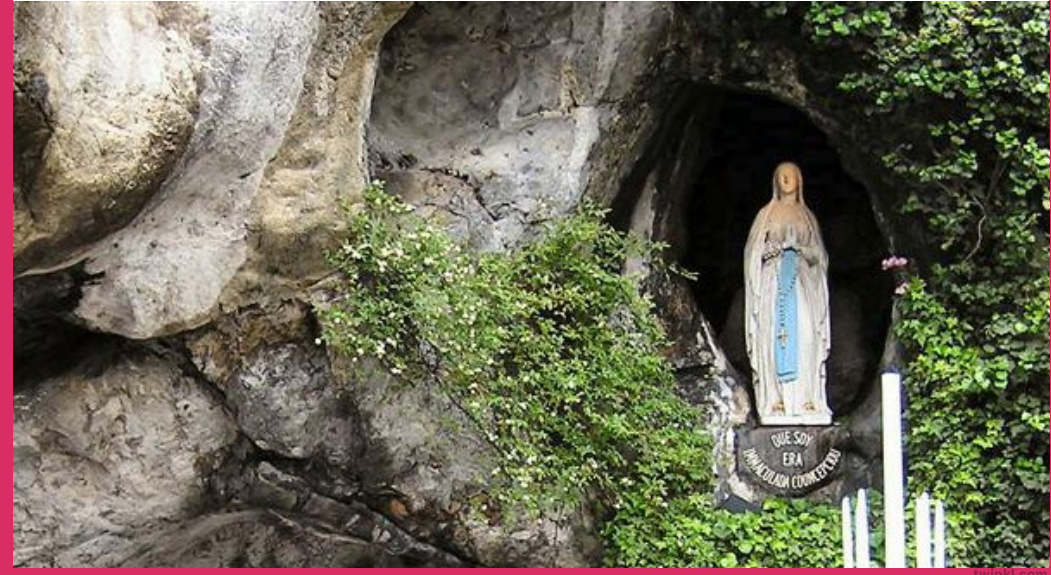


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The grotto and spring at Lourdes is located in nearby Massabielle.

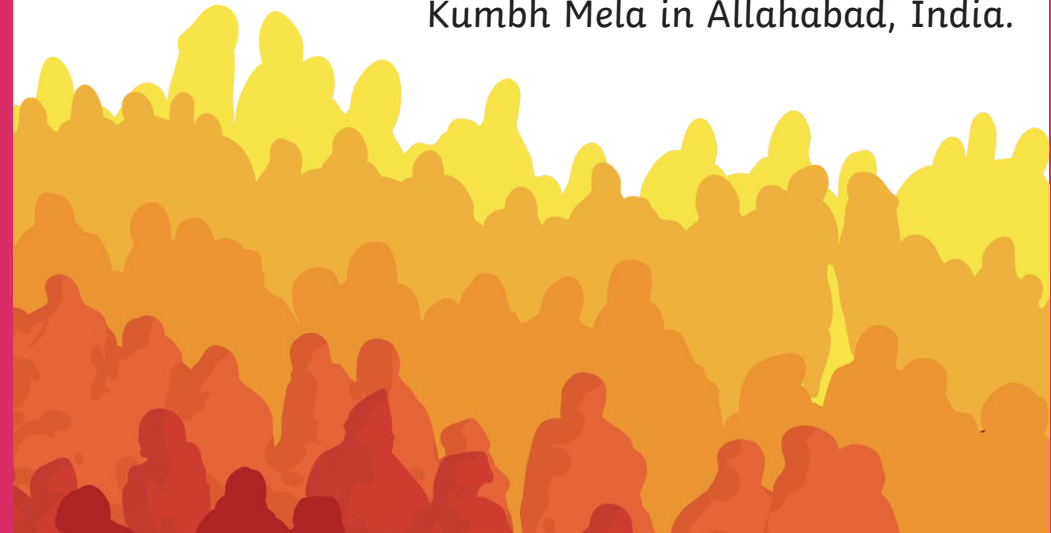


Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City,

is the most visited pilgrimage shrine in the Christian world.



Approximately **120 million** pilgrims attended the 2013 Kumbh Mela in Allahabad, India.

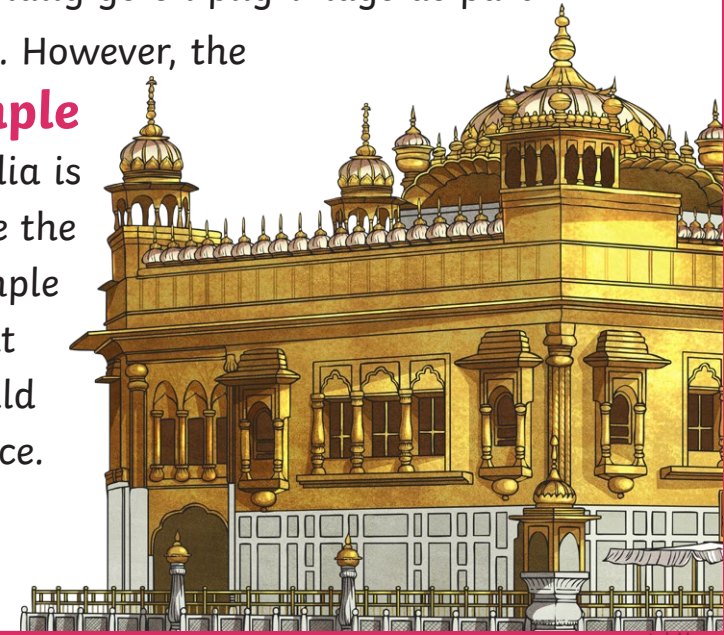




The Kumbh Mela Festival is celebrated **four times** over a period of **twelve years** at four sites.

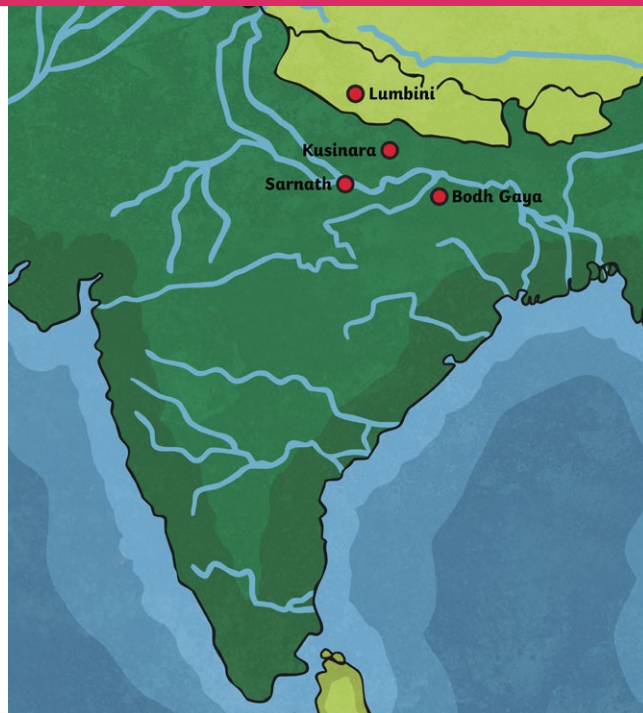
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Sikhs don't officially go on pilgrimage as part of their religion. However, the **Golden Temple** in Amritsar, India is considered to be the holiest Sikh temple and a place that most Sikhs would visit at least once.

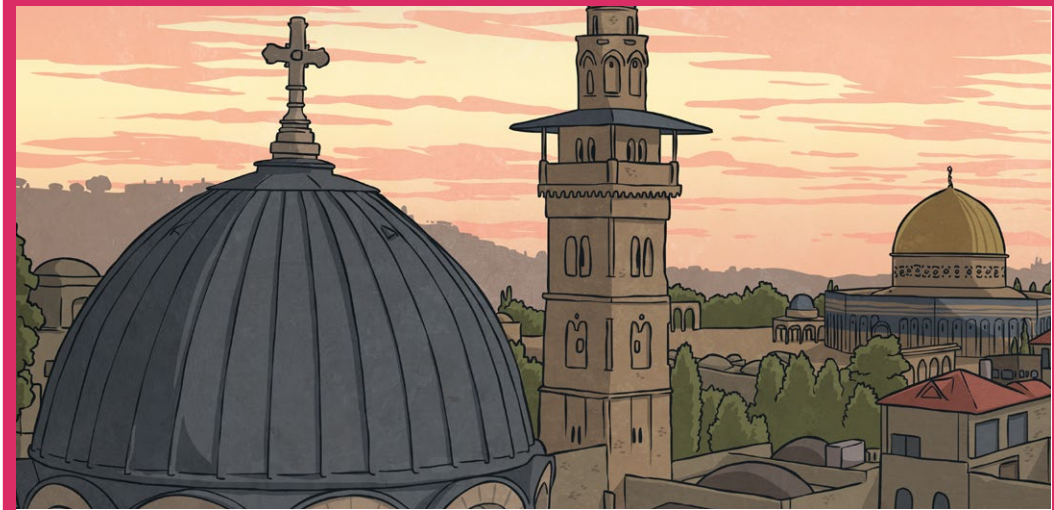


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Gautama Buddha identified four sites of pilgrimage for his followers: **Lumbini, Bodh Gaya, Sarnath and Kusinara.** The other four pilgrimage sites became important after his death.



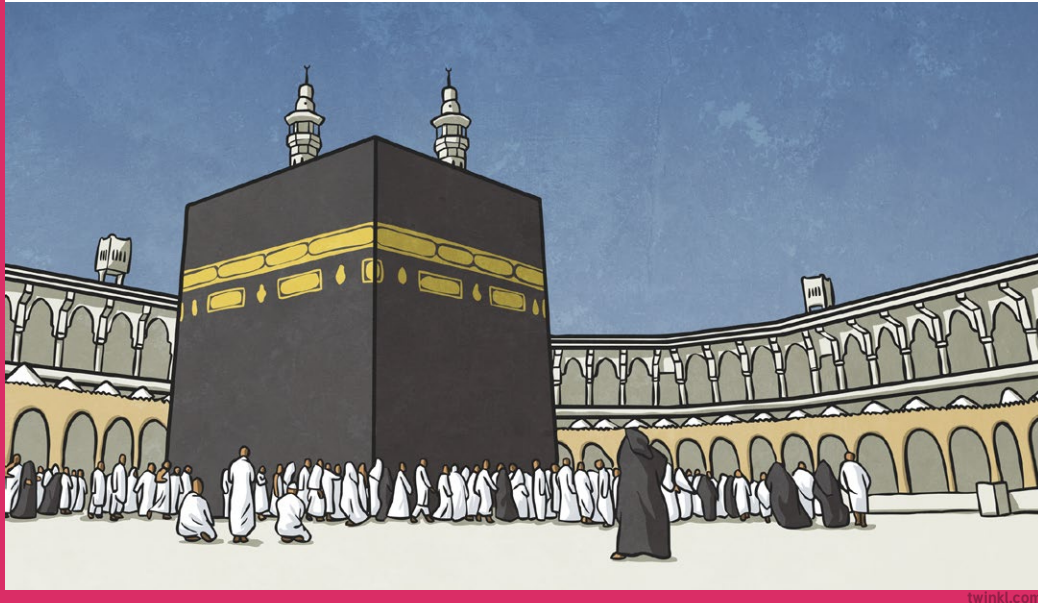
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Jerusalem has been considered a sacred site in Judaism for 3000 years, Christianity for 2000 years and Islam for 1400 years.

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The Hajj takes place over **10 days** in total.



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'The Canterbury Tales' is a book written by Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century. It was one of the first books to be written in English and was about a group of pilgrims travelling from London to Canterbury.

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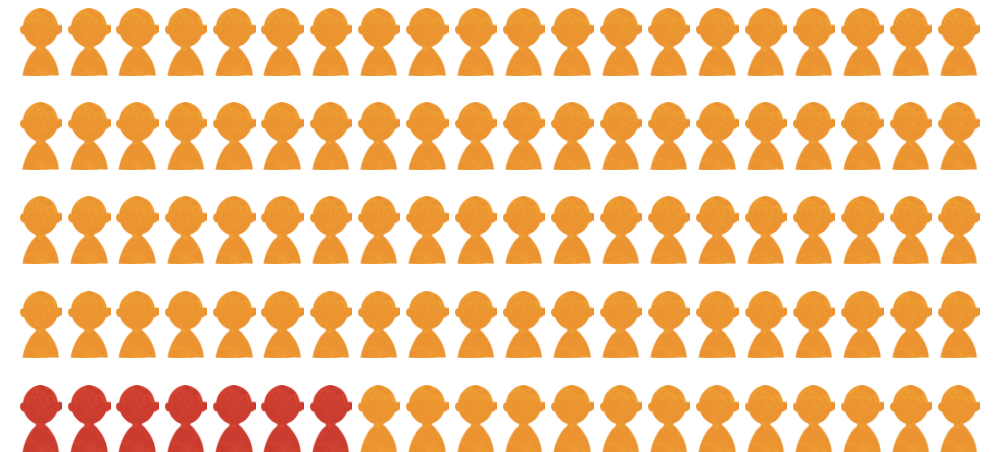
Canterbury Cathedral

is one of the most important places of pilgrimage in England as it contains the shrine of Saint Thomas Becket.



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Around 100 million people go on pilgrimage every year.
That is 7% of the world's population!



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