

DWARKA & SOMNATH TOUR (05 DAYS)

DAY 01 – BY ROAD – 450 KMS / 09 HRS – AHMEDABAD TO DWARKA

Arrive Ahmedabad in morning & drive to Dwarka.

Dwarka is an ancient city housing one of the principal pilgrimages—the 'Dwarkadhish temple' of Hindus. According to the legend, Lord Krishna moved to this coastal town to set up a capital. Marine excavations of the Dwarka coast have revealed important evidence of the ancient city, which probably includes the 'Dwarawati' of the 'Krishna Lila'. Today, it is not only a major pilgrimage site but also a pleasant spot for a beach holiday.

Another popular place in Dwarka, part of the Dwarkadhish Temple, is Sabha Mandapa. It is a 60-pillared hall that houses almost 2500 years-old scriptures. The hall has 'Jharokhas', offering a nice view of the nearby flowing Gomati River.

Attending the evening Aarti at Dwarkadhish temple.

Overnight at hotel

DAY 02 – IN DWARKA

After breakfast, proceed to Bet Dwarka & Nageshwar temples.

Bet Dwarka: Bet is situated 30 km from Dwarka and is surrounded by sea from all sides. One can reach Bet from Dwarka through Okha by road. On reaching Okha port jetty, one can reach Bet through a little sea journey by small boat.

Nageshwar Temple, or Nagnath Temple, is located on the route between Gomati Dwarka and Bait Dwarka Island on the coast of Saurashtra, Gujarat. The Jyotirlinga enshrined in the Temple of Nagnath is known as Nageshwar Mahadev and attracts thousands of pilgrims all year. This powerful Jyotirlinga symbolizes protection from all poisons. It is said that those who pray to the Nageshwar Lingaa become free of poison. The Rudra Samhita shloka refers to Nageshwar with the phrase 'Daarukaavane Naagesham'.

The Rukmini temple, dating from 12 to 13 centuries, was built in honor of Rani Rukmani, princess of Vidharba, who was to be married to Sishupala but fled with Lord Krishna. This small temple, 1.5 kilometers north of the city, is an architectural masterpiece. The temple walls are decorated with beautiful paintings and sculptures.

Gopi Talav: This is the place where Lord Krishna used to play with his gopikas. There is a small pond where it is said that Lord Krishna used to play with the Gopika stress (Gopika women).

Overnight at hotel

DAY 03 - BY ROAD - 250 KMS / 05 HRS - DWARKA TO SOMNATH

Early morning visits the Dwarkadhish Temple and witness the Aarti.

After breakfast, drive to Somnath, visiting Porbandar end route. Porbandar, the coastal heritage town of Gujarat, is located on the Saurashtra peninsula, on the Arabian Sea. This city is described in the Skanda Purana as Sudamapuri and Ashmavati and had a flourishing trade with Africa and Arabia. To date, the spice market in Porbandar draws a huge crowd. According to the legends, this city was the main link in the great friendship between Lord Krishna and Sudama. Porbandar was established as a capital by Rana Sartanji in 1785 AD. Porbandar was the former capital of the Jethwa Rajput petty princely state.

The most impressive feature of Porbandar is the city planning, the stone buildings with ashlar masonry and rich carving, and the facades of the houses on either side of the streets, with windows and carved gateways. Porbandar is also associated with Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, as he was born here. Today, fine-quality silk and cotton are manufactured here. There are also chemical factories and cement works.

Later, visit Kirti Mandir. Kirti Mandir was the house of Mahatma Gandhi and Kasturba, his wife. This place is situated near the place where the Mahatma was born. This place is now a small museum and also has a Gandhian library and a prayer hall. Bharat Mandir is another place to visit, which houses a relief map of India and reliefs of great historical personalities who shaped India's future.

Later, continue to drive to Somnath; arrive in Somnath and transfer to your hotel.

Somnath consists of a few streets leading away from its phoenix-like temple. The rugged sea below gives it a lonely, wistful charm. Somnath is mainly known for the legendary shore temple of Somnath, which is dedicated to the Lord Shiva. The temple is an example of grit and determination and how to rise out of downfall, as the temple has been plundered and destroyed many times and re-erected again in all its glory. To be precise, it was destroyed seven times and built eight!

The legendary shore temple of Somnath is one of the twelve most sacred shrines dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple contains the Jyotirlinga of Lord Shiva. According to the legends, the Somnath temple is very old and was originally built in gold by Somraj, the Moon God. Later, it was rebuilt by Ravana in silver, then by Krishna in wood and Bhim Dev in stone. Mahmud of Ghazni, upon hearing the description of the richness of the Somnath temple by Al Biruni, an Arab traveler, visited this temple in 1024 AD. At that time, this temple had about 300 musicians, 500 dancing girls, and 300 barbers to shave off the heads of pilgrims. After a two-day battle, Mahmud destroyed the temple and carried away jewels and gold to his homeland. In all, the Somnath temple was rebuilt and destroyed eight times. This temple was finally rebuilt in 1950 with the support of Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel. The current temple was built as per the traditional designs on the original site by the sea and is a serene, symmetrical, and sinuous structure. Today, this majestic temple is a replica of the earlier temple.



Later visit Bhalka Tirth: Bhalka Tirth is situated halfway between Veraval and Somnath. At this place, Lord Krishna was mistaken for a deer and wounded by an arrow. It is here that Lord Krishna decided to leave his human form and proceed to the eternal world.

Overnight at hotel

DAY 04 - BY ROAD - 415 KMS / 08 HRS - SOMNATH TO AHMEDABAD

After breakfast drive to Ahmedabad, arrive and transfer to your hotel.

Ahmedabad, founded in the year 1411 AD, is located on the banks of the river Sabarmati and has been named after Sultan Ahmed Shah, who was primarily responsible for building it. Today, this city is known as the 'Manchester of the East', one of the highly industrialized cities in India, and is also India's textile city. Though the capital of Gujarat was shifted from Ahmedabad to Gandhinagar, it is still the second-largest industrial city in western India.

The old city of Ahmedabad is dotted with labyrinthine by-lanes called 'polls'. The exquisitely carved wooden mansions and havelis are marvelous. The city also offers a rich architectural legacy that blends Hindu and Muslim schools of architecture, stone and brick with arches, domes, and vaults, carved pillars, and trefoil designs, besides the modern buildings designed by the famous French architects Le Corbusier and Louis Kahn.

Overnight at hotel

DAY 05 - BY AIR / TRAIN - DEPART AHMEDABAD

Today in time transfer to Ahmedabad Airport / Railway Station to board your flight / train for onward journey to your next destination.

****** TOUR ENDS ******

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QUOTE SHEET

COST SHEET FOR ITINERARY - DWARKA AND SOMNATH TOUR - 05 DAYS
VALIDITY TILL 30TH SEP 2024 {EXCEPT 23 MAR TO 25 MAR (HOLI), 25 AUG TO 30 AUG (JANMASHTAMI),

STANDARD PACKAGE

CITY	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT	MEAL PLAN
Dwarka	The Grand Dwarika	Executive Deluxe	02	CP
Somnath	Marigold	Executive Deluxe	01	CP
Ahmedabad	Le Grand Residency	Executive	01	CP
TOUR COST BASED			TOUR COST	
Accommodation cost Per Double Room for 04 Nights (for 02 pax)			Rs. 10,637/- NETT.	
Extra Bed for Adult / Child			Rs. 4,393 /- NETT.	
Child Without Bed (COMPLIMENTARY FOR CHILD UPTO 5 YEARS SHARING BED WITH PARENTS)			Rs. 3,450/- NETT.	
Per Person Dinner Supplement for 04 Nights			Rs. 2,196/- NETT.	
Transportation cost based on AC Swift Dzire / Etios car as per the program			Rs. 25,961/- NETT.	
Transportation cost based on AC Toyota Crysta car as per the program			Rs. 39,000/- NETT.	

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DELUXE PACKAGE

CITY	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT	MEAL PLAN
Dwarka	Madhuvan Suites	Superior	02	CP
Somnath	Lords Inn	Deluxe	01	CP
Ahmedabad	Le Grand Residency	Executive	01	CP
TOUR COST BASED			TOUR COST	
Accommodation cost Per Double Room for 04 Nights (for 02 pax)			Rs. 12,489/- NETT.	
Extra Bed for Adult / Child			Rs. 4,600/- NETT.	
Child Without Bed (COMPLIMENTARY FOR CHILD UPTO 5 YEARS SHARING BED WITH PARENTS)			Rs. 3,984/- NETT.	
Per Person Dinner Supplement for 04 Nights			Rs. 2,000/- NETT.	
Transportation cost based on AC Swift Dzire / Etios car as per the program			Rs. 25,961/- NETT.	
Transportation cost based on AC Toyota Crysta car as per the program			Rs. 39,243/- NETT.	

SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE

CITY	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT	MEAL PLAN
Dwarka	VITS Devbhumi	Executive	02	CP
Somnath	Sarovar Portico	Superior	01	CP
Ahmedabad	Fairfield by Marriott	Superior	01	CP
TOUR COST BASED			TOUR COST	
Accommodation cost Per Double Room for 04 Nights (for 02 pax)			Rs. 18,975/- NETT.	
Extra Bed for Adult / Child			Rs. 5,646/- NETT.	
Child Without Bed (COMPLIMENTARY FOR CHILD UPTO 5 YEARS SHARING BED WITH PARENTS)			Rs. 4,456/- NETT.	
Per Person Dinner Supplement for 04 Nights			Rs. 2,673/- NETT.	
Transportation cost based on AC Swift Dzire / Etios car as per the program			Rs. 25,961/- NETT.	
Transportation cost based on AC Toyota Crysta car as per the program			Rs. 39,000/- NETT.	

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Note: Rooms will be subject to availability

OUR QUOTE INCLUDES:

- **04 Night** accommodation at the hôtel mentioned above or similar category of alternate hôtels.
- Mael Plan – As Mentioned above.
- All curent applicable taxes.
- All transferts, city tours and transport services by air-conditioned All India Tourist permit Vehicle as per the above itinerary.
- Road taxes, parking fée, fuel charges, interstate taxes.

OUR QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE / THE ABOVE PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Monument Entrance Fée.
- Services of English-Speaking Local Guide.
- Game Drive at Sasangir National Park or any other national park.
- Expense of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone / fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax etc. Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.
- International or Domestic airfare / Train Fare.
- Any expenses caused by reasons beyond our control such as roadblocks, accidents & any medical evacuations. Any train delays, or re-scheduling etc. Any Visa fees, insurance fees, etc. Any tips to hotel staff, local guides, drivers etc. Any meals apart from the ones mentioned above. Any expenses apart from the ones above.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Check-In time is 1400 hrs. & Check-out time 1200 NOON at all hotels.
- Sasangir National Park Will bé close frome 15th June to 15th Octobre Everly wear.
- 100% bookings for Sasangir safaris are done online through the website <https://girlion.gujarat.gov.in/> . We would not be able to help if the safari is not booked in advance. Guests' ID proof is required for safari bookings.
- In the event of any amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly.
- Kindly note, the names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels. It is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey the confirmations to you on receipt of your acceptance. However, in the event of any of the above-mentioned hotels not becoming available at the time of initiating the reservations, we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whatever applicable) to you.
- Also, kindly note – Do not treat quotation mail as confirmation of booking, as we are not holding any booking at the time of quotation, price and services can be changed at the time of confirmation. Confirmation of bookings is only based on written communications.
- **The above rates are not valid during Janmashtami, Diwali, Christmas, New Year and Holi period.**

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