

DISCOVER GUJARAT TOUR

NAVRATRI FESTIVAL 2017

Navratri is Longest Dance Festival in Gujarat.

Navratri meaning 'nine nights', is one of the most popular and widely celebrated Hindu festivals in many parts of India. Gujarat, however, is the only state that erupts into a nine-night dance festival, perhaps the longest in the world. Each night, all over the state, villages and cities alike, people gather in open spaces to celebrate feminine divinity, referred to as Shakti.

The dance form known as Garba (also joined sometimes by dandiya, which uses small wooden sticks), comes from Lord Krishna's worship rather than Goddess worship, from the Gop culture of Saurashtra and Kutch. Stories of relationships between Krishna and the Gopis, and their emotions, also often make their way into the rasgarba music.

Nevertheless, the focal point of every garba circle is the small Goddess shrine erected by each community to mark the beginning of the festival, on the first day of the Hindu month of Ashwin. The shrine includes a garbo, an earthenware pot, in which a betel nut, coconut, and silver coin are placed.

Day 01 : AHMEDABAD

Arrive Ahmedabad check in at hotel later visit Gandhi Ashram.

Ahmedabad, founded in the year 1411 AD is located on the banks of river Sabarmati and has been named after Sultan Ahmed Shah, who was primarily responsible for building it. Today, this city is known as the 'Manchester of the East', one of the highly industrialized cities in India and is also India's Textile City. Though the capital of Gujarat was shifted from Ahmedabad to Gandhinagar it is still the second largest industrial city in western India.

Gandhi Ashram: On a quiet peaceful stretch of the Sabarmati river, Mahatma Gandhi set up a simple retreat in 1915. This was his Satyagrah Ashram and for many years it was the nerve centre of India's freedom movement. It was from here, in 1930, that Mahatma began his famous Dandi March to the sea to protest against the Salt Tax imposed by the British. HridayaKunj, the simple cottage where he lived, is now a national monument and preserved as it was during the Mahatma's life-time.

In the evening attend NAVRATRI FESTIVAL

AY 02 : AHMEDABAD – PAVAGARH – AHMEDABAD

Today morning proceed for Heritage walk of Old city in Ahmedabad.

the best way to learn about a city is through friends who know the place, but here in Ahmedabad, you can get to know the city and its intricacies even as a stranger. You have at least two options for taking a guided Heritage Walk around the old city of Ahmedabad.

The tour begins at 8am at the Swaminarayan Mandir in Kalupur with a slideshow. It takes you through various pols, havelis, Hindu and Jain temples, various sites including the famous Manek Chowk, and ends at the soulful Jama Masjid at the center of the city at 10:30am.

Later proceed for a Day excursion to Pavagarh. At the summit of Pavagadh hill, 762 m above sea level, is the temple to Mother Kali, which is the oldest in the area, dating from the 10th-11th centuries. Hindu pilgrims were coming to visit this temple from long before the development of Champaner as a major city, and they continued for hundreds of years after its decline, right up to the present day. To reach the temple at the summit is about a 5 km walk along a jungle footpath to the top of the hill; otherwise, there is a cable car which will haul you to the summit from about the midway point, which is the last place accessible by road. Return to Ahmedabad evening enjoy Garba.

Overnight Ahmedabad.

DAY 03 : AHMEDABAD – AMBAJI - AHMEDABAD (180 KM ONE WAY)

After breakfast Departure for another Shakti pith and famous temple of Goddess Ambaji. Visit of Khedbrahma and Gabbar hill, enjoy rope way ride and drive back to Ahmedabad.

This is the principal shrine of a goddess who has been worshiped since the pre-Vedic period. She is often referred to as Arasuri Amba, named for the location of the temple in the Arasur hills, near the source of the Saraswati river at the south-western end of the Aravali mountain range.

Evening enjoy the Garba.

Overnight Ahmedabad.

DAY 04 : AHMEDABAD

Today after breakfast proceed to Airport to catch the flight.

Tour Ends

PACKAGES COST RS. 12,550/- FOR PER PERSON (2 PERSON REQUIRED)

PACKAGES COST RS. 10,550/- FOR PER PERSON (4 PERSON REQUIRED)

PACKAGES COST RS. 9,550/- FOR PER PERSON (6 PERSON REQUIRED)

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inclusion :

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- Brackfast& Dinner
- Transport by AC Indigo/Etios for 02 Pax and AC Innova for 04 Pax& 06 Pax
- Good Experienced driver with cell phone
- Toll , parking & DA.

GST 5% will be extra on above cost

Above rates are on per person basis