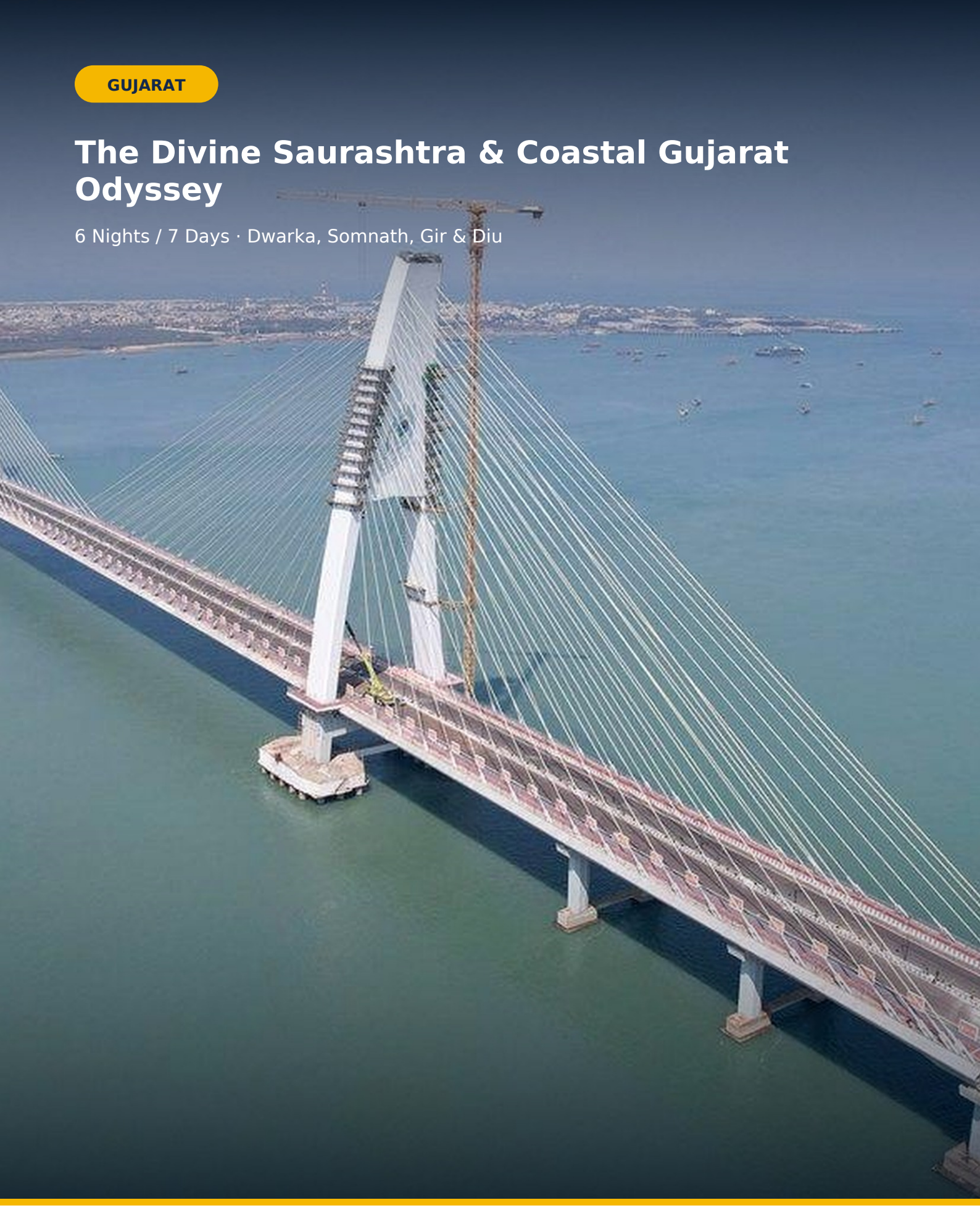
GUJARAT

The Divine Saurashtra & Coastal Gujarat Odyssey

6 Nights / 7 Days · Dwarka, Somnath, Gir & Diu



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A journey through the sacred temples of Saurashtra, the timeless legends of Lord Krishna, the spiritual shores of Somnath, the wilderness of Gir, and the tranquil coastal beauty of Diu. This thoughtfully planned holiday brings together devotion, heritage, wildlife, and seaside relaxation, offering travellers a memorable experience of Gujarat's cultural and natural treasures.

Day-by-day itinerary

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Day 1: From Rajkot to Dwarka — The Journey to Krishna's Sacred Abode
Upon arrival at Rajkot, meet your driver and begin your journey towards Dwarka, one of the most revered pilgrimage destinations in India and an important part of the Char Dham pilgrimage tradition. Associated with Lord Krishna, this ancient coastal city holds a special place in Hindu mythology and welcomes devotees from across the country.

Enjoy the scenic drive through the landscapes of Saurashtra, passing traditional towns, rural settlements, and open countryside. Upon reaching Dwarka, check in to your hotel and take time to relax after the journey.

The remainder of the day is kept at leisure, allowing you to unwind and prepare for the spiritual experiences awaiting you over the next few days.

Overnight stay: Dwarka.

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Day 2: Blessings by the Arabian Sea — Temples, Sacred Ghats & Sunlit Shores
Begin your day with a visit to the sacred Dwarkadhish Temple, dedicated to Lord Krishna, worshipped here as the King of Dwarka. The temple is renowned for its imposing five-storey structure, intricately carved pillars, and towering flag that flutters above the city. The atmosphere of devotion and the centuries-old traditions make it one of the most significant spiritual landmarks in Gujarat.

Continue to Gomati Ghat, situated near the confluence of the Gomati River and the Arabian Sea. Its stone steps, small shrines, and peaceful waterfront create a deeply spiritual setting. Pilgrims traditionally visit the ghat to offer prayers and take part in religious rituals.

Next, proceed to Bhadkeshwar Mahadev Temple, a beautiful Shiva shrine located on a rocky outcrop surrounded by the sea. During high tide, the waves encircle the temple, creating a striking coastal landscape. The temple offers a serene atmosphere for prayer and reflection, particularly when the sea is calm.

Later, visit Shivrajpur Beach, one of Gujarat's celebrated coastal attractions. Known for its clear blue waters, soft sands, and scenic shoreline, the beach is ideal for a leisurely stroll, photography, and enjoying the refreshing sea breeze. Depending on local conditions, visitors may also find permitted water-based activities available.

Return to your hotel after a day that beautifully blends religious heritage with the natural charm of Gujarat's coastline.

Overnight stay: Dwarka.

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Day 3: In the Footsteps of Lord Krishna — Sacred Islands & Eternal Faith

After breakfast, set out to explore some of the most important pilgrimage sites associated with the life and legends of Lord Krishna.

Begin at Rukmini Devi Temple, dedicated to Goddess Rukmini, the consort of Lord Krishna. Located a short distance from Dwarka, this beautifully carved temple is admired for its detailed stonework and historical significance. Local traditions recount legends connected with Rukmini and the origins of the temple's association with the goddess.

Continue towards Bet Dwarka, traditionally associated with the residence of Lord Krishna and his family. The island is revered as an important pilgrimage site, with temples and shrines that attract devotees throughout the year. The journey to Bet Dwarka is made via the Sudarshan Setu, the landmark bridge connecting the mainland with the island, subject to local access and travel arrangements.

Next, visit Gopi Talav, a sacred pond associated with the legends of Krishna and the Gopis of Vrindavan. According to local belief, this is where the Gopis reunited with Krishna. The site is also known for the traditional Gopi Chandan, a yellowish sacred clay used by devotees for religious markings.

Later, proceed to Nageshwar Jyotirlinga Temple, one of the twelve traditionally recognised Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva. The temple is an important centre of Shiva worship and is especially known for its monumental Shiva statue. Devotees visit to offer prayers and experience the peaceful atmosphere of this sacred destination.

Return to Dwarka in the evening, carrying the memories of a day immersed in mythology, devotion, and the enduring spiritual heritage of Saurashtra.

Overnight stay: Dwarka.

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Day 4: Along the Sacred Coast — Porbandar's Legacy & Somnath's Eternal Light

After breakfast, check out from your hotel in Dwarka and begin the scenic drive towards Somnath, travelling through the historic coastal town of Porbandar. This day combines the legacy of India's freedom movement with some of the most sacred sites associated with Lord Krishna and Lord Shiva.

Kirti Mandir, Porbandar

Your first stop is Kirti Mandir, the memorial associated with Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, who was born in Porbandar in 1869. The complex preserves the historical significance of his birthplace and offers visitors an opportunity to reflect on his life, philosophy, and enduring message of truth and non-violence.

Sudama Mandir, Porbandar

Continue to Sudama Mandir, dedicated to Sudama, the childhood friend and devoted companion of Lord Krishna. The temple commemorates their legendary friendship, celebrated for its sincerity, humility, and affection beyond material wealth. It is a peaceful place to pause and appreciate one of the most cherished stories in Hindu tradition.

After exploring Porbandar, continue your journey towards Somnath.

Bhalka Tirth

Upon reaching the Somnath region, visit Bhalka Tirth, a revered pilgrimage site associated with the final earthly moments of Lord Krishna. According to Hindu tradition, this is where Krishna was struck by an arrow while resting beneath a tree. The temple complex commemorates this episode and holds profound spiritual significance for devotees.

Triveni Sangam

Proceed to Triveni Sangam, the sacred confluence of the Hiran, Kapila, and the traditionally identified Saraswati rivers near the Arabian Sea. Considered an important place for religious rituals and prayers, the site offers a tranquil setting where flowing waters, ancient beliefs, and coastal scenery come together.

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Baan Ganga

Visit Baan Ganga, a coastal religious site associated with local traditions surrounding Lord Krishna. The sea-facing setting makes it a distinctive stop on the Somnath pilgrimage circuit. The exact local site intended by this name can vary, so the stop should be confirmed with your driver or local guide.

Somnath Jyotirlinga Temple

Conclude the day's sightseeing at the magnificent Somnath Jyotirlinga Temple, one of the twelve revered Jyotirlinga shrines of Lord Shiva and among India's most significant pilgrimage destinations. Overlooking the Arabian Sea, the present temple is renowned for its Chalukya-inspired architecture, beautifully carved stonework, and towering shikhara.

The temple's history reflects centuries of destruction and reconstruction, making it a powerful symbol of faith, resilience, and devotion. Spend time offering prayers and experiencing the sacred atmosphere of this revered shrine. If time permits, you may also attend the evening aarti or the temple's sound-and-light programme, subject to operating schedules.

After completing the day's spiritual journey, check in to your hotel and relax.

Overnight stay: Somnath.

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Day 5: Into the Wild — A Journey to the Land of the Asiatic Lion

After breakfast, check out from your hotel in Somnath and proceed towards Gir, the celebrated wilderness region of Gujarat. The drive takes you away from the sacred coastline and into a landscape of dry deciduous forests, rugged terrain, and rural settlements.

Upon arrival, check in to your resort or hotel and take some time to relax before your afternoon wildlife adventure.

Afternoon Jungle Safari at Gir National Park

Later, proceed for an afternoon jungle safari, subject to advance reservation, permit availability, and the official safari schedule. Gir is globally recognised as the last natural stronghold of the Asiatic lion, making it one of India's most remarkable wildlife destinations.

As your safari vehicle travels through the forest, keep an eye out for Asiatic lions, leopards, spotted deer, sambar, nilgai, jackals, and a variety of bird species. The forest's dry woodland, grasslands, rocky outcrops, and seasonal water sources create a distinctive habitat that supports a rich diversity of wildlife.

A safari through Gir is not simply a search for the majestic lion; it is an opportunity to appreciate the delicate balance of nature and the conservation efforts that protect this unique ecosystem. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed, as animals move freely within their natural habitat.

Following the safari, return to your accommodation and enjoy a peaceful evening amid the natural surroundings of Gir.

Overnight stay: Gir.

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Day 6: Coastal Charms of Diu — Forts, Faith & the Blue Arabian Sea

After breakfast, check out from your accommodation in Gir and proceed towards Diu, a charming coastal destination known for its Portuguese heritage, historic monuments, tranquil beaches, and relaxed atmosphere. The day offers a delightful change of scenery, bringing together architectural heritage, spiritual landmarks, and the beauty of the Arabian Sea.

Diu Fort

Begin your exploration at Diu Fort, an impressive coastal fortification built during Portuguese rule. Overlooking the Arabian Sea, the fort is admired for its massive stone walls, historic gateways, bastions, and sweeping sea views. Walking through its historic grounds offers a glimpse into Diu's maritime past and the strategic importance it once held along India's western coast.

Gangeshwar Mahadev Temple

Continue to Gangeshwar Mahadev Temple, a unique seaside shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva. Situated amid coastal rocks, the temple is famous for its five Shiva lingams, traditionally associated with the five Pandava brothers from the Mahabharata. The waves of the Arabian Sea wash over the rocky shrine during suitable tidal conditions, creating a remarkable natural and spiritual spectacle.

INS Khukri Memorial

Visit the INS Khukri Memorial, established in remembrance of the Indian Navy personnel who lost their lives when INS Khukri was sunk during the 1971 Indo-Pakistan War. The memorial stands as a tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and service of the Indian Navy. Its coastal setting also offers panoramic views of the sea, making it a place for both remembrance and reflection.

St. Paul's Church

Next, explore St. Paul's Church, one of Diu's best-known examples of Portuguese-era religious architecture. Dedicated to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, the church is noted for its ornate facade, intricate woodwork, and distinctive Baroque design. Its historic interiors and architectural details reflect the strong Portuguese influence that shaped Diu's cultural landscape.

Nagoa Beach

Conclude your sightseeing at Nagoa Beach, a popular crescent-shaped beach known for its soft sand, palm-lined surroundings, and gentle coastal atmosphere. It is an ideal place to unwind after several days of travel, enjoy the sea breeze, take photographs, or simply spend some leisurely time by the water. Water sports may be available depending on the season, weather, and local operating conditions.

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As the day draws to a close, enjoy the relaxed charm of Diu and the soothing rhythm of the Arabian Sea.

Overnight stay: Diu.

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Day 7: Farewell to the Coast — Carrying Home Memories of Saurashtra

After breakfast, check out from your hotel in Diu and prepare for your onward journey. Bid farewell to the tranquil shores of the Arabian Sea, taking with you cherished memories of sacred temples, historic landmarks, fascinating wildlife, and the coastal beauty of Gujarat.

As per your departure schedule, proceed by road to Veraval Railway Station or Rajkot Railway Station for your onward train journey. Enjoy the scenic drive through the landscapes of Saurashtra, reflecting on the spiritual and cultural experiences that have made this journey truly memorable.

Upon arrival at your selected railway station, you will be dropped off for your onward journey.

With this, your Divine Saurashtra & Coastal Gujarat Odyssey comes to a close, leaving you with beautiful memories of devotion, discovery, and the timeless charm of Gujarat.

Tour concludes with wonderful memories!

Hotel options

City	3-star hotel options
Dwarka	The Grand Ladhukara / Similar
Somnath	The Somnath Gateway / Similar
Gir	Anantam Resort / Similar
Diu	Hotel The Tulip / Similar

City	4-star hotel options
Dwarka	Lemon Tree Premiere / Similar
Somnath	Lemon Tree Resort / Similar
Gir	Jagira Ananta Elite / Similar
Diu	Kamnath Zinc Journey by The Fern / Similar

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