Gujarat

Gujarat is a name that symbolises rich culture & history, lush landscapes, delectable Gujarati food, lovely people and splendid examples of architectural beauty. A unique blend of rustic charm and modernity, Gujarat welcomes you with open arms.

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A major state in Western India, Gujarat proudly associates itself with Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi who was born in Porbandar (a city in Gujarat). Home to some of the most interesting attractions of India like Akshardham in Gandhinagar, Somnath Temple, The Gir Forest National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in Sasan Gir and Pavagadh-Champaner in Baroda, Gujarat is worth exploring. Not to forget the famous Dandiya which is one of the most extravagant dance festivals in the country. The state is not only about history and temples, it has more! Adorned with mystic beaches such as Mandvi-Kutch, Porbandar, Mandvi, Gopnath and lofty hills like Saputara, Shatrunjaya, Girnar and Pavagadh, Gujarat promises to spoil you with choices! &nbsp;

What To SEE

5 Sights

1. Statue of Unity

Statue of Unity, world’s tallest statue opened its doors to the public on the 31st of October, 2018. Standing tall at 182 meters, it is almost twice as tall as the statue of liberty. It is situated on an island platform, facing the Narmada dam. This Statue of Unity in Gujarat encloses a viewers’ gallery at a height of 135 meters which can be reached through a lift, running at a speed of 4 metres per second. It also has a museum and an exhibition hall inside the statue, depicting the life and times of India’s 'Iron Man', Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

2. Somnath Temple

Somnath Temple is an important landmark in Gujarat. It's popularity is only exceeded by the Dwarkadhish Temple in Dwarka. The temple is located 5 kms from Junagadh. The temple is considered as one of the twelve Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva. It is believed to be the place from where Lord Krishna embarked on his last journey. The temple finds mention in the epics, including Rig Veda and more.

It is said that Somnath was built out of gold by Somraj and was later rebuilt by Ravana in silver. Interestingly, the temple was built and rebuilt several times in the course of its rich history having being destroyed sixteen times by Muslim invaders. No wonder it’s called ‘the Shrine Eternal’. 
Gently cooled by ocean winds, the temple gives one a glorious sense of space and light. Built in the Chalukyan style, its main shikhara soars to 155 ft and the stone kalash atop it weighs 10 tonnes. The floral alankara of the huge Shivaling is particularly noteworthy. It is a real treat to participate in the aarti, do so more than once if possible. Drums, cymbals and bells combine to orchestrate a 30-min symphony of music that rises to an inspiring crescendo.

A Sound and Light Show (8:00 PM-9:00 PM) is held, with an amazing ocean-view setting. The beach can be accessed from the temple. Many devotees visit Somnath for Mahashivaratri (Feb) and the Kartik Purnima Mela (Oct/Nov).

Shri Swami Narayan Mandir, touted as one of the most important pilgrimage centers in Gujarat is flocked by tourists and devotees alike. Managed and administered by BAPS, this majestic architecture is more than a temple for people of Bharuch. Nested in a sprawling area and surrounded by lush greenery, the place is an ideal spot for a great family weekend. Its premises have some nice restaurants as well where you can go and enjoy a good meal after paying your homage to the almighty.

Do try their different options. One can taste different types of food that are made by the brilliant chefs. Located in a very convenient place in Gandhinagar, you can easily access the Tulsi Restaurant.
This multi cuisine restaurant at Jamnagar is a draw for families and bigger groups. Hygienic, affordable food is the key here, with the authentic Gujarati cuisine making it quite a good experience. Don’t expect plush interiors and a huge menu, and you won’t be disappointed.

Friendly, efficient service is a plus too.

**4 7 Seas**

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A modest restaurant in a garden setting offers the best value for money, serving pure vegetarian food. Both South Indian and Punjabi cuisines are available in the restaurant. A wholesome treat is completed by the picturesque Girnar Hills, towering above the restaurant.

If you feared that you would be left craving for non vegetarian delicacies in Jamnagar, it’s time you let go of that fear! 7 Seas is nothing less than a haven for those who swear by non vegetarian food.

Apart from the juiciest chicken and other meaty offering that you’ll get here, there’s Chinese, Continental and Punjabi food as well, all expertly prepared.

**5 Garden Restaurant**