Institute dehradun, Sahastradhara, Tapkeshwar, Asan Barrage Ramsar site

**Auli** - Popular for its winter sports, snowboarding and skiing. Furthermore, it lies adjacent to the shrine of Badrinath.

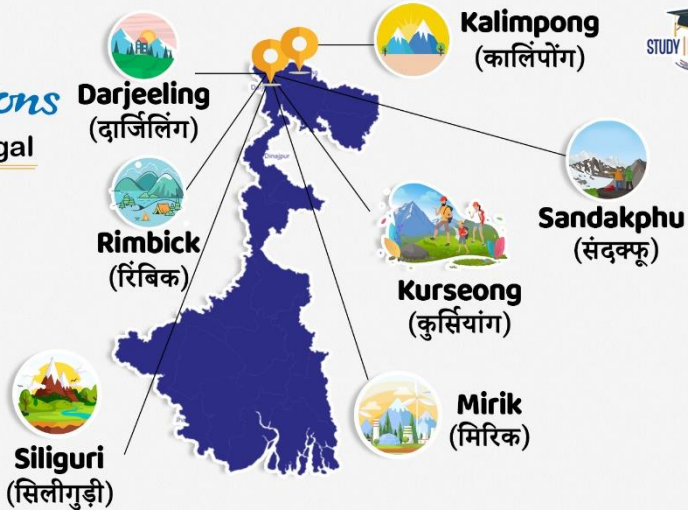
**Jageshwar Temples** are a group of over 100 Hindu temples dated between 7th and 12th century near Almora

**Almora** - Located on a ridge at the southern edge of the Kumaon Hills.

**Binsar** is the highest hill station in the Kumaon region, situated at an elevation of 7600 feet above sea level. The location of Binsar also makes it one of the coldest hill station in Uttarakhand.

**Khairasain** is a small village in Kotdwar Tehsil, in Pauri Garhwal district, Summer capital of Uttarakhand

# Hill Stations in West Bengal



**Darjeeling** - Mahabharata Range, known for its popular tea industry

**Dooars** - Starting from river Teesta in the East to river Sankoshi in the west, Dooars is a local name given to the floodplains

**Kurseong** - 'Land of White Orchids', close to Darjeeling

**Kalimpong** - Neighbor hill station of Darjeeling, home to Shivalik Hills.  
Neora Valley National Park.

**Siliguri** - Situated on the banks of the river Mahananda, also known as  
the Gateway to North East India



# Hill Stations

in Madhya Pradesh

**Shivpuri Hill**  
शिवपुरी पहाड़ी



**Amarkantak Hill**  
अमरकंटक पहाड़ी



**Mandu**  
मांडू



**Pachmarhi**  
पचमढ़ी



**Omkareshwar Hill**  
ओंकारेश्वर पहाड़ी

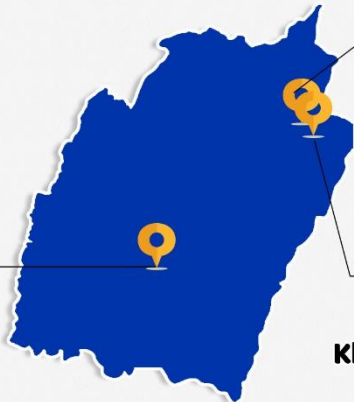


**Pachmarhi** is a hill station in Hoshangabad. It is widely known as Satpura ki Rani ("Queen of Satpura"), Dhupgarh, the highest point (1,352 m) in MP is located here. It is a part of Satpura Biosphere Reserve.

**Omkareshwar Hills** – Famous for Omkareshwar Hindu temple dedicated to God Shiva, one of the 12 Jyotirlinga.

**Amarkantak Hills** - This is where the Narmada River, the Son River emerge.

# Hill Stations in Manipur



**RED HILLS  
(MAIBAM  
LOKPACHING)**  
रेड हिल्स



**Shirui Kashung**  
शिरुई काशंग



**Khayang Peak**  
ख्यांग पीक



### Ukhrul District, Manipur –

The highest peak is the Khayang Peak, at 3114 m, though the more popularly known peak is the Shirui Kashong Peak, at 2,835 m.

**RED HILLS (MAIBAM LOKPACHING)** in Bishnupur District of Manipur. It is a site where the British and Japanese soldiers fought a fierce battle during World War-II.



# Hill Stations

in Tripura

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**Jampui Hills**  
जंपुई पहाड़ी

**Jampui Hills** is a part of the Mizo hills (Lushai Hills) range located in North Tripura district in the north eastern part of the Indian state of Tripura. The average altitude of the hill range is approximately 1000 metres above sea level.

# Hill Stations in Nagaland

**Kohima**  
कोहिमा



**Mokokchung**  
मोकोकचुंग



**Mon**  
मोन



**Tuensang**  
तुएनसांग



**Pfutsero**



**Phek**  
फेंक

**Saramati hills** – Highest point of Naga hills.

**Phek** is a hilly station in Nagaland rich in flora and fauna. Famous for the Shilloi lake.

**Mon** - Home of the Konyaks nagas.

**Pfutsero** is a small town known for being the coldest inhabited town of Nagaland, dropping below  $-0^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Glory Peak is the highest point.



# Hill Stations in Mizoram

**Mamit**  
मामित



**Lunglei**  
लुंगलेई



**Aizawl**  
आइजोल



**Champhai**  
चम्फाई





# Hill Stations

in Maharashtra

**Igatpuri**  
इगतपुरी



**Khandala**  
खंडाला



**Satara**  
सतारा



**Lavasa**  
लवासा



**Rajmachi**  
राजमाची



**Suryamal**  
सूर्यमल





# Hill Stations

in Maharashtra

**Karjat**  
कर्जत



**Malshej Ghat**  
मालशेज घाट



**Sawantwad**  
सावंतवाड



**Koroli**  
करौली



**Durshet**  
दूरशेत



# Hill Stations in Maharashtra



**Mahabaleshwar** - Famous for strawberries, receives one of the highest rainfalls in India, Venna Lake, Origin of River Krishna

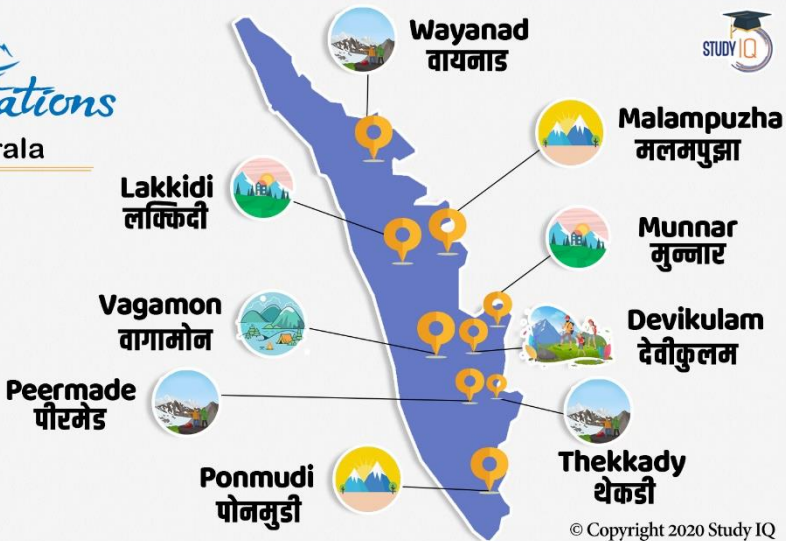
**Panchgani** - The Land Of Five Hills

**Chikhaldara in Amrawati** - Gugamal National Park, Melghat Tiger reserve

**Amboli** - Lies in the Sahyadri hills in the Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra.

**Bhimashankar** – Home to state animal of Maharashtra – Indian Giant Flying Squirrel. Bhimashankar Shiva temple one of the 12 Jyotirlingas.

# Hill Stations in Kerala



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Nilambur  
निलाम्बुर



Athirapally  
अथिरापल्ली



Charalkunnu  
चारलकुण्णु



Thenmala  
थेणमाला



Vythiri  
वीथिरी



Idukki  
इडुक्की



Nelliyampathy  
नेलियाम्पैथी



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