



Superb Saurashtra Tour

7 Night / 8 Days

Jamnagar, Dwarka, Somnath, Rajkot and Ahmedabad

Departure City : Ahmedabad



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Tour Highlights

No of days: 7 Nights/8 Days

No of Pax:

Overview of the trip:

- Day 1: Ahmedabad – Jamnagar
- Day 2 & 3: Dwarka
- Day 4: Somnath via Porbander
- Day 5: Rajkot via Junagadh
- Day 6: Rajkot
- Day 7: Ahmedabad via Gandhinagar
- Day 8: Ahmedabad

Glimpses of the tour:

- Visit Bet Dwarka.
- Visit Somnath Temple.
- Visit Akshardham Temple.
- Visit Dwarkadeesh Temple.

Tour Description



Saurashtra Tour is popularly known as the 'Saurashtra Darshan'. Saurashtra Travel takes you to a different era altogether. Saurashtra Tourist Attractions are mainly the temples which are flooded with deities from all over India. The best of Saurashtra places to visit are Dwarka, Somnath, Rajkot Jamnagar and Palitana..

Saurashtra, as the name suggests, is indeed a region of one hundred kingdoms. It is indeed one of the most picturesque regions in Gujarat. Due to the princely history, its rich in antiquity and abundant in wealth. Well sculptured temples, forts, mosques and glittering palaces...all remind us of the glorious past. Their love for colour and artistry has touched every aspect of their lifestyle, and the handicrafts of the region enjoy the patronage of all the states of India.

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Day 1 :-ARRIVE AHMEDABAD * ON TO JAMNAGAR (313 KM/ APPROX. 8 HOUR DRIVE)

Welcome to Ahmedabad, the largest city in Gujarat. On arrival at airport / railway station in Ahmedabad, you will be met and transferred to Jamnagar. On arrival, check-in to the hotel.

The rest of the evening is at leisure for independent activities.

Overnight in Jamnagar - None (Meals on your own).

Day 2 :-ON TO DWARKA (156 KM/ APPROX. 3 HOUR DRIVE)

This morning, drive to Dwarka.

En route, visit the Lakhota Lake, liveliest in the evenings, when people relax around the lake to enjoy the breeze and a chai, kulfi, or chaat from one of the many food stands, and at night the lake is beautifully lit. Lakhota Museum, originally designed as a fort such that soldiers posted around it could fend off an invading enemy army with the lake acting as a moat, the tower known as Lakhota Palace now houses the Lakhota Museum and Bala Hanuman Temple, on the southeast corner of the lake is the Bala Hanuman temple, famous for its continuous chanting of the 'Sri Ram, Jai Ram, Jai Jai Ram', for which it is even listed in the Guinness Book of World Records. Continue to Dwarka, on arrival check in to your hotel.

Later, visit Rukmini Temple and Dwarkadeesh Temples, the main temple at Dwarka, also known as Jagat Mandir. The grandeur of the temple is enhanced by the flight of 56 steps leading to the rear side of the edifice on the side of the river Gomti. The temple is built of soft limestone and consists of a sanctum, vestibule and a rectangular hall with porches on three sides.

Overnight in Dwarka (B)

Day 3 :-IN DWARKA

Today, proceed to the Beyt Dwarka, also known as Beyt Shankhodhar, is a small island and was the main port in the region before the development of Okha. In order to get there from Dwarka, one might need to first get to Okha port jetty (32 km), by either rail or road and then take a ferry or small boat. It offers opportunities to spot dolphins, marine excursions, camping and picnicking. An enormous 500 year old temple of Shri Krishna is a 15 minute away from here. The magnificent Dandiwala Hanuman Temple is situated about 5 km east of the Beyt Dwarka's main temple.

Followed by that, visit Kachoriyu temple which is dedicated to Shri Rama. It carries sculptures of Garuda (eagle), Shankha (conch shell), Chakra (sharp circular weapon), along with the idol of Lord Hanuman at the entrance. The pond situated near the temple is called Kachoriyu Talav. Towards the eastern seashore of Beyt Dwarka, if interested one can visit the shrine of Haji Kirmani Pir, who is considered one of the important Sufi saints, hailing from Kirman, Iran. There is a Gurudwara close to it and is believed to be the birthplace of Panjpyare's Sikh saint Shri Hukamchandji.

The rest of the evening is at leisure for independent activities.

Overnight in Dwarka (B)

Day 4 :-ON TO SOMNATH VIA PORBANDAR (234 KMS / APPROX. 4 HOUR DRIVE)

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In the morning, drive to Somnath via Porbandar.

En route visit Tara Mandir Planetarium, There is an overhead round screen inside the Tara Mandir planetarium with celestial bodies depicted on it. The scientific projection of these stars and planets, with the help of special effects, adds to the interest of the viewers.

Followed by Kirti Mandir, one of the famous tourist destinations of Porbandar. This place holds great religious significance as it is said to be the birth place of Sudama, the best friend and devotee of Lord Krishna. Also visit Chowpaty, which is the famous beach of Porbandar. It is located at a kilometer's distance, from the city. Chowpaty is a white sand beach. The magnificent view of the sea, with an exotic ambiance, brings in a lot many tourists and residents to the beach. The famous Huzoor Mahal is also located along the beach. This sprawling structure resembling a European mansion is located at the end of the beach.

On arrival at Somnath, check-in to your hotel.

Later, proceed to Bhalka Tirth, at this place, Lord Krishna was mistaken for a deer and wounded by an arrow. North of this sacred spot is the Sun Temple. Proceed for Somnath temple. The legendary shore temple of Somnath is one of the twelve most sacred shrines dedicated to the Lord Shiva. The temple contains the jyotirlinga of Lord Shiva.

Overnight in Somnath (B)

Day 5 :-ON TO RAJKOT VIA JUNAGADH (181KMS / APPROX. 5HOURS)

Today, morning proceed to Rajkot via Junagadh.

En route, visit the Uparkot Fort, the oldest part of Junagadh, and the center of any visit to the city, is the upper citadel, known as Uparkot. Close by are two medieval cannons named Neelam and Manek, forged in Cairo and brought by the Turks who sailed to Saurashtra to aid in defending Diu against the Portuguese. Entry to Uparkot is open from 7am-7pm every day. Places like Jami Masjid, Adi-Kadi Vav, Buddhist caves and Navghan Kuvo are all within Uparkot.

Later to this, visit Ashok Rock Edict. This rock edict is a huge stone and the carving in Brahmi script in Pali language mention the resistance to greed and animal sacrifice and also moralize the principles of purity of thought, secularism in thinking, kindness and gratitude. The site of the edicts is open every day from 8am-6pm. The Junagadh Museum, open from 9am-12pm and 3pm-6pm every day except Wednesday, houses prehistoric stone and bone implements, 9th-century stone carvings and many bronzes, manuscripts, silverwork, glass crafts, woodcarvings, textiles and other items from the history of the area. Continue to Rajkot. On arrival, check-in to your hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight in Rajkot (B)

Day 6 :-IN RAJKOT

This morning, proceed to the notable Chamunda Mataji Temple situated at Chotila a small town exactly midway between Ahmedabad and Rajkot. Chamunda Mataji Temple is the `kuldevi` (family goddess) of most Hindus in the Saurashtra region. Chamunda is also known as Ambaji, Mahakali, Bhuvaneshwari and Chamundma. The Watson Museum at Rajkot is known for housing a huge collection of ancient and traditional artifacts. Among the exhibits of the Watson Museum in Rajkot, there are 13th century carvings, Tribal costumes, Temple statues, Silverwares, Natural history exhibits, Ancient coins, Textiles. The huge marble statue of Queen Victoria is among the precious possessions of the museum.

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Swaminarayan Temple is situated on the rapid developing Kalavad Road near Mahila College. The temple is famous for its spirituality and the humanitarian deed that it offers to the people all over the world. Naulakha Palace, this palace is one of the oldest and the most beautiful palace in Gondal. The palace is approached by the high gateway with the clock tower from the town side. There are stone carvings with exquisite balconies, fabulous pillared courtyard, delicately carved arches, and a unique spiral staircase in the palace.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight in Rajkot (B)

Day 7 :-ON TO AHMEDABAD VIA GANDHINAGAR (APPROX. 235 KMS/ 5HOURS)

Today, proceed to Ahmedabad. En route visit Gandhinagar which is one of the most planned cities in India. It is located by the shores of the River Sabarmati and is a well known tourist spot and commercial center. It is home to lots of religious, historical and cultural places. Some of the popular tourist attractions in Gandhinagar are Akshardham Gandhinagar, the most famous temple of 'Swaminarayan Sect', the richest sect in the world. The temple is built with 6000 tonnes of pink sandstone and has beautiful carvings.

Visit the Indroda Nature Park which is located at the outskirts of the city near Indroda Village. It houses both Deer Park (Hiran Udhyan) and Dinosaur Park and its one of the best tourist spot for nature lovers. The park has various animals like Deer, Wild boar, Hare, Porcupine, various reptiles, and mammals. Science City, also known as Gujarat Science city is the bold initiative undertaken by Gujarat Government to popularize science by developing scientific temper among the masses. On arrival, check-in to your hotel.

The rest of the evening is at leisure.

Overnight in Ahmedabad (B)

Day 8 :-DEPART AHMEDABAD * RETURN HOME WITH HAPPY MEMORIES (10 KMS / APPROX. ½ HOUR)

Today, bid farewell to your 'Saurashtra Darshan' tour as you are transferred to the airport / railway station in Ahmedabad for your onward journey (B)

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Hotels Details

City	Hotel	No of Nights
Jamnagar	Hotel Express Residency Or Similar	01
Dwarka	Hotel Dwarkadhish Lords Eco Inn Or Similar	02
Somnath	Hotel Lords Inn Somnath Or Similar	01
Rajkot	The Fern Residency Or Similar	02
Ahmedabad	Lemon Tree Hotel Or Similar	01

Tour Price

Valid From - 11TH JANUARY 2017 TO 30 SEPT 2018	32900/-
Per Person on Twin Sharing Basis	
Cost per person on twin sharing basis (04 Pax)	29500/-
On Triple Sharing	26500/-
Child Between (5 - 12 Yrs) with extra bed (or mattress)	11900/-
Child Between (5 - 12 Yrs) with no bed (or mattress)	8900/-
Per Person on Single Occupancy with family	36500/-
On Single Occupancy	65900/-

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Inclusions

- Accommodation in the hotels listed or similar hotels.
- Transportation Entire round trip Ex- Ahmedabad by an air-conditioned Indigo for (02-03 adults) or air-conditioned Innova for (04-06 adults) or similar as per the itinerary. Vehicle is as per the itinerary and not on disposal basis.
Meals: Daily buffet breakfast as per the itinerary.

All currently applicable taxes i.e. Hotel tax and Transportation tax.

- **Note**

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Do carry comfortable walking shoes.

Please contact our sales staff to give you best flight deals.

The hotel confirmed will be as per the brochure or an alternate hotel of similar category.

All the prices are for Indian Nationals only, unless specified.

Travel Insurance (Travel Insurance, included in our package cost is valid for age group upto 70 years only. For age group beyond 70 years, rules, terms and conditions of the insurance company will apply. The same needs to be checked on case to case basis with the insurance company).

All sightseeing is subject to weather, political conditions in the destination

It is mandatory to carry a valid photo identity card (Passport / Driving License / Voter ID card).

'PL' denotes Packed Lunch.

'EL' denotes en route Lunch.

Exclusions

- Any transport to / from Ahmedabad. Your Tour price starts Ex Ahmedabad
Air, Train or Bus fare from / to your originating city of stay, unless specified.
Any meals / en route meals unless specified.
Any rides, safaris, boating charges, additional sightseeing tours other than the mentioned under inclusions.
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