

## Soul of Gujarat 7D



**Duration:** 7 Days / 6 Nights

**Itinerary:**

**Day 1 Arrive Ahmedabad**

### **Sabarmati Ashram (Gandhi Ashram)- SIGHTSEEING**

Sabarmati Ashram is the biggest tourist attraction, located on the tranquil and serene stretch of Sabarmati River in Ahmedabad. Once the residence of Mahatma Gandhi and his wife Kasturba, it was also referred to as the 'Gandhi Ashram', 'Mahatma Gandhi Ashram' and most importantly, 'Satyagraha Ashram' as Gandhi began the famous 'Dandi March' from here. The Mahatma Gandhi Ashram has a number of other buildings within its bounds. The most famous among them is the museum 'Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya' which has some of Gandhi's personal letters and photographs on display. Other buildings and sites within the Gandhi Ashram known as Nandini, Vinoba Kutir, Upasana Mandir, and Magan Niwas.

## **Siddi Sayed Mosque- SIGHTSEEING**

Siddi Sayed Mosque is one of the most photographed monuments, and an iconic landmark in Ahmedabad. Famous for its unique window designs, it was built in 1573 towards end of the Gujarat Sultanate, under the Mughal rule. The carved jaalis in the windows of the western wall are known worldwide. The major highlight of this mosque catches the attention of almost every tourist is the lattice work that resembles the famous 'tree of life' motif with intertwined trees and foliage. Logo of the prestigious educational institute, Indian Institute of Ahmedabad, is based on this motif too. The carvings look like fine lace filigree work, well appreciated as it has been done with excellent delicacy.

## **Adalaj Stepwell- SIGHTSEEING**

Adalaj Stepwell is located in the village of Adalaj and built in 1499 by Queen Rudabai, this stepwell served as a place for relaxation for pilgrims and caravans in the earlier years. It was constructed in Indo-Islamic architectural style, with the belief that villagers would visit the well to collect water, offer their prayers to deities carved on the walls and rest for some time. The walls are beautifully carved with scenes of women churning buttermilk, kings, dancers and musicians. Since direct sunlight does not reach the interiors of the stepwell or vav, the temperature is apparently six degrees cooler than the outside. A unique feature of this stepwell of Gujarat, that this is the only one with three entrance stairs.

## **Akshardham Temple- SIGHTSEEING**

Akshardham Temple is one of the largest temples in Gujarat dedicated to Lord Swaminarayan and is the best example of contemporary architecture and style, built using 6000 tons of pink sandstone. It is considered a place of education, enlightenment and in a way entertainment, where more than 2 million people visit each year. The major attractions of this majestic temple are its 10 story tall golden idol of Swaminarayan Mystic India (a film on an incredible journey of an 11-year old child yogi called Neelkanth) the light and music show (Sat Chit Anand Watershow) and audio animatronic shows. It is surrounded by a garden which houses rides, swings and games for kids, a lake, a waterfall and a herbal garden.

## **Day 2 Ahmedabad – Dakor – Kevadia – Ahmedabad**

### **Shree Dwarkadhish Temple- SIGHTSEEING**

The Dwarkadhish temple, also known as the Jagat Mandir and occasionally spelled Dwarakadheesh, is a Hindu temple dedicated to the god Krishna, who is worshiped here by the name Dwarkadhish, or 'King of Dwarka'. The temple is located at Dwarka, Gujarat, India. Temple was enlarged in the 15th- 16th century. The Dwarkadhish Temple is a Pushtimarg temple.

### **Statue of Unity- SIGHTSEEING**

The Statue of Unity is a colossal statue of Indian politician and independence activist Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who was the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home minister of independent India and the chief adherent of Mahatma Gandhi during the non-violent Indian Independence movement.

### **Sardar sarovar dam- SIGHTSEEING**

### **Valley flower- SIGHTSEEING**

### **Day 3 Ahmedabad – Jamnagar – Dwarka**

#### **Kankaria Lake- SIGHTSEEING**

Kankaria Lake is the largest lake in Ahmedabad, a 550 years old artificial lake, built in 15th century by the Sultan Qutbuddin . The lake is an ideal picnic spot for families as the lakefront has been developed by the Ahmedabad city governments into an entertainment zone. This Lakefront offers some of the best facilities like tethered balloon safari, train ride, ultra-modern high-speed rides, water park, zoo, kid's city, food stall, butterfly park, aquarium and many other entertainment facilities. Every year in the month of December, a week-long festival, Kankaria Carnival kicks off celebrating the cultural and historical heritage of Ahmedabad.

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#### **Bet Dwarka- SIGHTSEEING**

Bet Dwarka, also known as Bet Shankhodhar, is a small island and was the main port in the region before the development of Okha. It offers opportunities to spot dolphins, marine excursions, camping and picnicking. Most of the archaeological ruins excavated here and religious manus correspond with Beyt Dwarka as the original abode of Lord Krishna. In order to get there from Dwarka.

#### **Nageshwar temple- SIGHTSEEING**

Nageshwar Jyotirling Jamnagar Gujarat. The temples at Jageshwar, in the background of Darukavana, the holy Deodar forest. Nageshvara Jyotirlinga is one of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines mentioned in the Shiva Purana.

#### **Rukmini temple- SIGHTSEEING**

The Rukmini Devi Temple is a temple in Dwarka, 2 kilometres away from Dwarka, India. It is dedicated to Rukmini, Krishna's chief queen. The temple is said to be 2,500 years old but in its present form it is inferred to belong to the 12th century.

### **Day 5 Dwarka – Porbandar – Somnath**

#### **Kirti Temple- SIGHTSEEING**

#### **Sudama Temple- SIGHTSEEING**

#### **Somnath Temple, Prabhas Patan, Gujarat, India- SIGHTSEEING**

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#### **Devaliya Safari Park (Gir Interpretation Zone)- SIGHTSEEING**

Devalia Safari Park also known as “Gir Interpretation Zone”, is the establishment of particular eco-tourism zone to minimize overload of tourists from Gir Forest Visit and to offer whole wildlife of Gir at single place in safe habitats. This Zone comprises of 412 Ha Chain linked fences area which is regarded as ‘Gir in a nutshell’ covering all habitat types and wildlife of Gir. The basic motive of creating this facility is to provide an opportunity of viewing lions and other animals in their natural habitat within a short period of time at cheaper rates. There are animals like Asiatic lions, Leopards, Blue Bull, Sambhar, Chital, Black buck, Wild Boar etc. The presence of Savana habitat and rare birds is also another attraction of the area.

### **Day 7 Sasangir – Gondal – Ahmedabad Departure**

## **Vintage Car Museum- SIGHTSEEING**

Auto World Vintage Car Museum is one of a best car museum in the world which houses a world-class collection of vintage cars, antique vehicles, utility vehicle, motorcycles, and buggies. The museum is a must visit tourist attraction, formed in the year 1927 by the General Motors India Ltd. Here one can find cars from all over the world of different ages and types and categories. These vintage cars contribute a lot to the heritage of India because many of these belong to Indian Maharajas. There is a cafeteria in the museum and museum also offers to drive any vintage cars. Major attractions are Vintage Cars from brands like Rolls-Royce, Bentleys, Daimlers, Langondas, Mercedeses, Cadillacs, Lancias, Lincoln, etc.

### **Inclusions:**

- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Breakfast at the hotels mentioned
- Accommodation for number of nights mentioned on double sharing basis in same or similar hotels
- All Transfers, excursions & sightseeing as per the itinerary by private TATA Indigo / Innova as per package choose
- Below 5 Yrs Child sharing same bed with parents will be Complimentary.
- Boat ride at Bet Dwarka
- Coconut water at Madhavpur beach
- 01 Devalia Park Canter Safari at Sasangi
- Siddhi Dhamal Dance (Nigro) at Sasangir
- 02 Water bottle per person per day
- Special Individual Abhishek (Pooja) at Old Somnath Temple
- Parking and all transport related expense including Driver Services
- All toll taxes, parking fees, Fuel and driver's allowances
- Welcome drink on arrival
- All Transport & Hotels Related Taxes
- GST & all Government Taxes (if mentioned)
- A 24 - hour helpline.
- Assistance on Arrival.
- No Hidden Cost

### **Exclusions:**

- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips & gratuity, mineral water, soft & hard drinks, portorage
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary
- Entrance Fees & Guide charges
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, who is directly payable on the spot)
- Any increase in Airlines taxes or fuel price at the time of departure, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation & land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.
- Still camera/ video camera charger

## **Term & Conditions:**

- Rates are not valid for peak Festive season i.e. New Year , Diwali , Pushkar fair etc.
- Rates are based on Hotels Subject to Availability at the time of making Reservation. In case of unavailability in mentioned hotels,alternate accommodation will be arranged in a similar category hotel.
- Rates are subject to change if there is any Fair & Festival, Major conference, events in travel destination
- Early check in / late checks out is subject to availability of rooms.
- Cancellation charges would be as per the company policy.
- Vehicle confirmed will be as per Itinerary and not at disposal. AC will work only in the plains and will be switched off during hill drives.
- All sightseeing mentioned are subject to weather conditions, political conditions & traffic conditions in the destination.
- Any sightseeing missed due to natural calamities / weather conditions is non-refundable.
- All entrances fees will be on direct payment basis as per Itinerary.
- It is not advisable to travel in night, if necessary supplement charge applicable

## **Travel Basics:**

- Passport and valid Visa
- Water Bottle with a Filtering System
- Daily Medications
- Phone Chargers
- Camera
- ID Proof
- Toilet Papers
- Walking Shoes
- Ear Phones
- Cap
- Power bank
- Sun Screen Lotion
- Wipes
- Ladies basics
- Mosquito Creame/bands/net depending upon your itinerary.

## **Booking Terms:**

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Need 50% payment of the package cost, 60 days prior to departure date
- Need 100% payment of the package cost, 30 days prior to departure date

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