The social capital of Gujarat, [Vadodara](https://www.tourmyindia.com/states/gujarat/vadodara.html" \t "_blank) was earlier known as Baroda. It is situated on the banks of the stream Vishwamitri. As indicated by historians, Vadodara’s history dates back to more than 2,000 years. Today, the city is home to the illustrious family of Gaekwads, and houses the biggest college of Gujarat, the [Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda](https://www.tourmyindia.com/states/gujarat/msu-vadodara.html). The prominent attraction of the city, Sayaji Baug, is situated in the heart of the city. This recreation center houses a zoo, [Vadodara Museum](https://www.tourmyindia.com/states/gujarat/baroda-museum-and-art-gallery.html" \t "_blank), and a planetarium. Vadodara Museum boasts an interesting blend of Mughal miniatures, illustrious antiques and European oil art. Other eminent sights are Makarpura Palace, Nazarbaug Palace, [Kirti Mandir](https://www.tourmyindia.com/states/gujarat/kirti-mandir-vadodara.html" \t "_blank), [Nyay Mandir](https://www.tourmyindia.com/states/gujarat/nyay-mandir-vadodara.html" \t "_blank), Kirti Stambh, Aurobindo Ashram, [Khanderao Market](https://www.tourmyindia.com/states/gujarat/khanderao-market-vadodara.html" \t "_blank), Dakshinamurthy Temple, and Hazira Maqbara.

**Top Reasons to Visit Vadodara**

* To visit Laxmi Vilas Palace, one of the architectural wonders of the state.
* To explore Sayaji Baug, a beautiful garden constructed in 1879.
* To see Sursagar Lake in which the water never dries up.
* To explore Kabirvad, a scenic island located in the middle of the river Narmada.
* To visit Dakshinamurthy Temple.