

DWARKA & SOMNATH TOUR (05 DAYS)

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

Arrive Ahmedabad in morning & drive to Dwarka.

Dwarka: An ancient city, housing one of the principal pilgrimages - '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 include the 'Dwarawati' of the 'Krishna Lila'. Today, it is not only a major pilgrimage site but 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, which houses almost 2500 years old scriptures. The hall has 'Jharokhas', offering a nice view of the nearby flowing Gomati River.

Attending evening Aarti at Dwarkadhish temple.

Overnight at hotel

DAY 02 – IN DWARKA

After breakfast proceed to Bet Dwarka & Nageshwar temple.

Bet Dwarka: Bet is situated at 30kms 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 a small boat.

Nageshwar Temple or Nagnath Temple is located on the route between Gomati Dwarka and the Bait Dwarka Island on the coast of Saurashtra in Gujarat. The Jyotirlinga enshrined in the Temple of Nagnath is known as Nageshwar Mahadev and attracts thousands of pilgrims all-round the 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 Century, was built in honour of Rani Rukmani, princess of Vidharba, which was to be married to Sishupala, but fled with Lord Krishna. This small temple, 1.5 km 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 Strees (Gopika Women).

Overnight at hotel



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

Early morning visit the Dwarkadhish Temple and witness the Aarti.

After breakfast drive to Somnath visiting Porbandar enroute visit Porbandar, the coastal heritage town of Gujarat is located on the Saurashtra peninsula, on the Arabian Sea. This city is described in Skanda Purana as Sudamapuri and Ashmavati and had a flourishing trade with Africa and Arabia. Till date, the spice market in Porbandar draws a huge crowd. According to the legends, this city was the main link of 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 and the stone buildings with ashlar masonry and rich carving, 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 relief map of India and reliefs of great historical personalities who shaped India's future.

Later continue to drive to Somnath; arrive 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, destroyed seven times and built eight!

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. According to the legends, the Somnath temple is very old and was originally built in gold by the 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 traveller, 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's 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 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 exquisite carved wooden mansions and havelis are marvellous. 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, trefoil designs besides the modern buildings designed by the famous French architect, 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 ****



QUOTE SHEET

COST SHEET FOR ITINERARY – DWARKA AND SOMNATH TOUR - 05 DAYS VALIDITY TILL 31ST MARCH 2025 {EXCEPT 14 AUG TO 19 AUG (INDEPENDENCE DAY & RAKSHA BANDHAN), 23 AUG TO 27 AUG (JANMASHTAMI), 25 OCT TO 05 NOV (DIWALI), 22 DEC TO 04 JAN (CHRISTMAS & NEWYEAR), 13 MAR TO 16 MAR (HOLI),

STANDARD PACKAGE

СІТҮ	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT	MEAL PLAN	
Dwarka	The Dwarika	Deluxe	02	СР	
Somnath	Sun Plaza	Plaza Deluxe	01	СР	
Ahmedabad	Le Grand Residency	Executive	01	СР	
TOUR COST BA	TOUR COST				
Accommodation cost Per Double Room for 04 Nights (for 02 pax)			Rs. 11,730/-		
Extra Bed for Adult / Child			Rs. 4,836/-		
Child Without Bed (COMPLIMENTARY FOR CHILD UPTO 5 YEARS SHARING BED WITH PARENTS)				Rs. 3,795/-	
Per Person Dinner Supplement for 04 Nights				Rs. 2,421/-	
Transportation cost based on AC Swift Dzire / Etios car as per the program				Rs. 25,961/-	
Transportation cost based on AC Toyota Crysta car as per the program			Rs. 39,244/-		



DELUXE PACKAGE

СІТҮ	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT	MEAL PLAN
Dwarka	Madhuvan Suites	Superior	02	СР
Somnath	Lords Inn	Deluxe	01	СР
Ahmedabad	Le Grand Residency	Executive	01	СР
TOUR COST BAS	TOUR COST			
Accommodation cost Per Double Room for 04 Nights (for 02 pax)			Rs. 13,744/-	
Extra Bed for Ad	Rs. 5,060/-			
Child Without B SHARING BED W	Rs. 4,387/-			
Per Person Dinn	Rs. 2,566/-			
Transportation the program	Rs. 25,961/-			
Transportation program	Rs. 39,244,	/_		

SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE

СІТҮ	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT	MEAL PLAN
Dwarka	VITS Devbhumi	Executive	02	СР
Somnath	Sarovar Portico	Superior	01	СР
Ahmedabad	Fairfield by Marriott	Superior	01	СР
TOUR COST BASE	TOUR COST			
Accommodation of	Rs. 20,873/-			
Extra Bed for Adu	Rs. 6,211/-			
Child Without Be SHARING BED WI	Rs. 4,905/-			
Per Person Dinne	Rs. 2,944/-			
Transportation co program	Rs. 25,961/-			
Transportation co program	Rs. 39,244/-			



Note: Rooms will be subject to availability

OUR QUOTE INCLUDES:

- <u>**04 Nights**</u> accommodation at the hotel mentioned above or similar category of alternate hotels.
- Meal Plan As Mentioned above.
- All currently applicable taxes.
- All transfers, city tours and transport services by air-conditioned All India Tourist permit Vehicle as per the above itinerary.
- Road taxes, parking fee, fuel charges, interstate taxes.

OUR QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE / THE ABOVE PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Monument Entrance Fee.
- 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 be closed from 15th June to 15th October every year.
- 100% bookings for Sasangir safaris are done online through the website <u>https://girlion.gujarat.gov.in/</u>. 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.