

Family Trip Itinerary: Vadodara to Dwarka, Somnath, Gir Forest, and Lothal

Your Name

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Trip Overview

This document outlines a 7-day family trip from Vadodara to Dwarka, Somnath, Gir Forest, and back to Vadodara via Lothal. The itinerary is designed to cover major attractions, including Bet Dwarka, Rukmini Devi Temple, Kirti Mandir in Porbandar, and the Ashokan Edict at Mount Girnar, while allowing time for relaxation and exploration.

Day 1: Vadodara to Dwarka

- **Departure:** Early morning from Vadodara.
- **Travel:** Drive to Dwarka (approx. 8-9 hours).
- **Activities:**
 - Visit Dwarkadhish Temple.
 - Explore Nageshwar Jyotirlinga (en route to Dwarka).
 - Stroll along Dwarka Beach.
- **Overnight Stay:** Dwarka.

Day 2: Dwarka and Bet Dwarka

- **Activities:**
 - Visit Bet Dwarka (accessible by boat from Okha port, approx. 1 hour).
 - Explore temples and enjoy the serene surroundings.
 - Return to Dwarka and visit Rukmini Devi Temple.
- **Overnight Stay:** Dwarka.

Day 3: Dwarka to Porbandar to Somnath

- **Departure:** Early morning from Dwarka.
- **Travel:** Drive to Porbandar (approx. 2 hours).
- **Activities:**
 - Visit Kirti Mandir (Mahatma Gandhi's birthplace) in Porbandar.
 - Explore other local attractions if time permits.
- **Travel:** Drive to Somnath (approx. 3 hours).
- **Activities:**

- Visit Somnath Temple.
- Attend the evening Aarti at Somnath Temple.
- **Overnight Stay:** Somnath.

Day 4: Somnath to Gir Forest (via Mount Girnar)

- **Departure:** Early morning from Somnath.
- **Travel:** Drive to Mount Girnar (approx. 2 hours).
- **Activities:**
 - Visit the Ashokan Edict at Mount Girnar.
 - Explore the Jain temples and other attractions at Girnar.
- **Travel:** Drive to Gir Forest (approx. 2 hours).
- **Activities:**
 - Check-in at a resort or hotel near Gir Forest.
 - Relax and prepare for the next day's safari.
- **Overnight Stay:** Gir Forest.

Day 5: Gir Forest

- **Activities:**
 - Morning safari in Gir National Park.
 - Visit Devalia Safari Park (optional).
 - Relax at the resort or explore nearby attractions.
- **Overnight Stay:** Gir Forest.

Day 6: Gir Forest to Lothal

- **Departure:** Early morning from Gir Forest.
- **Travel:** Drive to Lothal (approx. 6-7 hours).
- **Activities:**
 - Visit the ancient Indus Valley Civilization site at Lothal.
 - Explore the archaeological museum.
- **Overnight Stay:** Lothal or nearby city.

Day 7: Lothal to Vadodara

- **Departure:** Morning from Lothal.
- **Travel:** Drive to Vadodara (approx. 2-3 hours).
- **Activities:**
 - Return to Vadodara and conclude the trip.

Notes

- Ensure all temple visits are planned according to opening hours and rituals.
- Book safari tickets and accommodations in advance.
- Carry necessary travel documents, medications, and essentials.
- Adjust travel times and activities based on family preferences and energy levels.