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# Gujarat

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” A major state in Western India, Gujarat proudly associates itself with Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi who was born in Porbandar (a city in Gujarat). Home to some of the most interesting attractions of India like Akshardham in Gandhinagar, Somnath Temple, The Gir Forest National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in Sasan Gir and Pavagadh-Champaner in Baroda, Gujarat is worth exploring. Not to forget the famous Dandiya which is one of the most extravagant dance festivals in the country. The state is not only about history and temples, it has more! Adorned with mystic beaches such as Mandvi-Kutch, Porbandar, Mandvi, Gopnath and lofty hills like Saputara, Shatrunjaya, Girnar and Pavagadh, Gujarat promises to spoil you with choices! &nbsp;

## What To SEE



5 Sights

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### 1 Gandhinagar



Situated in a green farm belt, Gandhinagar is an important commercial and educational center in Gujarat. Home to some of the most important Gujarat Government organisations and highly acclaimed educational institutes like the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar is gradually developing as an urban city. The biggest temple in India and an important pilgrimage center, the grand and beautiful Akshardham temple is a spectacular site, thronged by devotees from all over the country. An intricately carved pink sandstone shrine, it's set amid spacious lawns, and has exhibitions on the life of Swaminarayan (1781-1830), 3-D dioramas

on Ramayana and Mahabharata and a restaurant as well. The capital city is about 23 km from Ahmedabad. Gujarat and Maharashtra used to be part of the 'Bombay Presidency' in colonial times, but in 1960 were bifurcated into two states. When Bombay became the capital of Maharashtra, Gujarat set about planning its new capital. Gandhinagar is thus entirely oriented to its political-administrative role, with the Central Government Complex at the centre and town planning done according to official needs. Straight roads, neat roundabouts and division into sectors mark the city. The Sabarmati River runs by but more often than not is just a thin trickle.

### 2 Vadodara

Popularly called Baroda, this is Gujarat's third most populous city after Ahmedabad and Surat and is acknowledged as the cultural capital of Gujarat. This distinction is largely due to Sayajirao Gaekwad III, a visionary ruler of Baroda state in the late 19th century.

mosques there captivate the senses. Amongst numerous other irresistible attractions dotting this fabulous city, a couple of other not to be missed spots are the famous Pavagadh Kalika Mandir and the priceless art collection at the Fateh Singh Museum and Laxmi Vilas Palace. Sayaji Baug is another important attraction which is the favourite picnic spot for the locals. The jewel of Sayaji Baug, though, is the Baroda Museum and Picture Gallery. Its treasures include an Egyptian mummy, the skeleton of a 71-foot blue whale that floundered up the Gulf of Khambat in 1944, and paintings by European masters. The Gaekwad rulers also built the Pratap Vilas Palace, since occupied by the Railway Staff College, and the now abandoned Nazar Baug Palace. Nazar Baug is in the walled city area, which could at one time be reached only by passing through one of Vadodara's four gates: the Champaner Darwaza, Gendigate, Panigate and Lehripura Darwaza. The Mandvi Gate is now an ornamental traffic roundabout.

It is easy to spend an hour or two prowling through the little lanes of the Old City, stumbling upon instrument repair shops, fabric sellers and Amul milk bars. Tambekar Wada is a three-storeyed wooden haveli in the area decorated with vivid paintings of battle scenes and mythological tales. The Nyayamandir Court is nearby as is the

Sursagar Lake with a gigantic statue of Shiva

Gujarati food it has to offer, it is unquestionably the perfect choice for a family vacation. You can spend an evening or two listening to Dayro, Rajkot's very own music genre. When it comes to shopping, the city has a number of local markets from

height of 135 meters which can be reached through a lift, running at a speed of 4 metres per second. It also has a museum and an exhibition hall inside the statue, depicting the life and times of India's 'Iron Man', Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

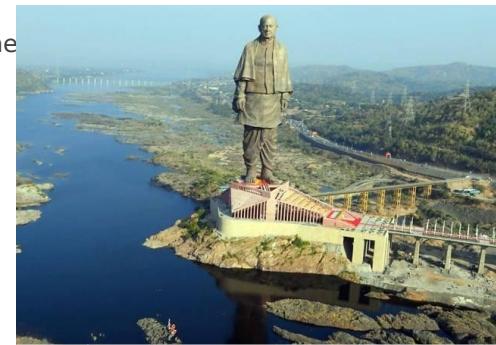
### 3 Rajkot



Culturally enriched and still rooted in modern life, Rajkot is the city that was home to Mahatma Gandhi during his childhood years. His erstwhile home has now been converted into Gandhi Smriti, a museum curating his photographs from infancy and daily items which were once used by him. Another museum worth visiting is the John Wattson Museum, which has artifacts recovered from Mohenjo-Daro, and 13th century scriptures.

Aaji Dam, constructed during the British Raj is a beautiful site and makes for a great picnic spot, and so does the Jubilee garden. A doll museum displaying over 1,400 dolls from all over the world is another highlight and place of delight in Rajkot. The Ramakrishna Ashram made entirely out of red sandstone is also of great architectural intricacy. Rajkot is famous for its gold jewelry and silk fabric, along with the tasty

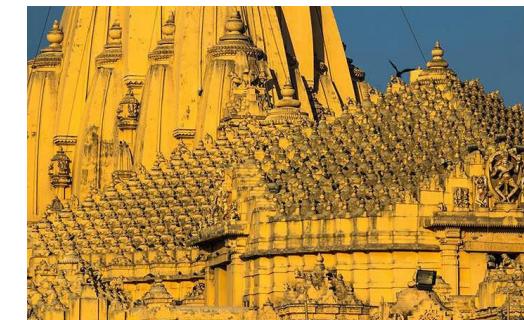
### 4 Statue of Unity



Sardar Sarovar Dam, Kevadia, Gujarat 393155, India

Statue of Unity, world's tallest statue opened its doors to the public on the 31st of October, 2018. Standing tall at 182 meters, it is almost twice as tall as the statue of liberty. It is situated on an island platform, facing the Narmada dam. This Statue of Unity in Gujarat encloses a viewers' gallery at a

### 5 Somnath Temple



Somnath Prabhas Patan, Junagadh, Gujarat 362268, India

Somnath Temple is an important landmark in Gujarat. Its popularity is only exceeded by the Dwarkadish Temple in Dwarka. The temple is located 5 kms from Junagadh. The temple is considered as one of the twelve Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva. It is believed to be the place from where Lord Krishna embarked on his last journey. The temple finds mention in the epics, including Rig Veda and more.

It is said that Somnath was built out of gold

by Somraj and was later rebuilt by Ravana in silver. Interestingly, the temple was built and rebuilt several times in the course of its rich history having been destroyed sixteen times by Muslim invaders. No wonder it's called 'the Shrine Eternal'.

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Gently cooled by ocean winds, the temple gives one a glorious sense of space and light. Built in the Chalukyan style, its main shikhara soars to 155 ft and the stone kalash atop it weighs 10 tonnes. The floral alankara of the huge Shivaling is particularly noteworthy. It is a real treat to participate in the aarti, do so more than once if possible. Drums, cymbals and bells combine to orchestrate a 30-min symphony of music that rises to an inspiring crescendo.

A Sound and Light Show (8:00 PM-9:00 PM) is held, with an amazing ocean-view setting. The beach can be accessed from the temple. Many devotees visit Somnath for Mahashivaratri (Feb) and the Kartik Purnima Mela (Oct/ Nov).

## Where To Eat



5 Places

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### 1 Tulsi Restaurant



Ghunhat Hotel, Sector 26, K Road, Near Gidc, Gandhinagar Mansa Road



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Tulsi Restaurant is a place you should go if you want to taste the real food of Gandhinagar. The place serves yummylicious meals. A great restaurant, with nice ambiance and city view. The vegetarian menu has lots to offer. The ambiance is classy and the food tastes good! An ideal place to spend some quality time with loved ones. A restaurant with great food and great services, this is a heaven for all food lovers. Do try their different options. One can taste different types of food that are made by the brilliant chefs. Located in a very convenient place in Gandhinagar, you can easily access the Tulsi Restaurant.

### 2 Rajdhani Restaurant



Station Road, Near Railway Station

### 3 Flavours Restaurant



First Floor, City Arcade, Pandit Nehru Road, Jamnagar, Gujarat, India

This multi cuisine restaurant at Jamnagar is a draw for families and bigger groups. Hygienic, affordable food is the key here, with the authentic Gujarati cuisine making it quite a good experience. Don't expect plush interiors and a huge menu, and you won't be disappointed.

Friendly, efficient service is a plus too.

### 4 7 Seas



Teen Batti Chowk, Jamnagar, Gujarat, India

If you feared that you would be left craving for non vegetarian delicacies in Jamnagar, it's time you let go of that fear! 7 Seas is nothing less than a haven for those who swear by non vegetarian food.

Apart from the juiciest chicken and other meaty offering that you'll get here, there's Chinese, Continental and Punjabi food as well, all expertly prepared.

### 5 Garden Restaurant



Rajkot National Highway, Vadal, Junagadh-362310, India



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A modest restaurant in a garden setting offers the best value for money, serving pure vegetarian food. Both South Indian and Punjabi cuisines are available in the restaurant. A wholesome treat is completed by the picturesque Girnar Hills, towering

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Sightseeing:SOMNATH ,GANDHINAGAR , DWARKA

#### **Day 01 : Ahmedabad**

On arrival at the Ahmedabad Airport, meet our representative who will transfer you to your already booked hotel. In the afternoon, leave from the hotel to explore the major attractions of Gujarat including Calico Museum, Akshardham Temple, Gandhi Ashram and Adalaj Stepwell in Gandhinagar. Later return back to the hotel for an overnight stay.

#### **Day 02 : Ahmedabad – Rajkot** (220 Kms/5 Hours Drive)

In the morning post breakfast, we will take a road journey to Rajkot. On the way, we will stop at Virpur Temple for worship. On arrival in Rajkot by evening, check in the hotel for a relaxing overnight stay.

#### **Day 03 : Rajkot – Somnath** (189 Kms/ 5 Hours Drive)

After breakfast in the morning, we will drive from Rajkot to Somnath. On arrival, check in at the hotel. In the evening, we will visit the Somnath temple. Enjoy an overnight stay in the hotel in Somnath.

#### **Day 04 : Somnath – Dwarka** ( 230 kms / 5 Hours Drive)

In the morning after breakfast, we will hit the road to Dwarka. En-route, we will halt in Porbandar and explore the surrounding attractions. On arrival in Dwarka by evening, check into the hotel and take pleasure of an overnight stay.

#### **Day 05 : Dwarka - Jamnagar airport**

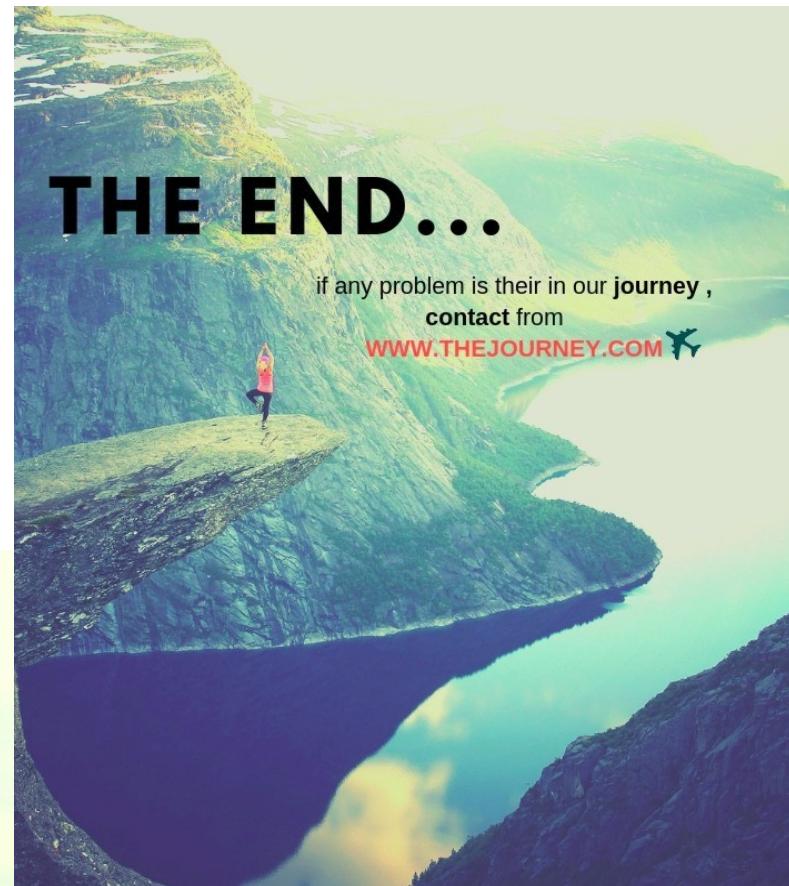
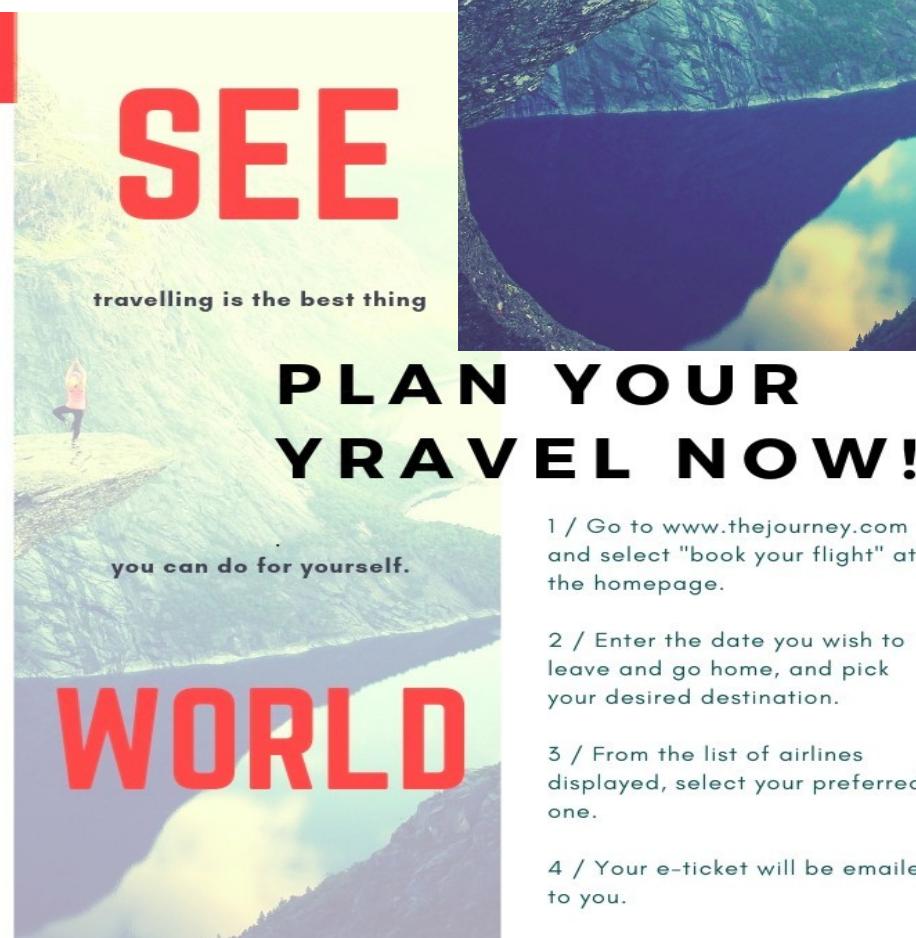
The day is booked for the sightseeing tour of Dwarka. We will leave in the morning after breakfast to explore Dwarka and its surrounding areas. Later return back to the hotel for an overnight stay.

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