**Akshardham Temple, Gandhinagar Overview**

The Akshardham temple in Gandhinagar city is one of the biggest temples in India, and it is a major pilgrim destination that many people swarm to. This temple is dedicated to Lord Swaminarayan and was built by BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, the same organisation as the one in Delhi. Located in the capital of Gujarat, the complex took over 13 years to build and was inaugurated on October 30th, 1992. Akshardham mandir is situated in the centre of the 23-acre complex, which is built from 6,000 metric tonnes of pink sandstone from Rajasthan.

Akshardham acts as a cultural centre and is a melting pot that can enthral tourists from around the country. The temple seeks to spread the teachings and philosophies of Bhagwan Swaminarayan and is a centre of devotion, education and unification of the society as a whole. The temple consists of one huge monument and a surrounding garden that families use as a picnic spot as well. Recently, they put up the first-of-its-kind laser water show in the world, which is a must see. Facilities of wheelchairs, baggage, lost and found, parking, etc. are also available.