

## Gujarat

"Welcome to Gujarat — the land of temples, beaches, historic capitals, wildlife sanctuaries, hill resorts, magnificent sculptures, exquisite handicrafts, vibrant arts and festivals, a rich history, and thriving industries."

### "Iconic Places"

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#### Rajkot & Botad

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##### Rajkot

Where Mahatma Learned and Machines Turn. The Soul of Saurashtra – Bold and Bright. A Teaspoon of Tradition, a Feast of Flavors. From Royal Roots to Rocket Dreams, Crafting Tomorrow Since 1612. Royal. Resilient. Rajkot.

- **Kaba Gandhi No Delo** (Gandhi's childhood home)
- **Watson Museum** (Saurashtra's history + colonial artifacts)
- Lunch at **Agrawal Sweets** (Jalebi-fafda combo)
- **Jubilee Market** (Brware handicrafts & bandhani textiles)
- **Ranjit Vilas Palace** (Royal garage with vintage cars)
- Nyari Dam Sunset (Boating optional)
- Kotecha Chowk Street Food (Dabeli, sev usal, mawa jalebi)
- Gondal's Royal Trail (40-min drive) Naulakha Palace (Ornate 19th-century palace)
- Lunch at Orchard Palace (Heritage Garden setting)
- Huzoor Palace (Current royal residence – photo stop)
- Gondal Ghati Scenic Drive (Hill views)
- Aji Dam Garden (Musical fountain at 6:30 PM)
- Dinner at Silver Saloon (Regal ambiance)
- Culture & Nature Khamhalida Caves (4th-century Buddhist caves, 1.5-hr drive)
- Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary (Antelopes & migratory birds)
- Lunch at The Metro (Modern Gujarati thali)
- Rotary Dolls Museum (1,400+ global dolls)
- Iskcon Temple (Evening aarti at 6:00 PM)
- Alang Tea Stall (Kadak chai + khaman)
- Race Course Road (Last-minute souvenir shopping)

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#### Botad

Welcome to Botad – Two Journeys, One Faith, Where Farmers Pray and Chains Break; From Ghelo's Blessings to Hanuman's Grace, Botad's Serenity and Sarangpur's Power – One Divine Trail, a Pilgrim's Dual Refuge: Rivers and Redemption.

- Attend morning aarti at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Botad's main temple)
- Breakfast of local specialties - thepla with chhundo (pickle) and masala chai
- Visit Ghelo River for peaceful riverside meditation and photography
- Cultural Immersion Traditional Gujarati thali lunch at a local eatery

- Explore Botad's agricultural fields (cotton and groundnut farms)
  - Botad Haat - local market for handicrafts and farm-fresh produce
  - Sunset Serenity Botad Dam for sunset views and birdwatching
  - Light dinner at a village-style dhaba
  - Sarangpur Pilgrimage Divine Experience Participate in mangla aarti at Sarangpur Hanuman Temple
  - Temple darshan and keshar application ritual
  - Temple Exploration Breakfast at temple bhojanalaya
  - Visit Sarangpur Swaminarayan Temple Complex
  - Explore temple museum and archives
  - Lunch at Sarangpur (satvik meal)
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### Trip Highlights

- Sarangpur Hanuman Temple
  - Botad's Spiritual Sites
  - Botad's Countryside Charm
  - Scenic Beauty
  - Sarangpur's "Chhote Vaikunth" darshan
  - Ghelo River offerings – Local devotional practice
  - Satvik meals at Sarangpur temple
  - Royal & Heritage Wonders of Rajkot
  - Gondal's Palaces
  - Rajkot's Historic Sites
  - Rajkot's Jubilee Market
  - Kotecha Chowk Street Food
  - Nyari Dam: Sunset views and boating
  - Aji Dam Garden: Evening musical fountain show
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Best Time to Visit:  Winter (Oct – Mar): Pleasant weather for palace tours and markets