

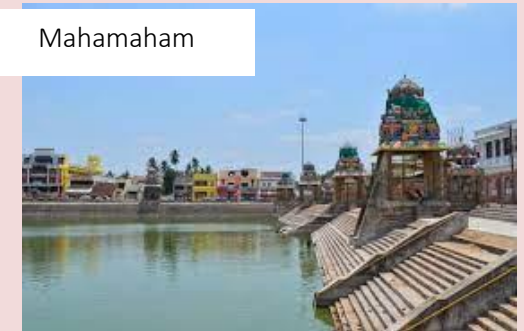
Year 6 Autumn 1 – Hinduism

Key facts

- Pilgrimage in Hinduism, as in other religions, is the practice of journeying to sites where religious powers, knowledge, or experience are deemed especially accessible.
- There are many different places for Hindus to go on pilgrimage. Rivers, mountains and temples linked to different gods and goddesses are all popular places to visit.
- Hindus try to do at least one pilgrimage in their lifetime.
- The Kumbh Mela (the "pitcher festival") is one of the holiest of Hindu pilgrimages that is held four times every twelve years; the location is rotated among the four cities of Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik, and Ujjain.
- The most famous Hindu pilgrimage is the Kumbh Mela, which takes place at the River Ganges in India.
- The Char Dham ("four abodes") is a set of four pilgrimage sites in India. Hindus believe that visiting these sites helps achieve moksha (salvation).
- Mahamaham, is a Hindu festival celebrated every 12 years in the Mahamaham tank located in the South Indian town of Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu, India.



Char Dham



Mahamaham



The Ganges

Prayag
Kumbh Mela



Vocabulary

- pilgrimage
- Kumbh Mela
- cities of Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik and Ujjain
- Ganges
- Char Dham
- Mahamaham

We are thinking about:

Why do Hindus make the sacred pilgrimage?

What other religions take pilgrimages?

Why are they so important?