

**AHMEDABAD RAILWAY STATION/AIRPORT-AHMEDABAD (01 NIGHT) - VADODARA (01 NIGHT)-AHMEDABAD (03 NIGHTS) – AHMEDABAD RAILWAY STATION / AIRPORT**

**05 NIGHTS / 06 DAYS**

**DAY 01      ARRIVE AHMEDABAD**

Upon arrival, you will be met and assisted by your chauffeur & transferred to your hotel.

Ahmedabad, a UNESCO World Heritage City, was founded by Sultan Ahmed Shah in 1411 AD. The city on the banks of the serene Sabarmati River and a quintessential mix of the old and new, has a lot to offer to art and culture aficionados & history buffs.

Later, visit the SarkhejRoza, one of the most elegant and unique architectural complexes in the city. The imperial necropolis (cemetery) has an array of beautifully designed monuments with elaborate tracery work in sandstone, surrounding a great stepped tank, which include a tomb to the Sufi saint, a mosque, the tombs of Sultan Mehmud Shah Begada and his queen, and a palace and pavilions.

In the evening, head to the Vishalla Village Restaurant for a uniquely rustic experience, with ethnic Gujarati food served on biodegradable leaf plates and pottery. The moment you enter Vishalla, you will feel transported into the heart of a Gujarati village. Appropriately close to Vishalla is the VECHAAR Utensils Museum, the only museum of its kind in the world, displaying a precious collection of more than 4,500 different kind of utensils.

Overnight stay in Ahmedabad.

**DAY 02      AHMEDABAD-VADODARA**

Drive to Champaner (approx. 145 km). This ancient fort-city, located at the foothills of Pavagadh, is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The entire landscape for miles is remarkably well-preserved with fort walls, several mosques & temples, gardens, arches, and pillars. Here, the whole working of a well-planned capital city is still in evidence from granaries, arterial roads, reservoirs, and even a man-made lake mechanism to control the downward flow of rainwater. It is a testimony to a civilization as advanced as any today. In fact some of the streets you may be walking on, were constructed five centuries ago. Continue on to Vadodara (Approx. 60 km), the cultural capital of Gujarat.

Visit the ginormous Laxmi Vilas Palace, four times the size of Buckingham Palace, is testimony to the erstwhile Gaekwad rulers' opulence and refined

taste. The Royal Family's residence is an extravagant building in Indo-Saracenic style. Its ornate Darbar Hall has an Italian mosaic floor and walls with mosaic decorations. The palace houses an extensive collection of old armory; sculptures in bronze, marble & terracotta and original paintings by Raja Ravi Varma. In the vicinity is Maharaja Fatehsinh Museum displaying the royal collection of art treasures and works of old masters like Raphael, Titian and Murillo as well as modern western and Indian paintings, Graeco-Roman exhibits, Chinese and Japanese art, and a large collection of contemporary Indian art.

Overnight stay in Vadodara.

### **DAY 03            VADODARA – NARMADA DAM- STATUE OF UNITY-AHMEDABAD**

Today morning after breakfast drive towards Statue of Unity. Visit Sardar Sarovar Dam, Selfie Point and Statue of Unity. Back to Ahmedabad. Evening visit Akshardham temple and enjoy the SWAMINARAYAN KHICHDI over there.

Overnight stay at Ahmedabad

### **DAY 04            AHMEDABAD SIGHTSEEING**

Today, you'll enjoy the sightseeing tour of Ahmedabad, before departure in time for your journey to onward destination. Choose from the diverse possibilities in Ahmedabad, as per your interest and the time at hand:

- The Heritage Walk - an early morning guided walk of two and a half hours, exploring walled parts of the old city, as you pass through quaint alleyways, some of the city's 350 pols (antiquated living quarters, havelis, ornamental facades (of wooden houses), elaborate bird feeders, old temples, and the Jama Masjid.

- Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple - Located in Gandhinagar some 20 kms away from Ahmedabad, is this spectacular ornately carved temple surrounded by manicured gardens.

- Adalaj Step-well, an architectural achievement featuring exquisite detail in stonework, this historic stepwell, built in 1499, is five astonishing storeys deep.

- SarkhezRoza - famously dubbed "Ahmedabad's Acropolis" by architect Le Corbusier. Frozen in time, it's a sheer poetry in stone.

- Gandhi Ashram - a must see for anyone who wishes to understand and get to know Mahatma Gandhi better. Gandhiji set out on the famous Salt March to Dandi from here.

- Sardar Patel Museum in ShahiBaug-traces Patel’s life through pictures, portraits, biographical descriptions, political cartoons, clippings from newspapers, quotes from people who knew him, relics and personal possessions from his life.

- Autoworld - If you love vintage cars, then, this place is a must-visit. The largest and finest Automobile collection of India, showcasing more than 100 of the finest cars in the world.

- VECHAAR Utensils Museum - the only museum of its kind in the world, displaying a splendid collection of more than 4500 utensils.

## **DAY 05AHMEDABAD**

### **Visit Patan & Modhera**

Set out on a day excursion to the ancient city of Anahilvada Patan, (Approx. 125 km). Founded in 746 AD, the city was the capital of Gujarat for 650 years. Visit Rani-ki-Vav, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rani (Queen) Udayamati commissioned this ‘vav’ or stepwell in 1063 AD in the memory of her husband, and hence ‘Queen’s Stepwell’. Leading down seven storeys, through several pillared pavilions, the exquisitely carved side walls, pillars, beams, series of steps and platforms to the elaborately carved water well, this stepwell is a sheer opulence of imagination, design and craftsmanship.

Visit the Patola silk weavers, the only ones remaining here, still continuing the world-renowned double-ikat weave tradition, an art more than 900 years old.

Then onto The Sun Temple at Modhera (Approx. 35 km). Set along the backdrop of the River Pushpavati and dedicated to the Sun god, the temple was built in 1026 AD by King Bhimdev I of the Solanki Dynasty. The exclusively carved temple complex, depicting scenes from the scriptures, traditional erotica, the life cycle and faunal figures, is a sublime testament to the art of storytelling.

Drive back to Ahmedabad (approx. 100 km) In the evening enjoy a leisurely stroll along the promenade by the Sabarmati River, or visit Kankaria Lake, a popular recreation centre surrounded by beautiful gardens.

Overnight stay in Ahmedabad.

## **DAY 06**

### **AHMEDABAD DEPARTURE**

Today morning shall be dropped at airport for your flight back home with sweet memories of holidays.

**Tour Terminates Here!**

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