

12 JYOTIRLINGA YATRA · WEST ITINERARY

Gujarat & Maharashtra: Five Jyotirlingas

The five nearest Jyotirlingas by road, with Shirdi and the Ellora Caves as natural add-ons. The most-booked of our four Jyotirlinga trips, and the only one that needs no flight at all if your group is willing to do one long highway hop.

6 nights / 7 days

Route: **Ahmedabad – Somnath – Dwarka – Nashik – Bhimashankar – Shirdi – Ellora – Ahmedabad**

From **₹26,000** per person, indicative

Day by day

Day

1

AHMEDABAD → SOMNATH

First Jyotirlinga

Leave by 6 am for Somnath (400 km, about 7 hours) with a breakfast halt near Rajkot. Afternoon rest, evening darshan at Somnath Temple and the 7:45 pm Sound and Light Show.

Stay: **Somnath** · Meals: **Dinner**

Day

2

SOMNATH → DWARKA

Second Jyotirlinga: Nageshwar

Early morning darshan at Somnath, then drive to Dwarka via Porbandar (240 km, 5 hours). Nageshwar Temple, 17 km short of Dwarka, first; then Dwarkadhish and Rukmini Devi temples, and the evening aarti.

Stay: **Dwarka** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day

3

DWARKA → RAJKOT → NASHIK

Crossing to Maharashtra

Morning darshan, then drive to Rajkot (230 km, 4 hours) to fly Rajkot–Mumbai — the direct road distance to Nashik exceeds 900 km, so this is the one flight in an otherwise road-based trip. From Mumbai airport, a further 4-hour drive to Nashik; you arrive late evening.

Stay: **Nashik** · Meals: **Breakfast**

Day
4

NASHIK

Third Jyotirlinga: Trimbakeshwar

Trimbakeshwar Temple, 28 km from Nashik, best visited before 8 am to avoid the day's queue build-up. Men enter bare-chested in a dhoti (available on hire). Afternoon at Panchavati and, for those interested, a short visit to the Sula vineyards. Drive on to Bhimashankar (210 km, 5 hours) or stay overnight in Nashik and go early next morning depending on group energy.

Stay: **Nashik / Bhimashankar** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
5

BHIMASHANKAR → SHIRDI

Fourth Jyotirlinga: Bhimashankar

Bhimashankar Temple sits inside a wildlife sanctuary at 1,230 m; the last stretch is a steep ghat drive and the sanctum is reached down several hundred steps — the toughest walk on this itinerary for elderly travellers, who can wait at the base while others go down. Afterwards drive to Shirdi (about 220 km via Ahmednagar, 5 hours) for the evening.

Stay: **Shirdi** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
6

SHIRDI → ELLORA (AURANGABAD)

Fifth Jyotirlinga: Grishneshwar

Morning darshan at Shirdi Sai Baba Temple (a separate, faster queue exists for seniors), then drive to Ellora (130 km, 3 hours). Grishneshwar, the smallest of the twelve Jyotirlingas, sits at the entrance to the Ellora Caves — a short, simple darshan. Spend the afternoon touring the Ellora Caves (closed Tuesdays).

Stay: **Aurangabad** · Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Day
7

AURANGABAD → AHMEDABAD

Fly home

Morning flight Aurangabad–Ahmedabad (via Mumbai, about 3 hours total) or, for groups without a flight booked, a full-day drive back (about 800 km, best split into two days if driven).

Stay: — · Meals: **Breakfast**

Inclusions

Included

- + Private AC vehicle for all road sectors
- + One-way flight Rajkot–Mumbai for the group
- + 6 nights in inspected 3★/4★ hotels
- + Daily breakfast and veg dinner
- + Temple darshan arrangements at all five Jyotirlingas plus Shirdi
- + Return airport transfers

Not included

- Return flight Aurangabad–Ahmedabad
- Lunches
- Ellora Caves entry ticket and guide
- Travel insurance and GST 5%

Indicative cost

STANDARD

₹26,000–32,000

Per person, twin sharing

PREMIUM

₹40,000–52,000

Per person, twin sharing

Per person on twin sharing, indicative for 2026, excluding the Aurangabad–Ahmedabad return flight. A pure road version (no flight, driving the full Dwarka–Nashik stretch over two long days instead) runs about ₹4,000–6,000 less but adds a full extra day. All prices on this document are indicative for 2026 and confirmed in writing at the time of booking.

Good to know

Getting there. Road: Ahmedabad connects well by road only to the Gujarat pair — Somnath (400 km, 7 h) and, via Somnath, Dwarka (a further 240 km, 5 h). Beyond Gujarat, road distances become impractical for a family trip (Ahmedabad–Nashik alone is 450 km/8 h, and Ahmedabad to any of the remaining eight Jyotirlingas is 900 km or more), so we use flights or trains for every other leg.

Food. Somnath, Dwarka, Ujjain and Varanasi are the easy sectors — Gujarati thali restaurants and Jain-friendly kitchens are common in all four, and most hotels there will cook to order. Nashik and Aurangabad have reasonable North Indian/Gujarati options in the main towns, though choices thin out at Bhimashankar and Trimbakeshwar themselves — eat before or after the temple visit rather than counting on food at the temple town.

Permits and rules. Kedarnath requires mandatory online yatra registration before travel (register.uttarakhandtourism.gov.in), checked at Sonprayag along with photo ID — carry printouts, not just phone screenshots, as network coverage is unreliable there. Mahakaleshwar's Bhasma Aarti needs a separate online booking 3–4 weeks ahead with a strict dress code (no leather items inside, men often required to wear a dhoti supplied at the counter); Kashi Vishwanath's paid Sugam Darshan can be booked online or at the counter and does not allow phones, bags or leather past security — use the paid locker facility outside. Trimbakeshwar requires men to remove their shirt and wear a dhoti for the inner sanctum. Photography is prohibited inside the sanctum at all twelve temples; phones must usually be deposited or kept switched off well before the queue.

Pack

- Layered woollens for Kedarnath even in season — 5–10°C is common even in June, colder at night
- A separate cotton dhoti for men (Trimbakeshwar, Bhasma Aarti and several other sanctums require it; some temples rent them, but carrying your own avoids the queue)
- Comfortable trekking shoes with grip if attempting the Kedarnath trek on foot
- Sun protection — hat, sunscreen, sunglasses — for the Srisailem ghat road and Rameshwaram's open courtyards
- A printed copy of Kedarnath yatra registration and photo ID for every traveller
- Basic medication for altitude and motion sickness, plus any regular prescriptions in original packaging

- A small dry-food kit (khakhra, thepla, dry fruit) for the Srisailam and Deoghar sectors where familiar food is limited

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