



AN HISTORICAL OVERVIEW HINDU TEMPLES OUTSIDE INDIA

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ABSTRACT

In India, temples are a accepted sight, as our country has a actual top allotment of Hindus. About alfresco India they are not so common. They do abide in about every country but still the affectionate of footfall one gets to see in the temples in India, abnormally during festivals, its boilerplate abroad to be apparent in the world. But, there are some temples alfresco India that are actual acclaimed and accepted for altered reasons, like grandeur, ancestry, architectonics etc. Read about them, bethink them and may be appointment them if you anytime appointment the corresponding country. With billions of followers, Hinduism is not alone belted to India but is accepted by the world. Advised as one of the oldest paths against allusive living, its aspect could be acquainted in its abundant history. One way to feel the absolute acceptance of this all-around admiration is to reflect aloft the admirable temples which accept been congenital above the world. Hindu temples are actual accurate barrio which accept been congenital based on the abstraction of Agam Shastra which has three capital capacity alleged the Shaiva, the Shaktha, and the Vaishnava. Across the apple places like Angkor Wat, Batu caves accept alert the mystics and seekers alike. Actuality is a few added temples advance above the apple that authority appropriate abode in Hindu culture.

KEYWORDS: Angkor Wat Temple, Pashupatinath Temple, Sri Venkateswara Temple, Prambanan Temple, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Mother Temple, Sun Temple, Munneswaram Temple, Dhakeshwari National Temple.

INTRODUCTION

Hinduism is one of the world's oldest religions, and has over 900 actor followers worldwide. Admitting a lot of the Hindus reside in India there are abundant numbers present in Nepal, Bangladesh and Indonesia. Temple architectonics in India started about 2000 years ago and apparent the alteration of Hinduism from the Vedic religion. The architectonics of Hindu temples has acquired anytime aback consistent in a abundant array of styles. They are usually committed to one primary Hindu celestial and affection a murti (sacred image) of the deity. Although it is not binding for a Hindu to appointment a Hindu temple regularly, they play a basic role in Hindu association and culture.

ANGKOR WAT (Angkor, Cambodia)

Angkor is one of the lots of important archaeological sites in South-East Asia. Stretching over some 400 km², including forested area, Angkor Archaeological Park contains the arresting charcoal of the altered capitals of the Khmer Empire, from the 9th to the 15th century. They cover the acclaimed Temple of Angkor Wat and, at Angkor Thom, the Bayon Temple with its endless sculptural decorations. UNESCO has set up a absolute programme to aegis this allegorical website and its surroundings. Angkor, in Cambodia's arctic arena of Siem Reap, is one of the lots of important archaeological sites of Southeast Asia. It extends over about 400 aboveboard kilometres and consists of array of temples,



hydraulic structures (basins, dykes, reservoirs, canals) as able-bodied as advice routes. For several centuries Angkor, was the centre of the Khmer Kingdom. With absorbing monuments, several altered age-old burghal affairs and abounding baptize reservoirs, the website is a altered absorption of actualization testifying to an aberrant civilization. Temples such as Angkor Wat, the Bayon, Preah Khan and Ta Prohm, exemplars of Khmer architecture, are carefully affiliated to their bounded ambience as able-bodied as getting absorbed with allegorical significance. The architectonics and blueprint of the alternating capitals buck attestant to a top akin of amusing adjustment and baronial aural the Khmer Empire. Angkor is accordingly a aloft website allegorical cultural, religious and allegorical values, as able-bodied as absolute top architectural, archaeological and aesthetic significance.

PASHUPATINATH TEMPLE (Kathmandu, Nepal)

One of the lot of angelic Hindu temples of Nepal - Pashupatinath Temple is amidst on both banks of Bagmati River on the eastern outskirts of Kathmandu. Pashupatinath is a lot of important temple committed to god Shiva. Every year this temple attracts hundreds of aged followers of Hinduism. They access actuality to acquisition apartment for the endure several weeks of their lives, to accommodated death, be cremated on the banks of the river and biking their endure adventure with the amnion of the angelic river Bagmati, which afterwards meets the angelic river Ganges. Hinduists from every bend of Nepal and India are accession actuality to die. It is believed that those who die in Pashupatinath Temple are reborn as a human, behindhand of any delinquency that could aggravate their karma. The exact day of their afterlife is predicted by astrologers of the temple. If you are admiring to the places breadth the spirit of afterlife can be felt, again accede Pashupatinath as your aboriginal destination. It is a temple with appropriate atmosphere of death; afterlife is present in about every ritual and every bend of it. The capital temple of Pashupatinath is a architectonics with a applesauce roof and a aureate spire. It is amidst on the Western coffer of Bagmati and is advised a masterpiece of Hindu architecture. It is a cubic architectonics with four capital doors, all covered with argent sheets. The two-storied roof is fabricated from chestnut and is covered with gold. This abundantly busy temple with board sculptures is believed to accomplish wishes appear true. One of the a lot of amazing decorations of the temple is the huge aureate bronze of Nandi - Shiva's bull. Alone followers of Hinduism can access the capital temple, but all the added barrio are accessible for foreigners to visit. From the Eastern coffer of the river the

capital temple can be apparent in its accomplished beauty. The western coffer of Bagmati as well hosts the so alleged Panch Deval (Five temples) complex, which already was a angelic chantry but now serves a apartment for bankrupt old people. Abundant religious barrio are as well amidst on the eastern coffer of Bagmati, a lot of of them are adherent to Shiva. The majority of these barrio are baby alone storey constructions fabricated from stone. From the alfresco these barrio are reminding crypts, but in absoluteness these are sacral buildings, created for captivation the attribute of the celestial Shiva - lingam (erect phallus). Lingams can be activate all over the complex. Forth the appropriate coffer of Bagmati abundant platforms for burial pyres are built. The cremations on these platforms are a accepted activity. Usually tourists accept the adventitious to see at atomic one amphitheater cremation. The majority of religious rituals are culturally abnormal and even alarming for Westerners, but allegedly the a lot of culturally abnormal affair in Pashupatinath is the specific that appears to that appears to that appears to that appears to smell of cremated bodies. Unlike any apprehension the that appears to that appears to that appears to that appears to smell has annihilation in accepted with the that appears to that appears to that appears to that appears to smell of corrupt flesh, but rather reminds the that appears to that appears to that appears to that appears to smell of clabber alloyed with altered spices. Accession culturally abominable affair in Pashupatinath is the angel of bounded women abrasion clothes afterwards the river. The amnion of Bagmati accommodate beastly fat because of the ashes of cremated Shiva followers and calmly ablution the clay from linen. It is believed that this is how the soap was invented. As far as Shiva is advised the angel of animals and all alive organisms, monkeys and deers are abnormality all about the temple circuitous on both banks of Bagmati. Monkeys are actual generally unfriendly, they beg for food, snatch things from absent-minded tourists and may even be dangerous. It is as well actual accepted to accommodated sadhus in Pahsupathinath. Sadhus are abnormality abstinent yogis, who are aggravating to access liberation from the aeon of afterlife and activation by meditating. They accept actual altered actualization with specific chicken paintings on their bodies.

SRI VENKATESWARA TEMPLE, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

The Architectonics of Sri Venkateswara Temple started in 1978 if a baby accumulation of humans had a eyes to physique a Hindu temple according to Vedic attempt (Agama Sastras). They alleged this all-powerful website in

Helensburgh because "it is said the gods consistently play breadth groves are, abreast rivers, mountains and springs and in towns with amusement -gardens" -Brihatsamhita. According to the age-old attempt of Hindu temple construction, there are 5 requirements:

The proposed website for a Hindu Temple should be a abstinent land...a forest...ideally in an island with affluence of baptize antecedent amidst in a bank line. It is cogent to agenda that the Sri Venkateswara Temple website has met all of the 5 requirements. As per the adage 'Gopura Darisanam Kodi Punyam'...meaning the afterimage of a Temple belfry is account 10 actor pious activities!! Hence it should be the aboriginal article arresting to us whenever we access any temple. So the architectonics of the Rajagopuram forms a actual important aspect of the architectonics of a Hindu temple. Our temple, getting a Siva Vishnu Temple, will accept two Rajagopurams. By the apocalypse that the numbers of the Hindus believers will cool in Australia...the abstraction of SVT arose and this temple was complete in the acceptable Indian architectonics based on Agama Sastras so that it would be an ablaze abode for airy advice and solace. The Mahakumbhabhishekam (consecration of the temple by angelic waters) of the Lord Ganapathi (Sri Varasiddhi Vinayagar) and the Capital temple of Sri Venkateswara, Sri Maha Lakshmi and Sri Andal took abode on 30th June, 1985 with abounding acceptable will and abutment from a actual advanced amphitheater of admirers both in Australia and abroad. The Tirupathi Tirumala Devasthanam was accessible by giving us both advance and banking help.

PRAMBANAN (Java, Indonesia)

As the better Hindu temple in Southeast Asia, the admirable and adroit temple of Prambanan is a arresting comedy and an figure of Indonesia's cultural heritage. Located not far from the Buddhist Borobudur temple, the adjacency of the two temples tells us that on Java, Buddhism and Hinduism lived affably next to one another. Prambanan is accepted locally as Roro Jonggrang, advancing from the fable of the 'slender virgin'. According to the fable already aloft a time, there was a adolescent and able man alleged Bandung Bondowoso. He capital to ally a admirable angel alleged Roro Jonggrang. Her father, the king, agreed and affected her to ally Bandung Bondowoso. Butm Sita did not adulation him yet could not debris him. Afterwards accurate consideration, she anticipation of a way to debris Bondowoso, whose bewitched ability was well-known. She absitively she would accede but alone if Bondowoso congenital 1,000 temples in one night afore the breach of dawn. She insisted that the plan

accept to be completed afore the banty crowd, something she believed was impossible. But with the advice of genies and his own bewitched powers, Bondowoso managed to complete 999 temples. Panicked, Jonggrang told the women of her apple to alpha anguish rice so that the banty would deathwatch up and activate to crow. If Bondowoso heard this he was acutely aghast and berserk enraged. If he activate out that Roro Jonggrang had fabricated the roosters crow, he angry her into stone, The bronze of a attenuate abstinent graces the capital Prambanan temple, while a accumulation of temples adjacent is alleged the Candi Sewu or the Thousand Temples. The temples at Prambanan were congenital in the 9th century. The better temple is committed to Shiva - the destroyer, and the two abate ones which sit on its appropriate and larboard are committed to Brahma -- the architect and Wisnu - the sustainer. The tallest temple of Prambanan is a amazing 47 meters high. Its aiguille arresting from far abroad and rises top aloft the charcoal of the added temples. Afterwards hundreds of years of neglect, the Prambanan temple was rediscovered by CA Lons, a Dutchman, in 1733. Aback then, this temple has been revitalized and today is broadly admired as the a lot of admirable and adroit Hindu temple in Indonesia. The grandeur, complexity, and dent architectural abstraction of Prambanan makes this a absolutely amazing structure. As a altered cultural and architectural marvel, Prambanan was declared a Apple Ancestry website in 1991 by UNESCO.

BAPS SHRI SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR, LONDON (Neasden Temple),

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir is a masterpiece of acceptable Hindu architectonics and admirable ability that rises serenely amidst London's iconic skyline. Using 5,000 tonnes of Italian Carrara and Indian Ambaji marble and the finest Bulgarian limestone, it was hand-carved in India afore getting accumulated in London. Over 3,000 volunteers aggressive by His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj contributed to authoritative the Mandir a reality. It was - and continues to be - adjourned absolutely by worshippers and well-wishers. The Mandir is a apprehensive accolade to the impossible beauty, majesty and celebrity of the Divine. Learn about its admirable art and architecture, and how they are offered in adoration, reverence, and gratitude. Aesthetically ablaze and technically precise, the adorableness and conduct abaft mandir architectonics enjoys a continued and acclaimed history in Hinduism. Few places ability so far into the affection of the Hindu acceptance and into the acceptance of the alone Hindu. Presented actuality is a

abrupt acumen into how mandirs originated and developed, and the accurate scriptural prescriptions for creating a acceptable Hindu mandir.

For millennia, Hindus accept accustomed announcement to their veneration, awe and admiration of the All-powerful and its abounding emanations – whether through prayers, hymns, or sacrificial offerings such as yagnas. These offerings were a circadian affection of religious activity in the aboriginal Vedic period. The yagnas circuitous blaze pits or altars breadth rituals were performed outdoors. To assure the fires from getting abolished by the elements, shelters were generally erected over the altars. Over time, these developed into shrines, and the aboriginal mandir was born. The chantry of the sacrificial pit developed into the garbh-gruh (inner sanctum), and the shelters became larger, added elaborate, and stronger. Afore the end of the Vedic period, artists and sculptors began to accomplish beheld representations of the deities they worshipped. These images became murtis as they were ritually alloyed by abracadabra ceremonies, so that they could be installed in the garbh-gruh. Soon, the conduct of mandir-building developed. Underlying every acceptable Hindu mandir is an ancient, exact and religious conduct alleged Vastu Shastra, or Sthapatya Veda, the ‘Discipline of Angelic Architecture’. It integrates the best of time and amplitude for a adapted accord amid dweller, abode and the cosmos. For mandirs, it aims to actualize spiritually answerable and accessory spaces, bringing calm the All-powerful aborigine and the angelic dwelling, as able-bodied as the admirable and the worshipper. Vastu Shastra is presented in a bulk of Hindu texts developed from Vedic times accumulation the art and abstruse data of mandir-building. Consisting of a alliance of actual from the Atharva Veda, assorted Agamas (literally ‘tradition’ texts), and their appendages, this abounding physique of abstract deals with a alloy of religiously ashore art, astrology, geology, ecology, structural engineering, sculpture, drawing, mathematics, ethics, and airy discipline.

BAPS SHRI SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR (Chicago, USA)

The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of Chicago, Illinois is a acceptable Hindu abode of adoration congenital by the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha. The BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, which is headed by Pramukh Swami Maharaj, is a church of the Swaminarayan annex of Hinduism. The mandir, amidst in the Chicago suburb of Bartlett, opened on August 8, 2004. It is congenital of hand-carved Italian marble and Turkish limestone. The mandir is the better of its affectionate in Illinois and was complete

according to guidelines categorical in age-old Hindu texts of temple architecture. The circuitous spreads over 27 acreage and, in accession to the mandir, includes a haveli and a baby bookstore. The haveli is a cultural centermost in which account congregations are held. The mandir is accessible circadian for adoration and to visitors. The temple, classified aural acceptable Hindu architectonics as a ‘Shikharbadha mandir,’ has been congenital according to attempt laid out in the Shilpa Shastras. The Shilpa Shastras are Hindu texts prescribing standards of angelic architecture. Aural the mandir are altered shrines, in which murtis (sacred images of Hindu deities) accept been installed. The axial chantry holds the murti of Swaminarayan, with Gunatitanand Swami to his left, calm admirable as Akshar-Purushottam Maharaj. Added shrines authority the murtis of Ghanshyam Maharaj, Harikrishna Maharaj, Shri Radha Krishna, Shri Shiva Parvati, Shri Sita Ram, Hanumanji, Ganapatiji and the bearing of BAPS gurus who are Swaminarayan’s airy successors. The murtis become aces of adoration afterwards getting . absorbed with the alive attendance of the deities.

Accordingly, the Swaminarayan sadhus (Hindu monks) action angelic adoration to the deities throughout the day. The sadhus activate the deities afore aurora by singing morning hymns, alleged prabhatiya. Managala aarti, which is the aboriginal of 5 aartis, is as well performed at this time. Aarti is a ritual breadth admirers sing the celebrity of God while a afire wick is broadcast afore the murtis. Afterwards managala aarti, the deities are bathed and offered aliment and apparel that alter with the season. Afterwards the murtis accept been adorned with garments, shangaar aarti is performed. At midday, rajabhoga aarti is performed and aliment is offered to the murtis. Aliment that has been offered to the deities is advised sanctified, and is broadcast to admirers as angelic prasadam. In the evening, sandhya aarti is performed afore alms aliment to the murtis. The sadhus put the murtis to blow by adorning them with night garments. Shayana aarti is performed at this time. Chamber doors are bankrupt if aliment is getting offered and if the murtis are put to rest. The aggregation gathers for account assemblies in the haveli. Angelic hymns are articulate and airy discourses accoutrement article in Hindu scriptures are conducted. In addition, there is a advanced spectrum of activities for youths, such as Hinduism classes, Indian music classes and Gujarati accent training. Further, administration seminars and conferences captivated over academy intersessions animate youths to yield an alive role in their association and mandir activities. Youths get circuitous in the commemoration of aloft Hindu festivals by allowance

adapt the contest and as well singing angelic hymns, assuming acceptable dances and carrying airy discourses and speeches in the commemoration assemblies. Some of the aloft festivals acclaimed annually cover Ram Navmi, Janmashtami, Shivratri, Holi, Ganesh Chaturthi and Diwali. Marking the Hindu New Year, Diwali is one of the grandest Hindu festivals, and attracts abounding visitors and admirers to the mandir.

MOTHER TEMPLE OF BESAKIH, BALI, INDONESIA

Pura Besakih is a temple circuitous in the apple of Besakih on the slopes of Mount Agung in eastern Bali, Indonesia. It was congenital on the south slopes of Mount Agung, the arch abundance of Bali. It is the a lot of important, the better and holiest temple of Hindu admiration in Bali, and one of a alternation of Balinese temples. Perched about 1000 meters up the ancillary of Gunung Agung, it is an all-encompassing circuitous of 23 abstracted but accompanying temples with the better and a lot of important getting Pura Penataran Agung. The temple is congenital on six levels, terraced up the slope. The access is an formed by a Candi Bentar (split gateway), and above it the Kori Agung is the aperture to the additional courtyard. The absolute origins of the temple are not bright but it about absolutely dates from aged times. The rock bases of Pura Penataran Agung and several added temples resemble megalithic stepped pyramids, which date aback at atomic 2000 years. It was absolutely acclimated as a Hindu abode of adoration from 1284 if the aboriginal Javanese conquerors acclimatized in Bali. By the 15th century, Besakih had become a accompaniment temple of the Gelgel dynasty. Pura Besakih is a circuitous fabricated up of twenty-three temples that sit on alongside ridges. It has stepped terraces and flights of stairs which arise to a amount of courtyards and brick gateways that in about-face advance up to the capital acme or Meru structure, which is alleged Pura Penataran Agung. All this is accumbent forth a alone arbor and advised to advance the airy being advancement and afterpiece to the abundance which is advised sacred. The capital altar of the circuitous is the Pura Penataran Agung. The allegorical centermost of the capital altar is the lotus head or padmasana, which is accordingly the ritual focus of the absolute complex. It dates to about the seventeenth century. A alternation of eruptions of Mount Agung in 1963, which dead about 1,700 humans as well threatened Pura Besakih. The bedrock flows absent the temple circuitous by simple meters. The extenuative of the temple is admired by the Balinese humans as miraculous, and a arresting from the gods that they admired to authenticate

their ability but not abort the cairn the Balinese affectionate had erected.

Each year there are at atomic seventy festivals captivated at the complex, aback about every chantry celebrates a anniversary anniversary. This aeon is based on the 210-day Balinese Pawukon agenda year. It had been nominated as a Apple Ancestry Website as aboriginal as 1995, but charcoal unvested. Visitors to this temple should exercise attention as there is a syndicate operating in and about the apriorism of this temple. They ambition tourists by alms a compulsory “tour guide” at absonant charges. They as well accomplish “prayers” and appeal for tips at the end of the “tour”. Visitors who abatement their “services” are dealt with rather aggressively.,

SUN TEMPLE, MULTAN, PAKISTAN

The Sun Temple of Multan, as well accepted as the Aditya Sun Temple, was an age-old Hindu temple committed to Surya as well alleged Aditya, which was amidst in the city-limits of Multan, now in Punjab, Pakistan. The aboriginal Sun Temple at Multan is said to accept been congenital by Samba, son of Krishna, to accretion abatement from the affection of his leprosy. The Sun Temple is as well mentioned by Greek Admiral Skylax, who anesthetized through the breadth in 515 BC. Multan, beforehand accepted as Kashyapapura, and its temple are as well mentioned by Herodotus. Hsuen Tsang is said to accept visited the temple in 641 AD, and declared an idol of the Sun God fabricated of authentic gold with eyes fabricated from abounding red rubies. Gold, argent and gems were abundantly acclimated in its doors, pillars and shikhara. Bags of Hindus consistently went to Multan to adoration the Sun God. Hsuen Tsang is as well said to accept apparent several devadasis (“dancing girls”) in the temple. Travelers like Hsuen Tsang, Istakhari and others, mentioned added idols in their travelogue, adage that that the idols of Shiva and Buddha were as well installed in the temple.

After the acquisition of Multan by the Umayyad Caliphate in the 8th aeon AD, beneath the administration of Muhammad bin Qasim, the Sun Temple became a antecedent of abundant assets for the Muslim government. Muhammad bin Qasim ‘made bound of the custodians of the budd, calculation 6000’ and looted its wealth, sparing the idol – which was fabricated of wood, covered with red covering and two red rubies for its eyes and cutting a gem-studded gold acme – ‘thinking it best to leave the idol breadth it was, but blind a section of cow’s beef on its abutting by way of mockery’.

Muhammd bin Qasim congenital a abbey abutting to the temple, the a lot of awash abode in the centre of the bazaar. Later, the temple was as well acclimated a acceding dent to bribery any Hindu kings branch appear Multan. Whenever a Hindu baron was about to invade, the Muslim adjudicator would abuse to abort the idol, which allegedly fabricated the Hindu baron withdraw. Al-Baruni visited Multan in the 10th Aeon AD and larboard a aglow description of it; however, the temple is said to accept been assuredly destroyed by Mahmud of Ghazni in 1026 AD. Al-Baruni wrote that the temple in Multan was never visited by Hindu pilgrims in the 11th aeon because it was absolutely destroyed by that time and never rebuilt.

MUNNESWARAM TEMPLE, CHILAW, SRILANKA

Munneswaram temple is anchored in Munneswaram village, the centermost of the airy and religious activity of the humans abode in a medieval authoritative analysis alleged Munneswaram Pattuva ("Munneswaram division"). For a lot of of the temple's existence, Munneswaram Pattuva has had over 60 villages for which Maradankulama provided political leadership. The Pattuva belonged to an even bigger medieval analysis alleged Demala Pattuva disqualified by semi-independent Tamil chiefs accountable to Sinhalese kingdoms. The authoritative celestial is alleged Sri Munnainathar ("Lord of antiquity" alluding to its age-old roots) and the goddess is alleged Sri Vativampika Devi ("goddess of admirable form" accession name for Mother goddess Ambal). The temple has historically been associated with the adjacent pearling and fishing boondocks of Chilaw, as able-bodied as the landed elite of the surrounding villages who provided the assets to advance the temple. Adjacency to the trading routes and to the anchorage provided an befalling for manual of account and humans from India to Sri Lanka. The Pattuva has abounding temples committed to the college echelons of Hindu or Buddhist deities, and to apple guardian deities such Ayyanar or Ayyanayake, Viramunda, Kadavara and Bandara. Anthropologist Rohan Bastin speculates that the capital Siva temple was already a accessory chantry committed to apple guardian celestial Munisvaran that was adapted into a aloft Siva temple due to aristocratic patronage. The temple was already an accustomed temple by the 11th aeon CE, as it had issued bill by then. The temple began beneath the advocacy of Pattuva chiefs and was allegedly complete during the aboriginal allotment of the 10th aeon CE. A bear transported traders, pilgrims and chroniclers such as Ibn Battuta from Tenavaram temple, Tevan Thurai to the Chera and Chola kingdoms of Tamilakam, endlessly

at Puttalam of the Jaffna commonwealth and sailing the Gulf of Mannar during the 14th aeon CE. The Siva temple is historically accurate in grants and in bounded literature. The Kali temple is a accepted abracadabra and cursingshrine associated with beastly sacrifices and spirit possession. Spirit control of admirers was acclaimed by the Jesuit priests who larboard abaft annal of it in the 16th century. The temple committed to the Sinhala celestial Ayyanayake (Ayyanar to the Tamils) is administered by a bounded Sinhalese family. The Buddhist temple Pushparamaya Vihara is a post-19th aeon CE addition. The Ganesha temple, amidst to the south west of the capital temple is the newest amidst the Hindu temples and was congenital during the aboriginal 19th aeon by artisans from South India.

The Munneswaram temple is able-bodied accepted for its commemoration of Navaratri and Sivarathri functions. Navaratri lasts for nine canicule and is committed to assorted aspects of the authoritative goddess, admitting Sivarathri is committed to Siva. Both these functions primarily allure Hindus to the temple. The anniversary Munneswaram commemoration is an important allotment of the temple agenda and it attracts Hindus, Buddhists, Catholics and even Muslims. Until the 1830s the commemoration lasted up to 18 canicule but aback the 1960s it lasts for 28 canicule in the months of August and September. The commemoration begins with the hoisting of the temple flag. This is followed by 13 canicule of centralized temple processions conducted in the alien pathways of the Siva temple. On anniversary day of the festival, the images of Ganesha, Skanda, and the authoritative accompaniment goddess are paraded about the temple. Bounded Pattuva apple celestial temples as well accept festivals that accompany with the anniversary festival. Villagers acceptance to Maradankulama and Uddappu sponsor a day anniversary of the 28-day festival.

Devotees appointment the temple to appear the circadian pujas and accomplish their offerings. Booths are erected alfresco for the auction of food, drink, brassware, pottery, bolt and angelic images. On the penultimate day of the commemoration there is a procession, if the angel of the goddess is placed aloft a huge board agent and pulled about the temple by devotees. On the final day of the festival, two abounding chariots are fatigued by the admirers to the Deduru oya, a bounded river for the thirtham ("holy bath") commemoration if the images are biconcave into the river. At the aforementioned time bags of admirers as well jump into the river. Afterwards the angelic bath, the advance goes back to the temple forth a avenue through Chilaw, accompanied by acceptable Nadeswaram and Thavil musicians. The advance again passes the Ayyanayake and Kali temples above-mentioned to entering the capital temple.

DHAKESHWARI NATIONAL TEMPLE, DHAKA, BANGLADESH.

The Dhakeshwari temple was congenital in the 12th aeon by Ballal Sen, a baron of the Sena dynasty, and abounding say the city-limits was alleged afterwards this temple.[2] The accepted architectural appearance of the temple cannot be anachronous to that aeon because of the abundant repairs, renovations and rebuilding which accept taken abode over time. It is advised a capital allotment of Dhaka's cultural heritage. Abounding researchers [who?] say that the temple is as well one of the Shakti Peethas, breadth the jewel from the acme of the Goddess Sati had fallen. Although there is not abundant actual ambience to authorize this as a fact, advisers were directed to this website while aggravating to locate the accurate Shakti Peetha. Aback ages, the temple has been captivated in abundant importance. The aboriginal 800-year-old bronze was taken to Kumartuli, Kolkata, West Bengal, India. There charcoal the replica of aboriginal idol in Dhaka. The temple was added damaged during the Muslim mob attacks of 1989-90. It is broadly believed that the Queen, wife of Baron Bijoy Sen went to Langolbond for bathing. While advancing aback she gave bearing to a son, accepted to historians as Ballal Sen. Afterwards ascendance to the throne, Ballal Sen congenital this temple to acclaim his birthplace. Legends say that Ballal Sen already dreamt of the deity covered beneath the jungle. Ballal Sen baldheaded the celestial from there and congenital a temple, alleged for Dhakeswari. Whatever the legends describe, Hindu religious accede Dhakeswari to be the authoritative celestial of Dhaka, which is an apotheosis or anatomy of Goddess Durga the Adi Shakti. The idol of Durga is alleged Dhakeswari . It was acutely damaged during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, and over bisected of the temple's barrio was destroyed. The capital adoration anteroom was taken over by the Pakistan Army and acclimated as an ammunitions

accumulator area. Several of the temple custodians were bent and dead by the Army admitting most, including the Head Priest, fled to their affiliated villages and to India and accordingly able death. Afterwards that aggregate was destroyed of Dhakeswari temple at the time of anarchism on aphorism of Ershad admiral of Bangladesh at 1990 except the alien slough.

CONCLUSION

Religion agency a thousand words. The religions all over the apple are so assorted that it gave bearing to amazing structures alleged temples. Temples accept been congenital back ages and abounding new ones accessible their doors any time. However these age-old temples congenital millenniums ago by humans who are adoration and accept arrangement are no best practiced. These masterpieces are a part of the oldest manmade structures begin on apple that are the accurate symbols of our glorious- accomplished and present. But present action of the temples is adverse the problems like encroachment, insecurity, priests scam, bribery and abuse etc.

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