Dwarka is an ancient city located in the northwestern Indian state of Gujarat. For tourists who are interested in both history and religion, [Dwarka](https://www.tourmyindia.com/pilgrimage/dwarka.html" \t "_blank) deserves to be in their bucket-list. The city is famous as a Hindu pilgrimage site, especially for the [Dwarkadheesh Temple, also called Jagat Mandir](https://www.tourmyindia.com/states/gujarat/dwarkadhish-temple-rajkot.html" \t "_blank). This temple is based on the north bank of the Gomti Creek and dates back 2,500 years. The primary temple is five-story high, with the cut tapered tower ascending to a height of around 157 feet. There is the one-meter tall, four handed dark icon of Ranchhodrai, the leader of Dwarka. One of the most famous tourist sites is the Rukmini Temple. Rukmini was Lord Krishna’s wife and is viewed as a manifestation of Lakshmi, the goddess of riches and magnificence.

Besides its temples and legends, Dwarka is also famous for being the seat of Adi Shankaracharya, who set up four mathas (seats) in four distinct corners of the nation.

**Top Reasons to Visit Dwarka**

* To visit Dwarkadheesh Temple, a sacred temple believed to have been built originally by Lord Krishna’s grandson Vajranabh.
* To visit the Nageshwar Jyotirlinga, which is said to be the first of the 12 Jyotirlingas dedicated to Lord Shiva.
* To enjoy a picturesque scenic ride to Beyt Dwarka Island.
* To see the architectural masterpiece of Rukmini Temple.
* To unwind at the Gomti Ghat.