

## DWARKA & SOMNATH

### Cities:

Dwarka (2N), Somnath (1N)

### Package Highlights

- Relax With Beautiful Views at Nexon Beach
- Witness the architectural beauty of Dwarkadheesh Temple
- Chance to watch Dolphins at Bet Dwarka
- See The Beautiful Suraj Mandir
- Catch Some Waves At Somnath Beach
- Check Out The Panch Pandav Gufa
- Witness The Confluence At Triveni Ghat

### Accommodation

- 2 Night(s) in Dwarka at Manek SVASTI Inn/ The Dwarika Hotel or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Somnath at Hotel Sun Plaza or similar

### ITINERARY

Day 1: Ahmedabad - Dwarka (440 Kms – 9 Hrs ) - Marine National Park (D)

Proceed and start tour to explore Saurashtra towards the Holy place of Dwarka from Ahmedabad. Enroute explore Narana Marine National Park and Bala Hanuman Temple in Jamnagar. Narana Marine Sanctuary and National Park, We can see several species of waders like Oystercatchers, Crab-plovers, Shanks, Stints, Kentish Plover, Common Redshank, Ruddy Turnstone, Crab-plover, Eurasian Oystercatcher, Lesser Crested Tern, Bar-tailed Godwit, Great Knots and Trek Sandpipers in the park. Bala Hanuman Temple- The Bala Hanuman Temple is located on the south-eastern side of Ranmal Lake. The temple is remarkable for the incessant 24-hours chanting of the mantra 'Sri Ram, Jai Ram, Jai Jai Ram', since August 1, 1964 and is in Guinness Book of World Record. Late evening arrive at Dwarka. Check-in at hotel. Dinner and Overnight stay at Dwarka.

Day 2: Dwarka Sightseeing's – (B/F & D)

Early Morning enjoy Mangla Aarti Darshan. Later enjoy Breakfast at hotel then proceed for Bet Dwarka, believed to be the original abode of Lord Krishna. The Nageshwer Jyotirling Temple is home to one of the 12 Swayambhu Jyotirling in the world. Visit the Gopi Talab, the lake where Gopi are said to have reunited with Lord Krishna. The Rukmani Devi Temple is dedicated to the wife of Lord Krishna. Evening spent time at Gomati Ghats and Sudama Setu and feel the holy place. Dinner and Overnight Stay in Dwarka.

Day 3: Dwarka - Porbandar - Somnath ( 240 Kms ) -(B/F & D)

After Breakfast check-out and proceed towards Junagarh. On your way, visit the Kirti Mandir in Porbandar, the haveli in which Mahatma Gandhi was born. It is now a museum. Also, visit the Sudama Temple, built to honor the friendship between Krishna and Sudama. Later in early evening arrive Somnath. Check-in at Hotel. Evening Aarti Darshan and Leaser Show at Somnath Temple. Dinner and Overnight stay at Somnath.

Day 4: Somnath - Ahmedabad ( 410Kms - 9 Hrs ) -(B/F)

Enjoy Breakfast at the hotel. Check-Out from hotel proceeds towards Ahmedabad. Enroute Darshan at Bhalka Tirth. Late evening reach home with Lovely Memories.

## **SIGHTSEEING**

### **Bet Dwarka**

Bet (pronounced 'Bait' Dwarka also referred to as Shankhodara, is an island located near the shores of Okha which is situated around 30 kms from Dwarka, within the Gulf of Kutch. It is said that Lord Krishna resided here while Dwarka was his constitutional seat. The name Bet Dwarka came from the famous legend revolving around Krishna's childhood friend, Sudama who came to his house and offered him tandoor poha as bheta (gift). Hop on to a ferry boat for a fascinating 15-minute journey to reach Bet Dwarka. The main attraction in Bet Dwarka is that the majestic Dwarkadhish Temple that features a gigantic statue of Lord Krishna plated in gold. This statue was made by Krishna's queen, Rukmini. The other important landmarks here include the place where Sudama met Krishna, Rukmini's Temple, Shri Keshavji's Temple and Mahaprabhuji ni Baithak. Additionally, one can also visit Hanuman Dandi where Hanuman met his son Makardwaja. This is five kms faraway from the most temple and may be reached via scooter rickshaws. Apart from this, there are other landmarks like the Sidi Bawa Pir Dargah, the Haji Kirmai Dargah and a Gurdwara that might evoke the devout in you.

### **Nageshwara Jyotirling**

Located within the suburbs of Dwaraka, Nageshwar Temple or Nagnath Temple is one among the well-known Shiva shrines within the country. This temple symbolizes the confiscation of evil forces from earth. It is one among the 12 Jyotirlingas, this temple abodes a stimulating legend about its origin. Shiv Purana describes the story about the temple and says that Lord Shiva started staying here within the sort of Jyothirlinga after killing the devil named Daruka. The region got its name from the devil as he had asked God to call this place after him. The Shivalinga of the temple is placed facing the south direction and the gopuram is placed on the eastern side. The huge idol of Lord Shiva allures the devotees with its charm. During Shivaratri, the temple gathers an enormous crowd of devotees which just about changes the entire atmosphere into an area of festivities. Counted among major Dwarka attractions, the temple is visited by thousands of tourists every year.

### **Gopi Talav**

This popular site in Dwarka features a small pond. And it is believed that it was here that Lord Krishna played raas leela with the Gopika Strees. Located at a distance of 20 km north of Dwarka city, the sand round the talav is extremely smooth and yellow in colour and is named gopi chandan that is used by the devotees to apply tilak. There are various interesting stories attached to the history of Gopi Talav. According to one among them, the Gopikas with whom the lord danced the raas at Vrindavan (Vrij) were unable in touch being distanced from him once he moved to Dwaraka and hence visited the talav on a full-of-the-moon night and danced with him again at the spot.

### **Rukmani Temple**

Located relatively on the outskirts, the Rukmini Mata Temple commemorates Lord Krishna's queen. The temple is claimed to be quite 2500 years old but it's going to be reconstructed over time. The present temple is claimed to belong to the 12th century. It is much more

modest than Dwarkadhish in structure and sculptures but inspires the same devotional fervour. Carvings of gods and goddesses embellish the exteriors and the main idol of Rukmini is housed in the sanctum. Carved naratharas (human figures) and gajatharas (elephants) feature within the panels at the bottom of the platform.

### **Gomati Ghats**

With great religious and mythological significance, the Gomti Ghat is understood to be one among the sacred ghats in Dwarka. There are legends which suggest that the Gomti River is that the daughter of sage Vashishta and her water is powerful enough to purge one's mortal sins. Thus, the devotees visit the ghat to require a holy dip within the sacred water especially within the Gomti Kund, which is that the point of confluence of the Gomti River and the sea. It is also believed that at Gomti Kund, Lord Krishna had served sage Durvasa.

The Gomti Ghat attracts devotees and tourists alike from all over because of the various shrines located around the ghat such as the shrines of Lord Krishna, Lord Rama, Sudama and Lord Shiva.

### **Sudama Setu**

The Setu is known as after the childhood friend of Lord Krishna, Sudama. The current bridge, which is considered to be one of the best places to visit in Dwarka, is a suspension bridge that has moved ahead to be one of the stunning architectural marvels in the city of Dwarka.

The bridge happens to be a major link in between Jagat temple and the holy Panchkui teerth, which is situated on the island that has deep connections with the brave Pandava Brothers.

### **Inclusions**

- Accommodation as per your itinerary
- Daily Breakfast and Dinner
- All transfers & sightseeing by ac vehicle (ac will not work in hilly area)
- Hotel Luxury Taxes
- Total Inclusive Kilometers- 1300 kms

### **Exclusions**

- Airfare
- 5% GST Extra on tour cost
- Cost for supplementary service, optional Tours, Up-gradation Charges, Guide, Sightseeing, entrance fees..
- Cost for service provided on a personal request.
- Cost for personal expenses such as laundry, bottled water, soft drinks, incidentals, porter
- Charges, tips etc.
- Anything which is not mentioned in inclusions .

### **PACKAGE COST ON REQUEST**

