

Khajuraho (1/17/2008 to 1/21/2008)

The temples of Khajuraho are famous for their intricate and graceful carving but even more so for the sexual nature of that carving. The temples, dating from the 950 to 1050 AD, were forgotten, obscured by the jungle until their rediscovery in the early 19th century. Their remote location and abandonment spared them the vandalism that so many other Northern Indian temples suffered at the hands of successive waves of Muslim invaders. Today the place is a tourist village, with guesthouses, hotels, restaurants, and craft shops, lining the road that leads to the temples. Hiking to some of the temples further a field one passes through fields and more authentic villages making it a pleasant place to stay despite the heavily touristy nature of the village.



**Lakshmana temple,
Khajuraho.**



**Devi Jagadamba temple,
Khajuraho.**



**Western group,
Khajuraho.**



Vishvanath temple, Khajuraho.



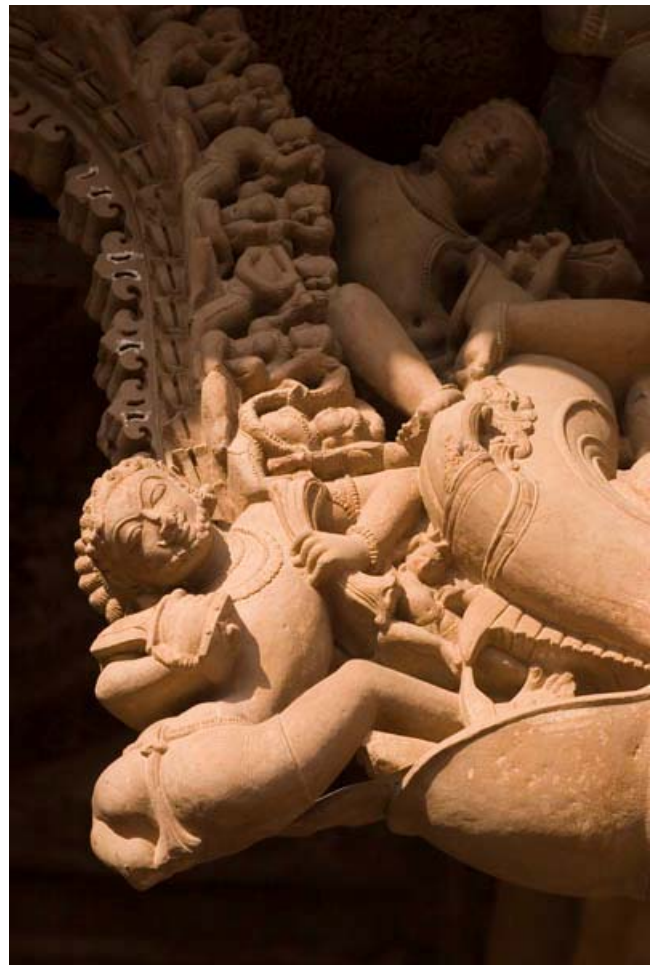
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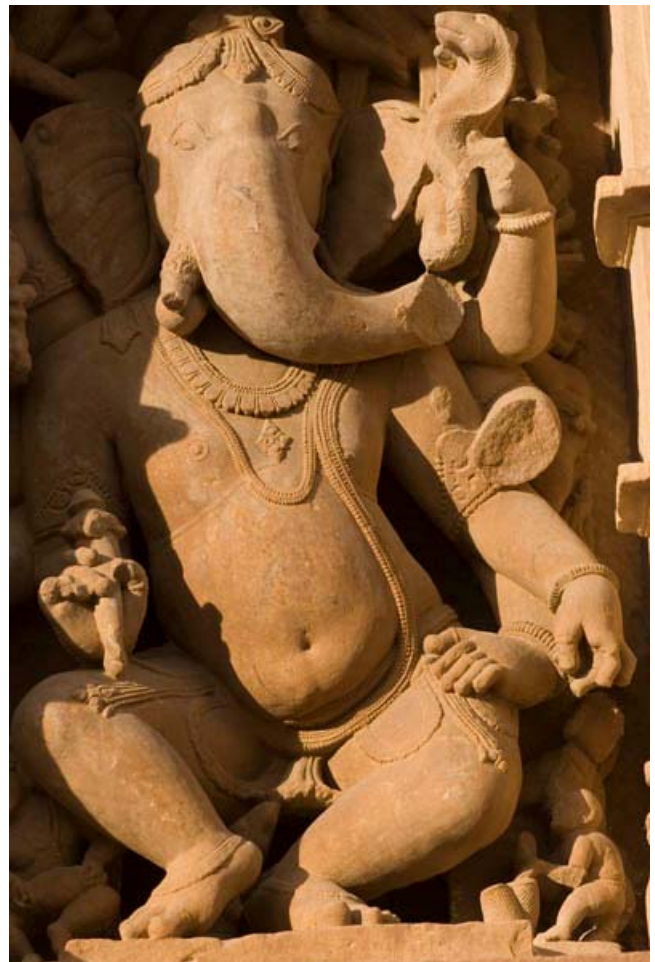
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Ganesh, Khajuraho.



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Vishvanath temple, Khajuraho.



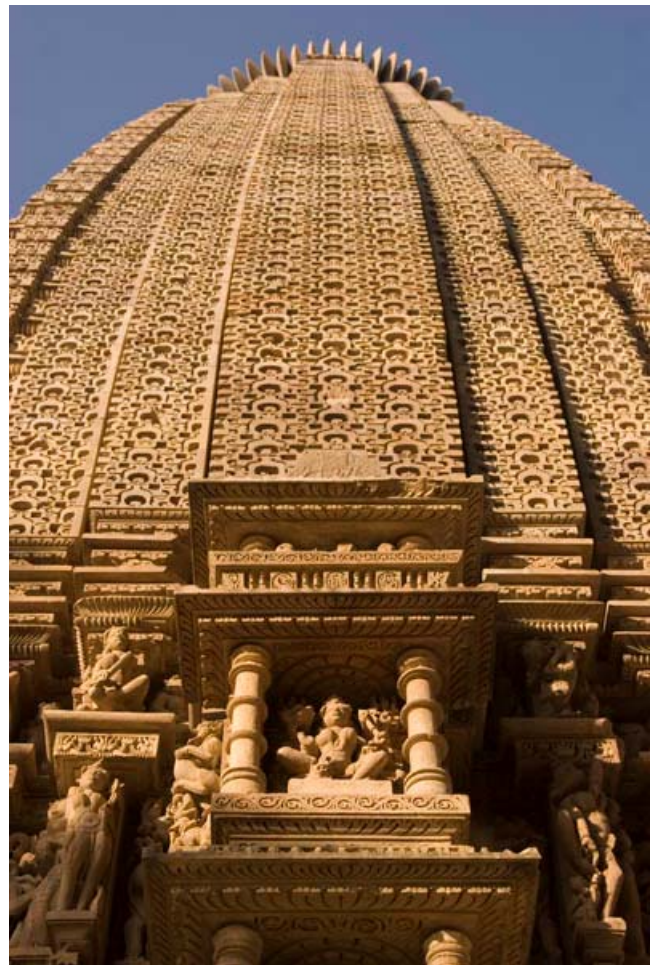
Ghantai temple, Khajuraho.



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Vishnu, Chaturbhuja Temple, Khajuraho.



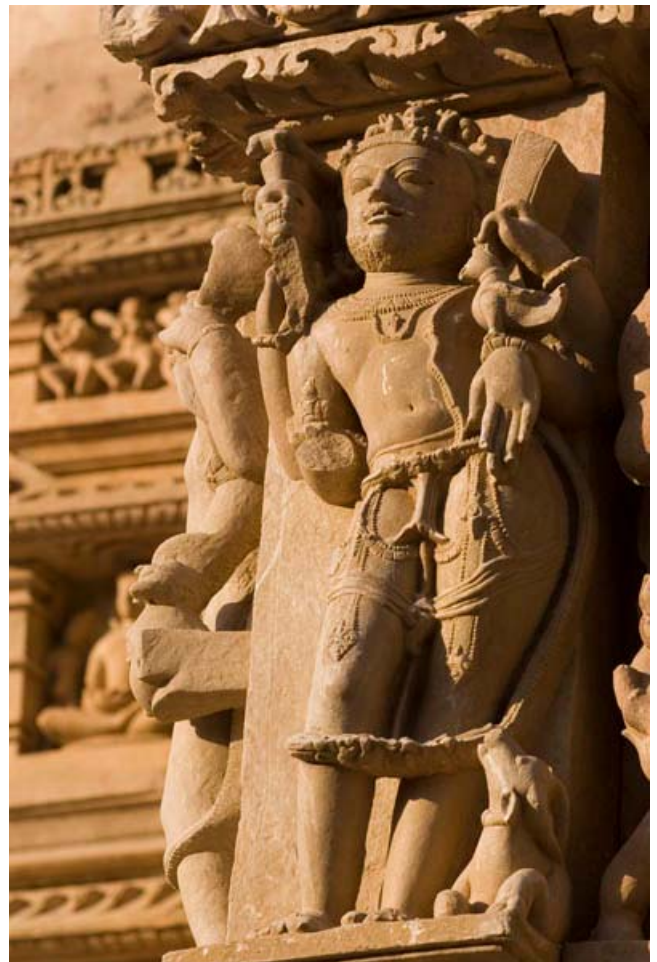
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Woman applying henna to her foot, Parsvanath Jain temple, Khajuraho.



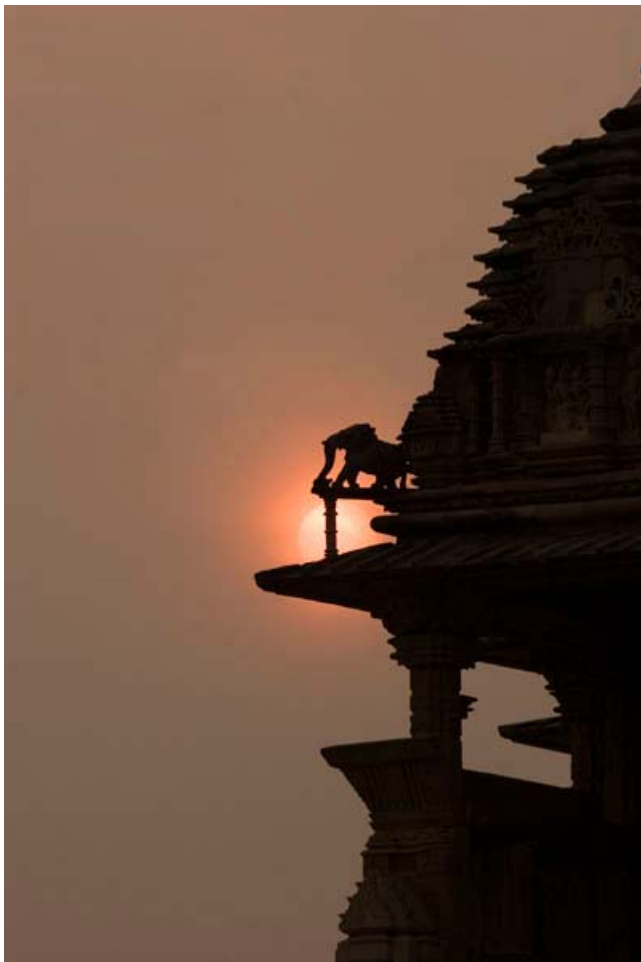
Parsvanath Jain temple, Khajuraho.



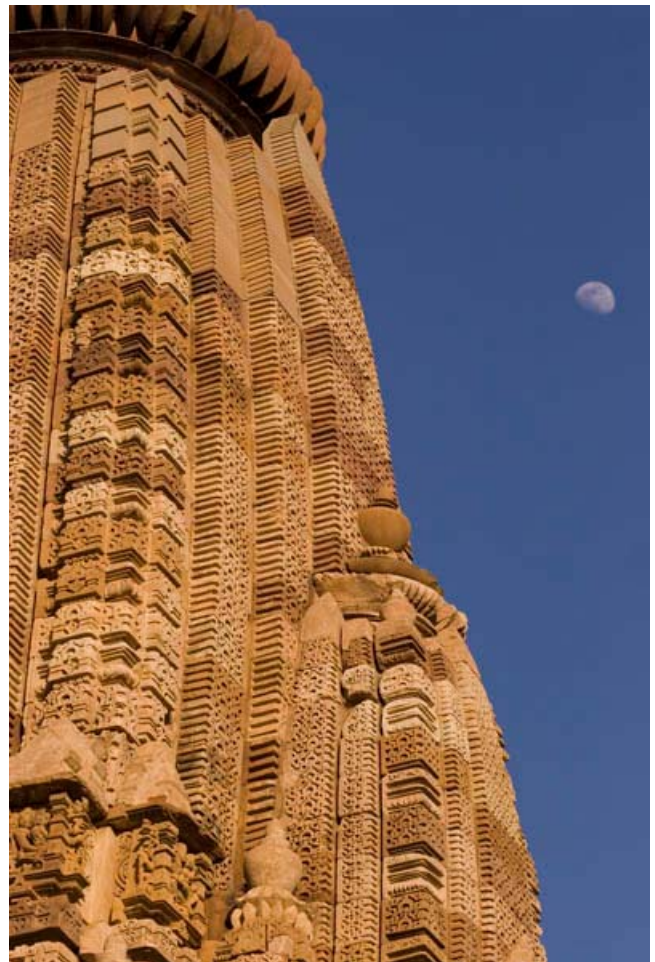
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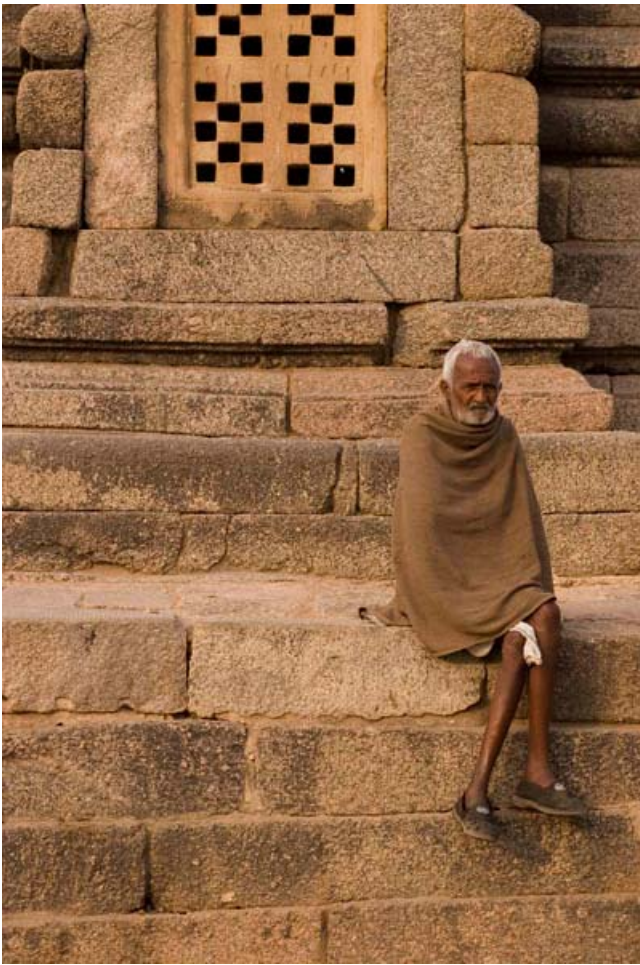
**Muslim festival,
Khajuraho.**



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**There is a water shortage in the area due
to years of drought, here, water containers
waiting to be filled , Khajuraho.**



“Brahma” temple (although not really dedicated to Brahma), Khajuraho.



Caged bird, Khajuraho.