

# Gujarat Temple Tour

One of the most consecrated destinations in India, Gujarat is the land of Lord Krishna. This sacred place abodes oodles of holy temples that allow the devotees to get drenched in the spirituality in the midst of utter serenity. The sacredness of this place can be traced from the times of Mahabharata. This 04 Nights and 05 Days itinerary take the tourists to a comprehensive and pleasant tour to most famous temples of Gujarat.

The destinations included in this itinerary are Rajkot, Dwaraka, Porbandar, Veraval and Somnath. Some of the major highlights of the trip are visiting Dwarakadhish Temple, Kirti Mandir- the home of Mahatma Gandhi in Porbandar and visiting the Somnath Temple, which is among the twelve most holy shrines- Jyotirlinga, dedicated to Lord Shiva. The tour is perfect for the tourists who are spiritual at heart and want to unravel the peacefulness of Gujarat.

## **Gujarat Temple Tour Package Detailed Itinerary:**

### **Day 01: Rajkot - Dwaraka**



On arrival at the Rajkot airport in the morning, meet our representative who will take you to Dwaraka. In the evening, you will arrive in Dwaraka and check in at your already booked hotel. Later, we will leave to visit the temple and take part in the evening Aarti. An overnight stay in the hotel.

### **Day 02: Dwaraka - Porbandar**

In the morning after breakfast, we will visit the Dwarkadhish temple. After visiting the temple, we will drive to Porbandar. Porbandar is a picturesque old sea port situated on the western coast of Gujarat. It was the birth place of Mahatma Gandhi. Enjoy an overnight stay in the hotel in Porbander.

### **Day 03: Porbandar - Veraval**



After breakfast in the morning, we will visit the Kirti Mandir or the Gandhi home in Porbandar. In this the Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation was born in 1869. There are 17 rooms and three storeys in this house. After visiting the Porbandar, we will drive to Veraval and have an overnight stay in the hotel.

### **Day 04: Veraval - Somnath**

In the morning, we will drive further to visit the legendary shore temple of Somnath. This temple is one of the twelve most sacred shrines dedicated to the Lord Shiva and a Jyotirlinga. Later, return back to the hotel in Somnath for an overnight stay.

### **Day 05: Somnath - Rajkot**

Today, we will drive to the Rajkot airport to board the flight for the onwards journey.

# Detailed Itinerary for Gujarat Classical Tour:

## Day 01 : Ahmedabad (Arrival)



On arrival in Ahmedabad, get greeted by our tour representative who will transfer you to your pre-booked hotel. Check in at the hotel for a relaxing overnight stay.

## Day 02 : Ahmedabad

In the morning after breakfast, we will leave to visit the Calico Museum- primary textile museum of India, showcasing amazing artworks; Swaminarayan Temple- oldest temple of Swaminarayan. Thereafter, we will proceed to Akshardham Temple (Gandhinagar), a temple dedicated to Swaminarayan, with brilliant architecture spread over an area of 23 acres; and Adalaj Stepwell- a 'water building' (a five story well) dating back to the 15th century. Return back to the hotel by late evening and enjoy an overnight stay.

## Day 03 : Ahmedabad - Dasada



After breakfast in the morning, we will leave for Dasada. En-route, we will stop in Modhera- mainly famous for ancient Sun Temple, dedicated to Hindu's Sun God; and Patan- dotted with temples, mosques and other structures dating back to the era bygone. On arrival in Dasada, check in at your already booked hotel. In the afternoon, we will depart in jeep for little Rann of Kutch. Rann of Kutch is a salt marsh located in the Thar Desert. This is the largest salt desert of the world. By late evening, return back to the hotel for an overnight stay.

## Day 04 : Dasada - Bhuj

In the morning after breakfast, we will drive to Bhuj. En-route, we will stop at the collector office to get the permit license for visiting Banny Village (for foreigners). After visiting Bhuj's attractions like Pragmahal Palace, Aina Mahal, Bhujio Hill and Hamirsar Lake, check in at the hotel and have a pleasurable overnight stay.

## Day 05 : Bhuj

After refreshing breakfast, you reach the villages of Banny. These villages showcase and have adapted the Gujarati culture as a significant part of themselves. By evening, you return to the hotel and stay overnight.

## Day 06 : Bhuj - Rajkot



In the morning after breakfast, we will drive to Rajkot. En-route, we will halt in Morbi and Wankaner- both influenced and ornamented with European architecture and culture. By afternoon, you reach Rajkot and check in to your hotel. In a short while, we will proceed for the

sightseeing tour that includes Rotary Doll Museum. Thereafter, return back to the hotel and stay overnight.

**Day 07 : Rajkot - Sasangir**

In the morning after breakfast, check out and leave for Sasangir. On the way, we will stop at Shri Jalaram Bappa temple for Darshan and Junagarh to visit- Uparkot Fort (built by Chandra Gupt Maurya, dating back to 319 BC) and Mahaprabhuji's Baithak. Thereafter, continue our journey to Sasangir. We will reach our destination by late evening. Check in at the hotel in Sasangir and enjoy an overnight stay.

**Day 8 : Sasangir - Somnath - Diu**



After breakfast, we will leave for wildlife Safari in Sasangir National Park- covers an area of 1412 km sq and is the only home of Asiatic Lions. In the afternoon, head towards Diu and stopover in Somnath. Somnath has a temple that is the first out of the ten Shiva's Joyotirlingas. Diu is amongst the least populated districts of India and as it is a historical part of Saurashtra region, this makes it a significant place to visit. Later, reach Diu, check in at the hotel and have an overnight stay.

**Day 9 : Diu**

In the morning after breakfast, you are free to explore Diu and its famous beaches like Nagoa Beach. By late evening, return back to the hotel for an overnight stay.

**Day 10 : Diu - Bhavnagar**



Today early in the morning you can enjoy alluring view of the sunrise in the beach. Thereafter, return to the hotel for breakfast and then leave for Bhavnagar. On reaching Bhavnagar, check in to hotel room for an overnight stay.

**Day 11 : Bhavnagar - Palitana - Baroda (Vadodara)**

After early morning breakfast, we will drive to Baroda. En-route, we will stopover at Palitana. In Palitana, we will visit Shatrunjaya Temple for Darshan. Further, we will head towards Baroda. Check in at the hotel in Baroda on reaching and stay overnight.

**Day 12: Baroda (Vadodara)**

In the morning after breakfast, get ready to proceed for the city tour that may include Sayaji Bag, Nazarbaug Palace, Kirti Stambh and/ or Baroda Museum. Later, we will drive to Champaner- a historical village embellished with ancient forts, minars, mosques and other things. Following Champaner is the visit to Chotta Udaipur. By late evening, return to your hotel for an overnight stay.

**Day 13 : Baroda - Departure**

Today after breakfast, we will leave for Baroda for onward destination.