

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"

Rajkot & Botad

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 Khambhalida 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**

Best Time to Visit: 🌤️ **Winter (Oct – Mar): *Pleasant weather for palace tours and markets***