

## **PALITANA SHATRUNJAYA JAIN TEMPLES COMPLEX**

**Palitana, Bhavnagar, Gujarat, India**

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The main temple is dedicated to Rishabhanatha, the first Tirthankara. It is the holiest shrine for the Svetambara Murtipujaka sect. The Palitana temples of Jainism are located on Shatrunjaya hill by the city of Palitana. This site on Shatrunjaya hill is considered sacred by Svetambara Jains. It is said that 23 of 24 Jain Tirthankaras, except Neminatha, sanctified the hill by their visits. There are approximately 863 marble-carved temples on the hills spread mostly in nine clusters, some being vast temple complexes and while most small in size.

### **Interesting Facts**

Sri Adinath, the first Tirthankara, had attained nirvana here. An arduous trek of 3,500 steps leads pilgrims to the top where 862 marble carved temples are situated, providing evidence of the rich architectural heritage along with the loose remnants of disastrous invasions on the holy shrine.

### **Best Season To Visit**

The best season to visit the temple is Winter season. The best months to visit are September to October.

### **Weather**

Highest - April to June (45°C during day and 35°C during night)  
Average - May (35°C during the day and 25°C during night)  
Lowest - December to February (26°C during day and 21°C during night)  
Monsoon season - August to October

#### Dress Code

For men the dress code is Shirt & Trouser, Dhoti or Pyjamas with upper cloth.

For women the preferred dress code is saree or half-saree with blouse or chudidhar with pyjama and upper cloth.

Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

## Do's & Dont's

Do bathe and wear clean clothes before you enter the temple.

Do respect ancient customs and co-pilgrims while at temple.

Smoking and drinking is prohibited in this temple.

Chewing betel leaves, tobacco, gutka and spitting inside temple is strictly prohibited.

transport connections

Name

Distance

Contact Number

Thadach Bus Station

8.1 KM  
1800-233666666

Palitana Railway Station

8.2 KM  
139

Bhavnagar Airport

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0278-2203113

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