



## PANCH DWARKA TOUR (08 DAYS)

### DAY 01 – BY AIR / BY TRAIN – ARRIVE AHMEDABAD

Today arrived in Ahmedabad and transfer to hotel.

Ahmedabad is Located on the banks of the river Sabarmati; the city was founded by Sultan Ahmad Shah in 1411. Today it is one of the fastest growing cities of India and is an immense repository of tradition, history & culture. Its famous walled area is one of the finest examples of community living & the city thrived as the textile capital & was nicknamed "Manchester of the East' in 1888. This multicultural city is home to some of the finest Indo-Saracenic mosques & Jain temples.

The old city of Ahmedabad is dotted with labyrinthine by-lanes called 'polls'. The exquisite 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, trefoil designs besides the modern buildings designed by the famous French architect, Le Corbusier, and Louis Kahn.

Later visit Dakor Temple –

The main temple, enclosed by a fort wall, is situated near the bank of the holy lake Gomti in the midst of the main bazaar of Dakor. The temple is covered with 8 domes and 24 turrets, with the central dome reaching a height of 27m. Crowned with a golden kalash and a white silken flag, this temple is the tallest in the district. Though not very rich in carving, the main cupola derives its influence from the Maharashtrian style of temple architecture. The main hall features paintings depicting events in Lord Krishna's life.

It is believed that Ranchhodji, a name for Lord Krishna meaning "he who left the battlefield", inspired Gopal Jagannath Ambekar, a shroff of a Peshwa's court in Poona, in a dream to build a vast and magnificent temple. The temple was built in 1772 A.D. The main Ranchhodrai idol is in black touchstone, 1m tall and 45 cm in breadth, richly adorned with gold, jewels and expensive clothes. Its throne, an ornate masterpiece of woodcarving plated in silver and gold, was presented by the Gaekwads of Baroda.

Later drive back to Ahmedabad.

Evening Market at Law Garden displays beautiful textile handicrafts of Gujarat. Must visit to experience the local culture and cuisine and also shop for hand embroidered garments.

**Overnight at hotel**

## DAY 02 – BY ROAD – 453 KMS / 09 HRS – AHMEDABAD TO DWARKA

After breakfast drive to Dwarka enroute visiting Swaminarayan Temple in Rajkot. Later continue to drive to Dwarka and transfer to your hotel.

The small coastal town of Dwarka is one of the four most holy Hindu pilgrimage sites in India. It is here that Krishna founded his capital after leaving Mathura. Excavations have revealed 5 earlier cities at the site, all submerged. The present town dates largely to the 19<sup>th</sup> century and attracts thousands of pilgrims to celebrate the Holi, Diwali and Janmashtami festivals. The temple is mainly known for the Hindu Pilgrimage site of Dwarkadhish Temple. There also is a multi-pillared Sabha Mandapa leads to a 60 pillared sanctum sanctorum that dates back 2500 years according to the scriptures.

### Overnight at hotel

## DAY 03 – IN DWARKA

After breakfast visit Dwarkadhish Temple – Dwarka is known all over the world for the Dwarkadhish temple, the 'Lord of Dwarka'. This temple is also known as the Jagat Mandir or the temple of the world. This temple was constructed over 1400 years ago and houses the image of Lord Krishna. This temple is one of the most famous pilgrimage places for the Hindus and attracts pilgrims from all over the world. This temple is magnificently built on the traditional lines and has five floors supported by 60 columns. The temple is profusely carved from the base to the pinnacle. The temple is built of sandstone. The interior is simple while the exterior is covered with elaborate carvings. Some of the major festivals of Janmashtami and Navratri are celebrated with great enthusiasm and rejoice in the Dwarka.

Visit 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 04 – 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.

Visit - Sudama Dwarka Temple, this temple is dedicated to Sudama who was the childhood friend of Lord Krishna. Located at the centre of Porbandar, it is one exceptional temple in India which is dedicated to this great devotee of Lord Krishna. Built with white marble this temple has a number of carved pillars which decorate the temple, open from all sides this temple has a shikhara which is decorated with splendid architecture and carvings. These carvings are also visible above the pillars and the arches which adjoin the pillars. With such architecture, this temple is dedicated to the shrine of Sudama which is built in simple structure.

Later continue to drive to Somnath; arrive at 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 incredibly 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 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 05 – BY ROAD – 406 KMS / 08 HRS – SOMNATH TO AHMEDABAD**

After breakfast drive to Ahmedabad. Enroute visit Akshardham Temple.

Akshardham: Lord Swaminarayan, born in Chapaya in Uttar Pradesh, took a seven-year pilgrimage in Gujarat to preach his religion. He built six temples, the first being at Kalupur in Ahmedabad. Akshardham, the Swaminarayan temple of Gandhinagar, is a modern complex, built in traditional Indian architectural style from 6,000 metric tons of pink Rajasthan sandstone, carved by expert artisans from Bansipahadpur. The temple is set in a multi-acre garden called Sahajanand Van, with intricate sculptures of Hindu Gods. There is a gold leaf copper sculpture of Lord Swaminarayan that faces similar sculptures of Gunatinand Swami. The interiors have beautiful columns in rosewood that rise up to a high dome. Akshardham remains closed on Mondays.

### **Overnight at hotel**

#### **DAY 06 – BY ROAD – 240 KMS / 05 HRS – AHMEDABAD TO MOUNT ABU**

After breakfast drive to Mount Abu visiting Modhera – Sun temple enroute.

Modhera: The Sun temple of Modhera is one of the finest examples of Indian architecture of its period. Built in 1026 A.D. the temple is dedicated to the Sun-God, Surya and stands high on a plinth overlooking a deep stone-steeped tank. Every inch of the edifice, both inside and outside is magnificently carved with Gods and Goddesses, birds, beasts, and flowers. Sun Temple of Modhera was built by King Bhimdev I (1026-27) and bears some resemblance to the later and far better known, Sun Temple of Konark in the state of Orissa, which it predates by some 200 years. Like that temple, it was designed so that the dawn sun shone on the image of Surya, the sun God, at the time of the equinoxes. The main hall and shrine are reached through a pillared porch and the temple exterior is intricately and delicately carved. As with the temple of Somnath, this fine temple was ruined by Mohamed of Ghazni.

Later continue to drive and visit Siddhpur.

**Siddhpur** – a sacred town in the north of Ahmedabad. It is situated on the left bank of the river Saraswati, around 24 kms upstream of Anhilwad Patan, the old capital of Gujarat. The town is a revered destination, flanked by temples, kunds, ashrams and other sacred structures. In Vedas, this modern day Sidhpur is mentioned as ‘Shristhal’ or a ‘pious place’. Of

the five most holy and ancient lakes in India is the Bindu Sarovar, which lies here in Siddhpur. According to the Hindu religion, it is said that as the obsequies offerings to the paternal ancestors must be made at Gaya, so corresponding offerings to the maternal ancestors must be performed at Sidhpur. Thus, Sidhpur has the importance of 'Matru Gaya' or 'Matru Shraddh', a place where people come annually to perform the rituals for their mothers who are in heavenly abode.

The town also holds importance for the Bohra Muslims, an affluent Muslim community spread all over the world. They have contributed significantly to the development of Sidhpur. Their old Havelis and mansions, some over 100 years old have a markedly European flavour and a walk through the 'Bohra Vad' is like a stroll through an England.

Later continue to drive and visit Ambaji temple.

Ambaji – Ambaji Temple contains no idol, but an inscribed Yantra in the niche. Ambaji is essentially a temple town-with a temple dedicated to Goddess Ambaji at the centre. The Ambaji Temple and the front court 'Chachar no Chowk' are aligned in the same axis of the cave at Gabbar hill-the original abode of Goddess Ambaji.: 22 kms from Danta is one of the major Shakti-piths of India, situated in the Arasur hills. The present temple was constructed a few years ago, maintaining the original architectural style. Millions of pilgrims visit the temple every year-especially during Navratri to seek the blessing of Goddess Ambaji.

Later continue to drive and arrive Mount Abu; arrive and transfer to your hotel.

At 1200 meters, Mt. Abu is the highest point of the Aravalli Range passing through Rajasthan. The only hill resort of Rajasthan, it is built around a lake and is surrounded by forested hills. According to a legend, the place derives its name from Arbuda, a serpent who descended to the spot to rescue Shiva's bull, Nandi. Besides having all the features of a pleasant hill resort, Mount Abu is also a center of pilgrimage for Jains on account of the famous Dilwara Temples. There are interesting treks and picnic spots, romantic royal retreats of various erstwhile royal families, and some relics of the Raj period.

Also visit Nakki Lake and see the strange rock formations around it including Toad Rock. The Achalgarh fort has the famous Achaleshwar temple and provides superb views of the area.

### **Overnight at hotel**

### **DAY 07 – BY ROAD – 200 KMS / 04 HRS – MOUNT ABU TO NATHDWARA**

After breakfast proceed for the city tour of Mount Abu. Visit the breathtaking Dilwara temples, among the finest examples of Jain architecture with their superb marble carving. The complex consists of five temples built between the eleventh and thirteenth century. The intricate ornamental carvings here represent the great heights reached in stone decoration.

Later drive to Nathdwara. Arrive in Nathdwara and transfer to your hotel.

Nathdwara is sited on the right bank of Banas River. Nathdwara is famous for its 17th century temple that is dedicated to Lord Shrinath ji (Lord Krishna). The term 'Nathdwara' suggests the 'gate of the lord'. Shrinath ji Temple is also known as 'Haveli of Shrinath ji' and makes a

prominent pilgrimage for the Hindus / Vaishnavas. The temple has a story behind its establishment. According to the legend, the image of Lord Shrinath ji was enshrined in Vrindavan (land of Lord Krishna), but to protect the idol from the destructive rage of Aurangzeb. In 1672, Rana Raj Singh was the only gallant who tried to rescue the idol from the domain of Aurangzeb. It is said that when the image was being shifted to an impervious place then at a place, the wheel of vehicle sank deep down in mud. The image refused to move further, so the escorting priest apprehended that this was Lord's chosen spot. Thus, a temple was built on the same spot.

Later visit Nathdwara – Shrinath ji. See the 18<sup>th</sup> century Shrinath ji temple, one of the most important shrines for devotees of Krishna. This simple shrine houses a black stone image of Vishnu brought from Mathura in 1669 to protect it from Aurangzeb's destructive forces. Non-Hindus are not allowed inside. The outside has interesting paintings. The 400-year-old tradition of Pichwai painting (cloth paintings with religious themes) originated here.

Later visit Dwarkadhish Temple in Kankroli.

Kankroli Temple is popularly called as temple of Dwarkadhish. Dwarkadhish is one of the names of Lord Krishna. This Temple is the most significant temple of the Vaishnavas and Vallabh Acharya sect. The chief deity of Kankroli temple is believed to have been imported from Mathura, the hometown of Lord Krishna. Kankroli temple is the biggest temple of Lord Dwarkadhish in Kankroli and ranks very high among all the temples of Vallabh Acharya. Dwarkadhish Temple offers a tranquil view of the cool and calm Rajsamand Lake.

### Overnight at hotel

#### **DAY 08 – BY ROAD – 350 KMS / 07 HRS – NATHDWARA TO AHMEDABAD FOLLOWED BY AIR / TRAIN – DEPART AHMEDABAD**

After breakfast drive to Ahmedabad enroute visit Shamlaji temple.

There is a small shrine on the way from the Shamlaji Temple to the Meshwo river, where an image of a standing Ganesha idol from the Late-Gupta period is still worshiped. The temple at Harishchandra ni chori probably dates to the 10th century A.D. It has a rectangular sanctum with a large pavilion in front. The whole structure is enclosed within the courtyard. The walls of this courtyard have fallen but the ornamental gateway (toran) still stands.

Numerous temples in ruins, ancient brick-work and scattered idols found at Shamlaji show that since ancient times it has been a popular and important center of pilgrimage on the highway between Gujarat and Rajasthan. Devni Mori, a place about two kms from Shamlaji, is having remains of a Buddhist monastery from around 3rd-4th century AD. The stupa, which is considered as a sharir stupa, has proved the presence of Buddhists in Vadnagar. Excavating of the stupa brought to light an inscribed casket which contained relics of Buddha. It is quite clear that the bodily relics found in this casket were of Buddha.

Being a place of pilgrimage established at a picturesque spot, there are several other ancient shrines scattered all over this place. Amongst them is the small temple of Trilokeshwer just opposite Shamlaji has a beautiful and unusual idol of Shiva with the trident. The Kashi-



Vishwanath Mahadev is a simple but ancient temple, which is about seven feet below ground level. The temple of Ranchhodji is on the opposite bank. There is also the tomb of Navgaja Pir, a maulvi (Muslim cleric) close by visited by many Adivasis.

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

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### QUOTE SHEET

#### COST SHEET FOR ITINERARY – PANCH DWARKA TOUR - 08 DAYS

VALIDITY TILL 31<sup>ST</sup> 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

CITY	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT	MEAL PLAN
Ahmedabad	Le Grand Residency	Executive	01	CP
Dwarka	The Dwarika	Deluxe	02	CP
Somnath	Sun Plaza	Plaza Deluxe	01	CP
Ahmedabad	Le Grand Residency	Executive	01	CP
Mount Abu	Rising Sun	Deluxe	01	CP
Nathdwara	Crimson Park	Standard	01	CP
TOUR COST BASED			TOUR COST	
Accommodation cost Per Double Room for 07 Nights (for 02 pax)			Rs. 22,391/-	
Extra Bed for Adult / Child			Rs. 9,235/-	
Child Without Bed (COMPLIMENTARY FOR CHILD UPTO 5 YEARS SHARING BED WITH PARENTS)			Rs. 8,223/-	
Per Person Dinner Supplement for 07 Nights			Rs. 4,543/-	
Transportation cost based on AC Swift Dzire / Etios car as per the program			Rs. 43,901/-	
Transportation cost based on AC Toyota Crysta car as per the program			Rs. 64,601/-	



## DELUXE PACKAGE

CITY	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT	MEAL PLAN
Ahmedabad	Le Grand Residency	Executive	01	CP
Dwarka	Madhuvan Suites	Superior	02	CP
Somnath	Lords Inn	Deluxe	01	CP
Ahmedabad	Le Grand Residency	Executive	01	CP
Mount Abu	HG Grandiose	Deluxe	01	CP
Nathdwara	Justa Brij Bhumi	Deluxe	01	CP

TOUR COST BASED	TOUR COST
Accommodation cost Per Double Room for 07 Nights (for 02 pax)	Rs. 31,878/-
Extra Bed for Adult / Child	Rs. 9,919/-
Child Without Bed (COMPLIMENTARY FOR CHILD UPTO 5 YEARS SHARING BED WITH PARENTS)	Rs. 10,914/-
Per Person Dinner Supplement for 07 Nights	Rs. 5,411/-
Transportation cost based on <b>AC Swift Dzire / Etios car</b> as per the program	Rs. 43,901/-
Transportation cost based on <b>AC Toyota Crysta car</b> as per the program	Rs. 64,601/-



## SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE

CITY	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT	MEAL PLAN
Ahmedabad	Fairfield by Marriott	Superior	01	CP
Dwarka	VITS Devbhumi	Executive	02	CP
Somnath	Sarovar Portico	Superior	01	CP
Ahmedabad	Fairfield by Marriott	Superior	01	CP
Mount Abu	Bikaner Palace	Standard	01	CP
Nathdwara	Justa Brijbhumi	Deluxe	01	CP
<b>TOUR COST BASED</b>			<b>TOUR COST</b>	
Accommodation cost Per Double Room for 07 Nights (for 02 pax)			Rs. 48,041/-	
Extra Bed for Adult / Child			Rs. 14,168/-	
Child Without Bed (COMPLIMENTARY FOR CHILD UPTO 5 YEARS SHARING BED WITH PARENTS)			Rs. 11,224/-	
Per Person Dinner Supplement for 07 Nights			Rs. 6,912/-	
Transportation cost based on <b>AC Swift Dzire / Etios car</b> as per the program			Rs. 43,901/-	
Transportation cost based on <b>AC Toyota Crysta car</b> as per the program			Rs. 64,601/-	

**Note: Rooms will be subject to availability**

### OUR QUOTE INCLUDES:

- **07 Nights** 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 15<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> October every year.
- 100% bookings for Sasangir safaris are done online through the website [www.girlion.gujarat.gov.in/](http://www.girlion.gujarat.gov.in/) . We would not be in a position to help if the safari is not booked in advance. Guests' ID proof is required for safari bookings.
- In the event on 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.**