

Spiritual Tour of Gujarat



Prices start from : £ 699

Travel between : 01 Oct 18 and 31 Oct 18

Rating : 0 Star Icon

Board Basis : Bed & Breakfast

Duration : 12 nights

Book by : 25 Sep 18

Includes : 12 nights accommodation as per itinerary

All transfer, sightseeing and excursion by airconditioned Tempo Traveller

Entrance fees to the monuments

Local English speaking guide cum escort throughout the tour (Ahmedabad to Ahmedabad) Daily Mineral Water x 2 Bottles (500 ml)

Detailed Itinerary :

Highlights: Ahmedabad - Rajkot - Dwarka - Somnath - Bhavnagar - Palitana - Vadodara

Alternate Travel Dates: 15 Nov 18 - 15 Dec 18/ 15 Jan 19 - 31 Mar 19

Hotels:

Ahmedabad - Hotel Le Grande Residency 3*

Rajkot - Regenta Central Rajkot 3*

Dwarka - Regenta Inn The Dwarka 3*

Somnath - Regenta Central Somnath 4*

Bhavnagar - Top3 Lords Resort Bhavnagar 3*
Vadodara - Royal Orchid Central 4*

Itinerary:

Day 1: Ahmedabad

Upon arrival at Ahmedabad airport welcome, meet and assist by our representative and transfer to Hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 2: Ahmedabad

Morning proceed for city tour of Ahmedabad visiting 'Akshardham' literally means the divine abode of God. It is an eternal place for one to offer devotion and experience everlasting peace. Swaminarayan Akshardham at Gandhinagar is a mandir – a Hindu house of worship, a dwelling place for God, and a spiritual and cultural campus dedicated to devotion, education and unification. Timeless devotional messages and vibrant Hindu traditions are echoed in its art and architecture. The mandir is a humble tribute to Bhagwan Swaminarayan (1781- 1830) and the avatars, devas and sages of Hinduism. This traditionally-styled complex was inaugurated on October 30th, 1992 with the blessings of HH Pramukh Swami Maharaj and through the devoted efforts of skilled artisans and volunteers. The Iskcon Temple one of the biggest temple Huthisinhg Temple – is the best known Jain temple in Ahmedabad. It was constructed in 1848. The temple architect was Premchand Salat. Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 3: Ahmedabad

After breakfast excursion of Modhera and Patan.

Sun Temple Modhera is known for the 11th century Sun temple. The 11th century Sun temple is situated on a knoll in Modhera. The Sun Temple was built by King Bhimdev I in 1026-27 AD, two centuries before the Sun Temple at Konark. This temple is one of the finest Hindu temples in Gujarat, built by the great Solanki dynasty. This temple and the Konark Sun temple in Orissa are very similar. This similarity is that this temple was also designed in such a way so as to let the dawn sun shine on the image of Surya, at the time of equinoxes. The main hall and shrine are reached through a complex, pillared pavilion. Also visit Patan Return back to Ahmedabad for an Overnight stay.

Day 4: Ahmedabad to Rajkot by surface (Approx. 220 Kms, 4 Hrs)

In the morning after breakfast, you will drive to Rajkot. Upon arrival at Rajkot, check in at Hotel. Afternoon visit Kaba Gandhi No Delo – Karamchand Gandhi, the father of the Mahatma was appointed the diwan of Rajkot state and resided in what is today known as Kaba Gandhi no Delo, located just off the busy Gheekantha Road.

The house offers a pictorial tour of Mahatma's life with bilingual captions . An NGO runs classes in sweing and embroidery for young girls within the premises & Baps Swaminarayan Temple. Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 5: Rajkot to Dwarka by surface (Approx. 235 Kms, 5 Hrs)

After breakfast check out from Hotel and drive from Rajkot to Dwarka Upon arrival at Dwarka, check in at Hotel.

Afternoon visit Dwarkadish Temple

– The main temple at Dwarka, situated on Gomti creek is known as Jagat Mandir (universal shrine) or trilok sundar (the most beautiful in all the three worlds). Originally believed to be built by Vajranabh, the great grandson of Lord Krishna, more than 2500 years ago, it is a glorious structure seeming to rise from the waters of the Arabian Sea.

Timing : Morning 7.00 to Afternoon 12.30 and Evening 5.00 to 9.30.

Rukmani Temple

– The exterior of the Rukmini Temple is richly carved. It has a panel of sculpted naratharas (human figures) and a panel of sculpted gajatharas (elephants) at the base. The traditional spire of the main shrine contrasts strongly with the hemispherical dome of the pavilion & Bet Dwarka. Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 6: Dwarka

After breakfast city tour visiting Nageshwar Jyotirling, Bet Dwarka And Sudama Temple.

Nageshwar Temple – Located on the route between Dwarka city and Beyt Dearka island on the coast of Saurashtra in Gujarat is this important Lord Shiva Temple, It is enshrined by one of the 12 swayambhu (self-existent) Jyothirlingas in the world Beyt Dwarka, also known as Beyt Shankhodhar is a small island and was the main port in the region before the development of Okha. Most of the archaeological ruins excavated here and religious manuscripts correspond with Beyt Dwarka as the original abode of Lord Krishna. Overnight Stay In Dwarka.

Day 7: Dwarka to Somnath by surface (Approx. 250 Kms, 5 Hrs)

After breakfast drive to Somnath, visiting Kirti Mandir In Porbandar, Bhalka Tirth, Triveni Ghat And Somnath Temple - The principal temple of Somnath is believed to have been built in gold by the moon god Soma, in silver by the sun god Ravi, in wood by Krishna and in stone by the Solanki Rajputs in the 11th century. The present temple, built in 1951, is the seventh reconstruction on the original site. Tales of its riches attracted a series of invasions, but each time the temple was invaded, it was restored to its original glory by devout Hindu worshipers. The temple's imposing architecture includes intricate carvings, silver doors, an impressive Nandi idol and the central shivalinga. Overnight Stay In Somnath.

Day 8: Somnath to Bhavnagar by surface (Approx. 300 Kms, 6 Hrs)

After breakfast check out from Hotel and drive from Somnath to Bhavnagar. Upon arrival at Bhavnagar, check in at Hotel. Later visit Vilbhi Puram, Niskalank Koliyak Mahadev Temple. Overnight stay at Bhavnagar.

Day 9: Same day Excursion to Palitana

Palitana located 51 km south west of Bhavnagar is known for being the largest cluster of Jain temples. There are in total 863 temples from base to the peak of the Shatrunjaya hill, where the Palitana temples are located. The path is climbed

through 3950 steps spanning 3.5 km up the Shatrunjaya Hills. The construction of temples of Palitana spanned over a period of 900 years and was structured in two phases. From the 11th to 12th centuries AD as a part of the resurgence of temple building all over India, the first phase of temple architecture was constructed. The second phase followed later, from the 16th century AD onwards. Muslim invaders destroyed some of the earliest temples built in the 11th century AD, during the 14th and 15th centuries AD. No one person can be attributed for the construction of these magnificent temples rather it was the effort of the wealthy businessmen who were followers of Jainism. Return back to Bhavnagar for an Overnight stay.

Day 10: Bhavnagar to Vadodara by surface (Approx. 200 Kms, 4-5 Hrs)

Today you will drive from Bhavnagar to Vadodara. Upon arrival at Vadodara, check in at Hotel. Afternoon city tour of Baroda.

EME Temple – (closed on Sunday) Unique in concept and design the EME temple is a geodesic structure covered with aluminum sheets. Run entirely by the army authorities. (if time permits) (0930 am to 0500 pm).

Later visit Sayaji Baug Clock - (the famous park) is situated on river Vishwamitri and was built by Sayajirao III in 1879. Sprawling over 113 acres, it also includes an excellent zoo, the Baroda Museum and Picture Gallery, the Museum of Health and Hygiene and the Sardar Patel Planetarium. A major attraction for children is the 3.5 kms joy ride through the park on the toy train. Sayaji Baug (the famous park) is situated on river Vishwamitri and was built by Sayajirao III in 1879. It also includes an excellent Zoo, the Baroda Museum and Picture Gallery Kirti Mandir – or temple of fame, is the cenotaph of the Gaekwads. It was built by Maharaja Sayaji Rao to perpetuate the glorious memory of his beloved ancestors. Overnight stay at Vadodara.

Day 11: Same day excursion of Dakorji

Early morning proceed to visit Dakorji - The main temple, enclosed by a fort wall, is situated near the bank of the holy lake Gomti in the midst of the main bazaar of Dakor. The temple is covered with 8 domes and 24 turrets, with the central dome reaching a height of 27m. Crowned with a golden kalash and a white silken flag, this temple is the tallest in the district. Though not very rich in carving, the main cupola derives its influence from the Maharashtrian style of temple architecture. The main hall features paintings depicting events in Lord Krishna's life. Open from 6am-12 noon and 4pm-7pm daily Return back to Vadodara for an Overnight stay.

Day 12: Vadodara to Ahmedabad by surface (Approx. 120 Kms, 3 Hrs)

After breakfast check out from Hotel and drive from Vadodara to Ahmedabad. Upon arrival at Ahmedabad, check in at Hotel. Rest of the day at leisure and Overnight stay at Hotel.

Day 13: Depart Ahmedabad

Breakfast at Hotel.

1200 Noon Standard check out time.

Transfer from Hotel to Ahmedabad airport.