

## Temple Tour Of Gujarat

08 Days / 07 Nights

Ahmedabad, Gondal, Somnath, Dwarka, Rajkot

Gujarat offers breathtaking locations and scenic landscapes. It is also a melting pot of several civilizations resulting in a vibrant culture and a rich heritage. Gujarat is home to several architectural marvels, witnesses of its glorious history and pilgrim centers for many faiths. Finally, it is also the land of several mythological & historical figures like the legendary Krishna and Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of non-violence.



### Day: 01 Arrive Ahmedabad

Welcome to 'Temple Tour Gujarat' tour! On arrival at the Ahmedabad airport or Ahmedabad railway station (on your own), you will be transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon you will proceed on a city tour of Ahmedabad visiting Gandhi Ashram, Calico Museum, Utensils Museum, the Jami Mosque and finally Akshardham which is dedicated to Lord Swaminarayan

### Day: 02 In Ahmedabad \* Day excursion to Modhera Sun Temple & Patan

This morning proceed on an excursion to the Sun Temple at Modhera that dates back to the early 11th century. This temple has been designed in such a way that the Sun's rays illuminate the sanctum at dawn, during the time of the equinoxes. En route visit Patan that has over 100 Jain temples; the most important being the Mahavir Swami Derasar in Dhandherwad with an exquisitely carved wooden dome and the other being the Rani ki Vav, an excellent example of subterranean architecture of Gujarat.

### Day: 03 On to Gondal (265 kms / approx. 6 hrs drive)

This morning you will proceed on drive to Gondal. On arrival visit the Orchard Palace Retreat, the Virpur Jalaram Bapa Temple, Naulakha Palace, the Royal Palace and the Veri Lake that attracts cranes, pelicans, flamingoes, spoonbills and the glossy ibises. Harriers roost here in winter and floricans nest during the monsoon. Later you will check in to your hotel.

### Day: 04 On to Somnath (155 kms / approx. 4 hrs drive)

Today your journey takes you to Somnath located on the extreme southwest coast of Gujarat. On arrival you will visit the temple of Somnath, which is established as one of the twelve Shiva Jyotirlingas. The temple has a tower over 165 feet high over the main sanctum. Non-Hindus are permitted to enter the temple). Later you will check into your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### Day: 05 On to Dwarka (230 kms / approx 6 ½ hrs drive)

This morning, you will drive to Dwarka. Enroute you will visit the Kirti Mandir at Porbander, hometown of Mahatma Gandhi. Continue on your drive to Dwarka where on arrival you will check in to your hotel.

### Day: 06 In Dwarka

Today, you will enjoy a full day sightseeing visiting the temples in Dwarka and Bet Dwarka. You will see the temple of Dwarkadheesh and the temple of Rukmani, Lord Krishna's wife. Later take a ferry to Shankhoddar Island, also known as Bet Dwarka and visit the temple of Ranchhodrai and the Matsyavatar Temple. Your tour ends with a visit to the temple of Nageshwar Mahadev, one of the 12 jyotirlingas

### Day: 07 On to Rajkot (235 kms / approx 5 hrs drive)

This morning, proceed to Rajkot. In the afternoon visit the temples, the Watson Museum, Kaba Gandhi No Delo - the ancestral house where Gandhiji grew up which now houses 'Gandhi Smriti' a memorial museum and the Bhomeshvar Temple. Later you will check into your hotel. Enjoy shopping for the famous Bandhani saris, patchwork materials and silk embroidered clothes.

### Day: 08 Depart Rajkot \* Return home with happy memories

Today bid farewell to your 'Temple Tour of Gujarat', as you are transferred to the Rajkot airport or Rajkot

