

# Pagodas and Temples in Sri Lanka

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## What is a pagoda?

- A pagoda is a Buddhist temple or sacred building.
- A pagoda is a tiered tower with multiple layers or slabs.
- These pagodas have many levels and roofs.
- Pagodas are used as a house of worship.
- Most pagodas were built to keep memories of the Buddha.
- Different names for pagodas: Stupa, Dageba, Vihara, Chaithya, Shrine.

## Three types of pagodas:

- The bodily relics. Relics are the parts or remains of the Buddha's body.
- The great Bhodi Tree
- All images of the Buddha. All the statues of Buddha.

## Buddhist temples in Sri Lanka:

- The temple of the Buddha's tooth relic.
- The temple of the Bodhi tree.
- The temple of the Buddha's footprint.

