



A city lost in time!





Discover Champaner... once again!

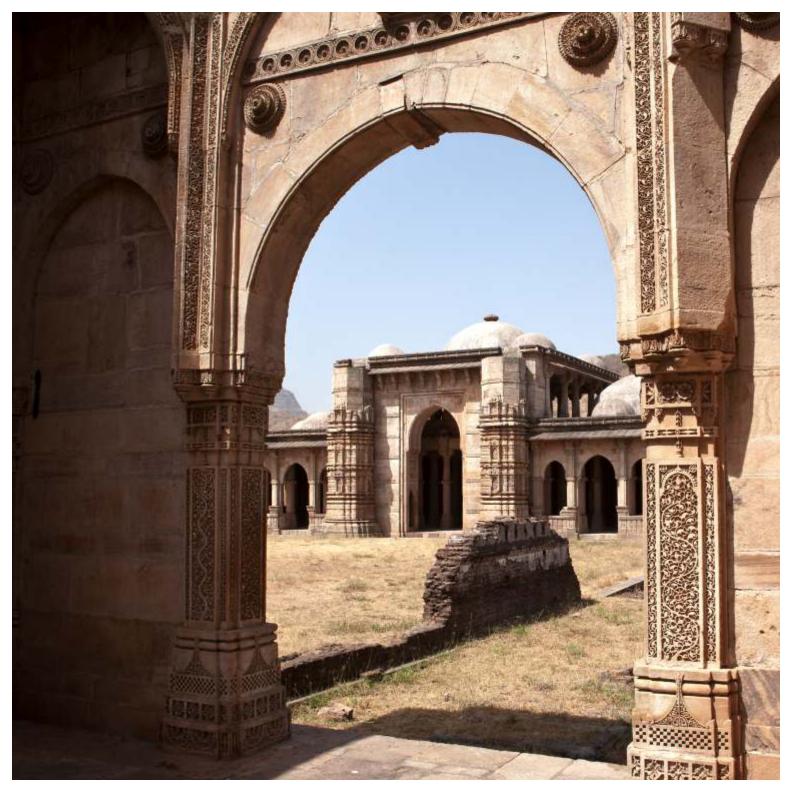
Champaner was an out-of-the-way pilgrimage site for hundreds of years. It became the capital of Gujarat, and was then abandoned to be overtaken by the jungle. The city rose and fell almost as fast as the modern stock market, but left behind far more aesthetic remains. The city is remarkably well-preserved, with Hindu and Jain temples which are a thousand years old, mosques from the time of the Gujarat Sultanate, and the whole workings of a well-planned capital city still in evidence, from granaries and fortifications to stepwells and cemeteries. At Champaner you can walk the ancient streets just as its inhabitants did five centuries ago. Champaner became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004.

Large reservoirs to store monsoon rains for the rest of

the year were built using earthen beams to contain the natural flow of streams coming downhill. The series of created lakes empty into each other as they successively overflow, eventually ending in the largest lake, the Vada Talav, on the plain below the city.

This marvel lost in time certainly makes for an intriguing and charming visit. Explore Champaner, discover history.





Pavagadh Hill... height of bliss!

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.

The temple has large fortifications and an open chowk in altars for sacrifices, and an array of lights for special occasions. The idol of Kalika Mata in the inner sanctum is only the head, the mukhwato, painted in red. Also present are full idols of Mahakali and the yantras of Bahuchara. The temple is open from very early to quite late, to accomodate pilgrims arriving at all hours. The Machi Haveli is a rest house available for pilgrims.

front, with two



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Pavagadh	160	339	120	329	514	575	188	130	431	445	234	263	211	332	287	0						
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Somnath	406	585	546	277	399	230	434	502	269	79	480	415	380	267	445	524	129	181	784	0		
Surat	278	457	96	447	632	693	306	248	549	563	352	380	329	450	389	216	648	461	172	642	0	
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Distance in Km	Ahmedabad	Ambaji	Bharuch	Bhavnagar	Bhuj	Dwarka	Gandhinagar	Godhra	Jamnagar	Junagadh	Mehsana	Modhera	Nal Sarovar	Palitana	Patan	Pavagadh	Porbandar	Rajkot	Saputara	Somnath	Surat	Vadodara

Location:

Champaner is located 45 km from Vadodara at the foothill of Pavagadh hill.

How to reach:

By Road: Champaner is 45 km from Vadodara, accessible by bus or private vehicles. Cars can be hired in Vadodara to drive to Champaner-Pavagadh, which is the best option if you want to combine the journey with other sites

like Jambughoda.

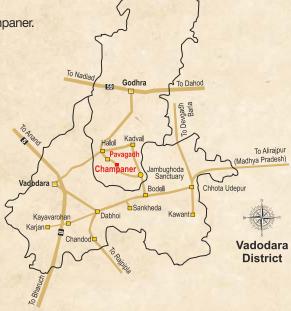
By Rail: There are trains from Vadodara to Champaner.

By Air: The closest airport is at Vadodara.

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