

**Tour Name: Across The Temples of Gujarat**

**Tour Duration: 8 Nights/ 9 Days**

**Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/24tw83v4>**

### **Tour Overview**

Embark on an enriching journey through Gujarat's sacred landscapes with the "Across The Temples of Gujarat" tour. Begin in Ahmedabad, where the ornate Akshardham Temple sets the spiritual tone. Explore the vibrant cityscape and its historical marvels before heading to Dasada, a gateway to the wilds of Little Rann of Kutch. Continue to Rajkot, a city steeped in cultural heritage, and onward to Dwarka, renowned for its ancient temples dedicated to Lord Krishna. Discover the mystical allure of Dwarkadhish Temple and the serene shores of the Arabian Sea. This tour promises an immersion into Gujarat's rich spiritual heritage, blending history, devotion, and natural beauty.

### **Tour Itinerary**

#### **Day 1: Arrive Ahmedabad**

- Arrive in Ahmedabad and transfer to your hotel. Check-in and relax after your journey.

#### **Day 2: Ahmedabad**

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Sabarmati Ashram: Visit the serene ashram where Mahatma Gandhi lived from 1917 to 1930, now a museum and memorial to his life and teachings. Explore the exhibits showcasing his personal belongings, letters, and philosophy of non-violence.
- Hathee Singh Jain Temple: Admire the stunning architecture of this 19th-century Jain temple dedicated to Dharmanatha, the 15th Jain Tirthankara. The temple is renowned for its intricately carved marble and architectural grandeur.
- Sidi Saiyyed Mosque: Marvel at the delicate stone latticework (jaali) of this historic mosque, built in 1573 AD. The intricate patterns are a masterpiece of Indo-Islamic architecture and craftsmanship.

#### **Day 3: Ahmedabad - Dasada (260kms)**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Dasada, gateway to the Little Rann of Kutch.

- Little Rann of Kutch Wildlife Sanctuary: Embark on a safari to explore the unique ecosystem of the world's last refuge of the Indian Wild Ass. Spot wildlife such as nilgai, chinkara, and various bird species in their natural habitat.
- Sun Temple Modhera: Visit the 11th-century Sun Temple known for its exquisite architecture and intricate carvings. Witness the grandeur of the temple complex and the stunning dance of light and shadow during sunrise.

**Day 4: Dasada - Rajkot (160kms)**

- Breakfast at the lodge.
- Drive to Rajkot, the cultural capital of Gujarat.
- Kaba Gandhi No Delo: Explore the ancestral home of Mahatma Gandhi, now a museum and research center. Discover artifacts, photographs, and letters that chronicle his life and legacy.
- Watson Museum and Library: Delve into the rich history and culture of Gujarat through exhibits displaying artifacts from the colonial era, ancient coins, textiles, and sculptures.

**Day 5: Rajkot - Dwarka (225kms)**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Journey to Dwarka, one of the Char Dham pilgrimage sites.
- Dwarkadhish Temple: Pay homage at the revered temple dedicated to Lord Krishna, known for its grand architecture and spiritual significance. Witness the evening aarti ceremony that illuminates the temple complex with devotion.
- Nageshwar Jyotirlinga Temple: Visit one of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines dedicated to Lord Shiva, situated near Dwarka. Marvel at the ancient idol of Lord Shiva and soak in the spiritual ambiance.

**Day 6: Dwarka - Somnath (230kms)**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Proceed to Somnath, a sacred pilgrimage site on the Arabian Sea coast.
- Somnath Temple: Explore the magnificent temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, believed to be the first among the twelve Jyotirlinga shrines. Admire the temple's architectural beauty and witness the mesmerizing evening aarti ceremony.
- Bhalka Tirtha: Visit the serene spot where Lord Krishna is believed to have been injured by an arrow, marking his departure from the mortal world.

**Day 7: Somnath - Diu (80kms)**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Diu, a coastal town with a blend of Portuguese and Indian cultures.
- Diu Fort: Explore the historic fort built by the Portuguese, offering panoramic views of the Arabian Sea. Discover its massive walls, cannons, and light house.

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- St. Paul's Church: Visit the 17th-century church known for its Baroque architecture, intricate woodwork, and serene atmosphere. Admire the beautiful facade and tranquil interiors.

### Day 8: Diu - Bhavnagar (225kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Travel to Bhavnagar, a vibrant city with a rich maritime history.
- Takhteshwar Temple: Climb up to this hilltop temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, offering panoramic views of Bhavnagar city and the Gulf of Khambhat. Experience the peaceful ambiance and spiritual serenity.
- Gandhi Smriti: Visit the museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, showcasing his life, principles, and contributions to the freedom struggle.

### Day 9: Bhavnagar - Ahmedabad (175kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Return journey to Ahmedabad.
- Adalaj Stepwell: Explore the architectural marvel of this 15th-century stepwell, known for its intricate carvings and innovative water management system. Marvel at the stunning Indo-Islamic architecture and historical significance.

### Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)

Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027

| Persons     | Solo  | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     | 8     |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3★ Standard | 2,877 | 1,536 | 1,278 | 1,304 | 1,156 | 1,148 | 1,064 | 1,002 |
| 4★ Deluxe   | 3,170 | 1,689 | 1,432 | 1,458 | 1,310 | 1,301 | 1,218 | 1,155 |
| 5★ Luxury   | 3,483 | 1,957 | 1,600 | 1,626 | 1,478 | 1,470 | 1,386 | 1,324 |

### Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 370 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 508 | 5★ Luxury: USD 654

### Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 49 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 55 | 5★ Luxury: USD 98

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### **Price Includes:**

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 8 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- 1-Time shared Gypsy safari in Little Rann of Kutch with naturalist.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

### **Price Does Not Include:**

- Any flight tickets.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

### **Hotels used or similar for 8 nights' accommodation**

#### **3 Star Hotels**

- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Rivera Sarovar Portico/ SK Lords Eco Inn
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Royal Safari Camp Bajana
- Rajkot x 1 night: Fern Residency/ Marasa Sarovar Portico
- Dwarka x 1 night: The Fern Sattva Resort/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Somnath x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Sarovar Portico
- Diu x 1 night: Kostamar Beach Resort/ Azzaro Resort & Spa
- Bhavnagar x 1 night: Iscon the Fern Resort & Spa/ Efcee Sarovar Portico

#### **4 Star Hotels**

- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ Ramada by Wyndham
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Royal Safari Camp Bajana
- Rajkot x 1 night: Fortune Park JPS Grand/ Regency Lagoon Resort and Convention
- Dwarka x 1 night: The Fern Sattva Resort/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Somnath x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Sarovar Portico
- Diu x 1 night: The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort/Radhika Beach Resort and Spa
- Bhavnagar x 1 night: Iscon the Fern Resort & Spa/ Efcee Sarovar Portico

## **5 Star Hotels**

- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Taj Skyline Ahmedabad/ Hyatt Regency
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Rann Riders by Kaafila
- Rajkot x 1 night: Fortune Park JPS Grand/ Regency Lagoon Resort and Convention
- Dwarka x 1 night: The Fern Sattva Resort/ Lemon Tree Premier
- Somnath x 1 night: The Fern Residency/ Sarovar Portico
- Diu x 1 night: The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort/Radhika Beach Resort and Spa
- Bhavnagar x 1 night: Iscon the Fern Resort & Spa/ Efcee Sarovar Portico

## **Payment Policy:**

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

## **Cancellation policy:**

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

## **Our Liabilities & Limitations:**

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- Itinerary Changes: All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.

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- **Rate Modifications:** Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.
- **Liability Disclaimer:** We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- **Damage, Loss, or Injury:** We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- **Insurance:** We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

### **Tipping**

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

### **Trip Comments**

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.