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Welcome to our City



Your visit to Vadodra would be worth while to carry happy memories of four cities rolled in one Vadodra.

Vadodra - The City of Arches and of Domes.

Vadodra - The City of Colourful Gardens and Fountains.

Vadodra - The City of Supreme Education.

Vadodra - The City of Everexpanding Industries.

We are sure you will find in Vadodra not only what is tangible and material but also that gives all of us peace, joy and security. May your visit to the city linger long.

Vadodra A Kelledoscopic View.

The modern city of Baroda ($22^{\circ}17'55''N \times 73^{\circ}15'8''E$) has a rich and varied historical background. Modern Vadodra is a great and fitting memorial to His Highness the late Shri Sayajirao Gaekwad III (1875-1939 A.D.) It was the dream of this able administrator to make Baroda an educational, industrial and commercial centre and 'to-days Vadodra' stands as a monument to his farsighted vision. To-day the city is situated on both the banks of Vishwamitri, a stream whose name is derived from the great saint Rishi Vishwamitra of haloed memory.

The city was once called 'Chandravati' after its ruler Raja Chandan, then 'Viravati' the abode of Brave and then 'Vadpatra' because of the prolificity of the Banyan trees on the banks of the river Vishwamitri. From Vadpatra it derived its present name Vadodra or Baroda. It had witnessed the rise and fall of the empires and kingdoms of the Hindus, Pathans, Mogals and Marathas. The city of Vadodra ($22^{\circ}17'55''N \ 73^{\circ}15'8''E$) has a unique position on the educational, cultural and industrial map of the country.

There is a saying that 'Nothing grows under the banyan tree.' This is not true for Vadodra - as the name of the city stands for 'Under the banyan tree.'

As a fast growing city, Vadodra has many interesting places of worship, gardens, shopping centres and centres of entertainment. Vadodra has been fortunate enough to retain beauty of its varied and rich developing in to a large centre of industry and trade.

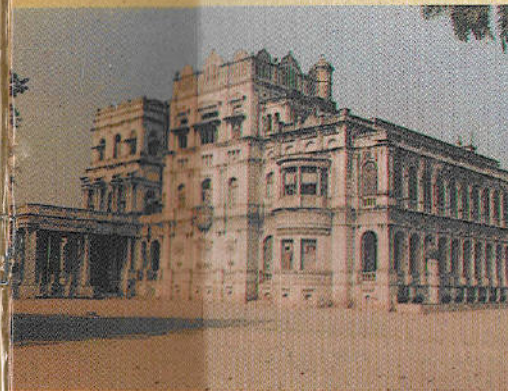
With great strides in economic field, the city has giant industrial complexes and public undertakings like Gujarat Refinery, I.P.C.L., G.S.F.C. and Heavy Water Project of the Atomic Energy Department, Oil & Natural Gas Commission etc. It is further developing in various fields.

Vadodra - The City of Palaces



1. Laxmi Vilas Palace :

Laxmi Vilas Palace is one of the finest buildings in Vadodra built in the Indo-Sarcenic style of architecture by Maharaja Sayaji Rao III for his residence. The construction of this Palace which commenced in 1878 A.D. was completed in 1890 built at a cost of about 6 million. The interior of Laxmi Vilas Palace finished in marble mosaic, fine stone, glass and wood is enchanting and has most valuable furnishings. Maharaja's persona Museum is also housed in the same premises.



3. Nazarbaug Palace :

Situated in the old walled city near Mandvi Clock Tower, it is the oldest palace built in old classic style by Malhar Rao Gaekwad in the late 19th century.

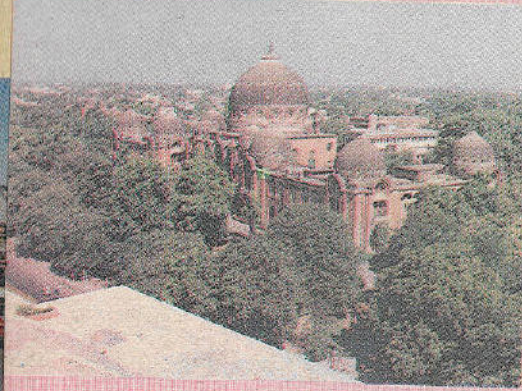


2. Pratap Vilas Palace. (Rly. Staff College)

Designed by Mr. Stevens in renaissance architecture, it houses the Railways Staff College the main training centre of the Indian Railways. The college is equipped with a beautiful mini railway model room showing different types of railway operations including track signalling.

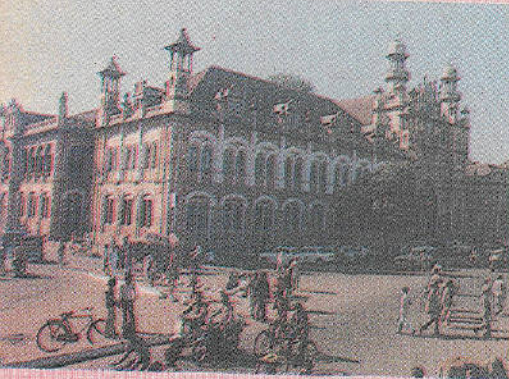
4. Makarpura Palace :

This lovely palace was built by Maharaja Khanderao (1856-1870 A.D.) for his residence. There was a magnificent deer-preserves adjoining the palace where he used to go for hunting daily. The palace which fell in ruin after his death was renovated by Sayaji Rao III who added a new wing to it. This work which commenced in 1883 was completed in 1890. This new wing was designed by Mr. Chisholm in the contemporary European style. The palace is surrounded by an excellent garden and a summer-house.



1. M. S. University :

An outstanding Residential University campus with architecturally interesting buildings like Faculty of Arts, Science, Experimental School etc. Central hall of Faculty of Arts is having the height of 144 ft. The university has a library having a rich collection of lakhs of books on almost all subjects and in various languages. (Vice Chancellor Tele. 329283)



3. Nyaya Mandir

Nyaya Mandir or Temple of Justice, is a magnificent and massive building built in Mixed Indo-Sarcenic and European Style by Sayaji Rao III. It is two storeyed with large courts and a fine central hall decorated with mosaic work. A beautiful marble statue of Chinnabai, the first queen of Sayaji Rao III adorns the hall. The building is used at present as a District Court.



2. Kirti Mandir

This is a majestic monumental building in Vadodara known as Kirti Mandir or Temple of Fame. Built by Maharaja Sayaji Rao III in 1936 A.D. to perpetuate the glorious memory of his beloved ancestors. It is an 'E' shaped building with domes, terraces, balconies and a central shikhara built in the Hindu style.



4. Laheri Pura Gate

This is a picturesque Gate with three large arched openings and forms the western gateway of the fortified medieval town of Vadodara.



1. Brindavan Pattern Garden :

Situated at Ajwa (22 kms.) the garden is prepared on the pattern of the Brindavan Garden of Mysore. The illumination of fountains is a major attraction for the tourists. It can be seen illuminated on all Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays.



3. Toy Railway :

Toy Train is one of the main attractions of Sayajibaug as this runs on the smallest track of 10" width. It is a joy ride of about 3.5 K.M. giving the entire view of the garden to the children. The locomotive Toy Railway was installed about 20 years ago.

4. Lalbaug

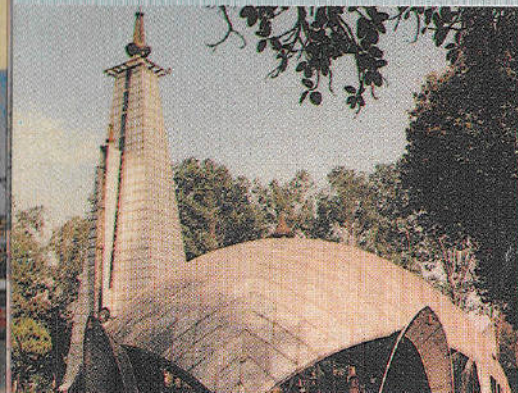
A beautiful garden stripe and a picnic spot for city people. It is the second most popular garden of the city.



2. Sayaji Baug :

Sayaji Baug, popularly known as Kamati Baug is situated on river Vishwamitri. It was built by Sayajirao III in 1879 A.D. and covers an extensive area of about 113 acres. It contains an excellent Zoo, Museum and Picture Gallery, a Small Museum of Health and Hygiene. Band Stand is the finest part of the Park with green carpet of lawns interspersed by paths. Greco Roman and other sculptures placed on pedestals at intervals. The park with fountains, lawns and trees is a beautiful corner of Vadodara. It is well looked after by the Municipal Corporation and further added its beauty by installing a floral clock and a fine building for a planetarium. This park has become a recreation centre and a fine beauty spot in Vadodara.





1. E.M.E. Temple. (Dakshinamurthy Temple) Ph : 21371

This unit temple of E.M.E. School is a major attraction for both tourists & devotees. Located in the cantonment area, it is entirely built of aluminium sheets in 1966 A.D.

2. Aurobindo Society : Ph : 554685

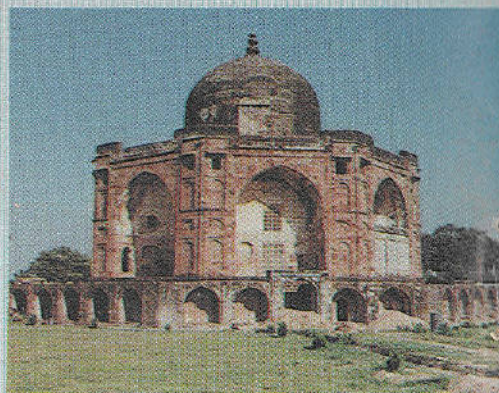
An international monument of Shri Aurobindo. Relics of Shri Aurobindo are preserved over here. It is open to all for meditation. It houses a library, study room and Sales Emporium.

3. Palace Museum (Maharaja Fatehsingh Rao Gaekwad Museum.) Ph : 556372

Located in the compound of Laxmi Vilas Palace, it houses a fabulous collection of Art objects, Paintings, sculptures etc. originally gathered by late Maharaja Sayajirao III & also original paintings of India's celebrated artist late Shri Raja Ravi Varma

4. Baroda Museum and Picture Gallery. (Sayaji Baug.) ph : 327201.

The museum houses a rich collection of art, sculpture, ethnography & ethnology. Several of the paintings are not only original but masterpieces at the picture gallery. It also houses a skeleton of a blue Whale and an Egyptian Mummy.



5. Maqbara (Hajira) : Located on Indulal Yagnik Road, it is built up in Safavi persian style. It is famous for its carved marble windows. Constructed in memory of Kutub-ud-din, the Army General of the great king Akbar, it is one of the oldest moghul monuments of the city. This is the only existing Moghul monument in the city.

6. Sardar Patel Planetarium : Ph. 329262

Located in Sayaji Baug, Planetarium is the first of its kind in Asia and tenth in the world. Movement of celestial bodies at different points in space and in time can be visualised.



7. Floral Clock :

The live floral clock first of its kind in Gujarat is situated at the entrance of the Middle Gate on the corner of the two approaching roads in the park. It consists of hour, minute and second hands which move on 20 feet diameter dial and contents four digits 3, 6, 9 and 12. The whole mechanism is underground and only the hands are visible giving the natural outlook of the Sun.



8. Khanderao Market :

This is a palatial building erected by Sayaji Rao III in 1906-07 at a cost of about Three Lakhs. It was presented by him as a gift to the Municipality on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of his administration. The Municipal Offices are located in this building. The main entrance resembles in architecture that of the gate of Dabhoi Fort. The perforated stone perapets are after style of the Agra Screens.

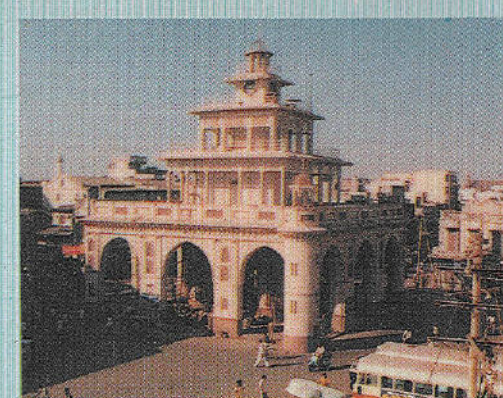


9. Sursagar Lake :

This large tank earlier called as Chandan Talao, was rebuilt in 18th Century with stone banks and masonry. Large and always full of water, the tank is used for boating and swimming and looks picturesque, especially on moonlight nights and adds to the beauty by a series of public buildings which are situated to the south and north of it.

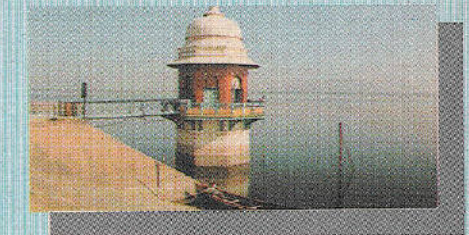
10. Faculty of Performing Arts :

A full-fledged faculty of Indian music, dance and dramatics. Students from all parts of India and abroad come to this institution to enrich and enlighten their minds in the fields of their interest.



11. Mandvi

This imposing pavillion known as the Mandvi gate was built during the Mughal period and was restored in 1736 A.D. by the Governor-Malharao Maloji under the orders of Damaji Rao II (1732-1768 A.D.). It is a square pavillion with three bold arched openings on each of the four sides. The upper storeys erected on the flat roof of the Pavillion are of a later date and were probably constructed during the 19th Century. This pavillion may have remained as a market place (Mandvi) interspersed by two spacious streets dividing into four parts meeting in the Centre.



12. Sayaji Sarovar (Ajwa) :

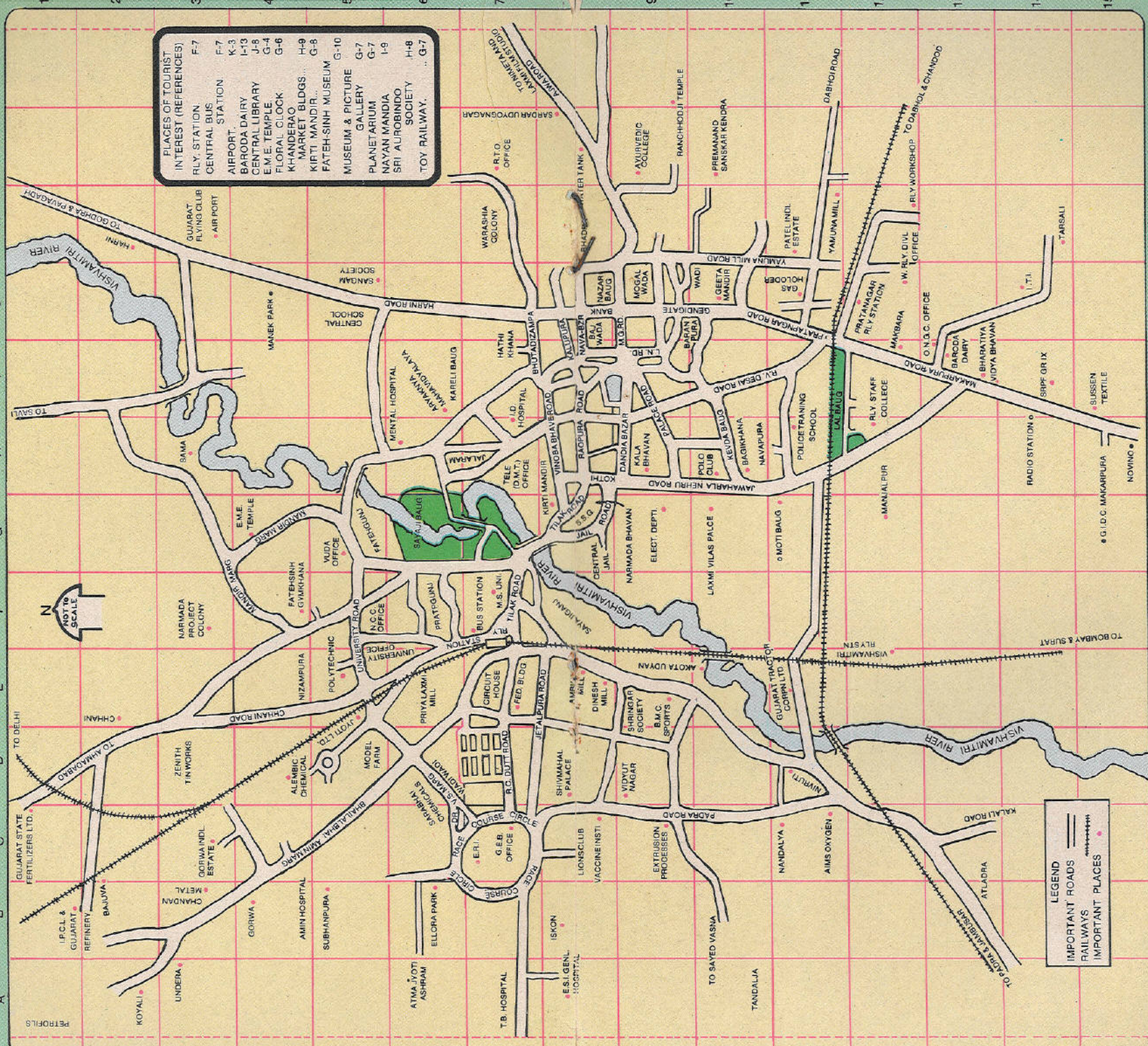
Sayaji Sarovar lake at Ajwa is situated about 22 kms. from the City. This is a principal lake which supplies water to the city of Vadodara. It is formed by damming the Surya river and the Vaghali Nala. Its scheme was prepared by an Indian Engineer Shri Jagannath Sadashivji who was called by Sayaji Rao III from Kachchha. The work which commenced in 1885 A.D. was completed in 1890 A.D.

13. Mahatma Gandhinagar Griha

The city townhall was constructed in 1954 (Air-conditioned) It is being used for various clutral functions.

GUIDE MAP OF BARODA

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1. Nimeta :

Nimeta, a village about 15 kms. from the city has a water filter station. Nimeta has been developed by the Municipal Corporation. There is a beautiful garden and a guest house. This has become a picnic spot for the residents of Vadodara.

2 Brindavan Pattern Garden :

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3. Pavagadh :

A mountainous place with historical town of Champaner near by. The town has beautiful mosques Juma Masjid and Shah-Ki-Masjid built in early Mohmedan Era. It is 50 Kms. North Accessible by bus and train.

4. Kayavarohan :

Popularly known as Karvan, it is situated 30 kms. away from Baroda on the National Highway No. 8. It is both, a place of pilgrimage and picnic. A beautiful Shiv Temple built recently houses an attractive idol of Lakulish. Ancient sculptures and relics belonging to 2nd century have been excavated from this historical place by Archaeology dept. Regular bus services are available.

5. Dabhoi :

An old town with Hira Bhagol gate known for its unique carved gate. 30 kms. east. Regular S.T. Buses are available. It has been described as the original centre for Gujarat style architecture.

6. Chandod :

A religious place on the Narmada river 60 kms. East. Regular S.T. Buses are available.

7. Laxmi Film Laboratory & Studios. (P) Ltd.

The first film city complex in Gujarat state. It is situated on 20 acres of land at beautiful location on Ajwa Road. Actual shooting of movie can be seen here. Written permission in advance is necessary.

Various luxurious hotels ranging from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 900/- are situated in the various areas of the city

(A) Western Style Hotels :

1. Hotel Welcome. Vadodara R.C. Dutt Road & Ph. : 323232
2. Hotel Rama Inn. Sayaji Gunj. Ph. 328192
3. Hotel Express. R.C. Dutt Road. Ph. 323131
4. Hotel Sayaji. Sayaji Gunj. Ph. 324348
5. Hotel Surya Palace. Sayaji Gunj. Ph. 329999
6. Hotel Utsav. Navrang Complex. Ph. 557045
7. Hotel Kaviraj. R.C. Dutt Road. Ph. 323436
8. Green Hotel. R.C. Dutt Road. Ph. 323111
9. Hotel Avantika. Rly. St. Ph. 326961
10. Hotel Skylab. Jetalpur Road. Ph. 322866
11. Hotel Surya. Sayaji Gunj. Ph. 328282
12. Hotel Stavel. 18. Sampatrao Colony. Ph. 325407

(B) Indian Style Hotels :

These hotels are ranging from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 200/-

1. Hotel Ambassador. Sayaji Ganj. Ph. 327417
2. Hotel Gaurav. Pratap Gunj. Ph. 327101
3. Hotel Kalyan. Sayaji Gunj. Ph. 329191
4. Hotel Stakaar. Sayaji Gunj. Ph. 329997
5. Hotel Rajdhani. Dandia Bazaar Ph. 551136
6. Agrawal Guest House. R.C. Dutt Road. Ph. 324276
7. Agrasen Guest House. Near Raily Station Ph. 328119
8. Supreme Guest House. Hujarat Paga. Ph. 555381
9. Hotel Aditi. Sayaji Gunj. Ph. 327722
10. Hotel Sagar. Sursagar Ph. 66342
11. Hotel Vikram Sayaji Gunj Ph. 328518
12. City Resort Vemali N.H. 8. Ph. 22922
13. Hotel Sanman. Jetalpur Rd. Ph. 324119

Railway : Ph. 63535, 727575, 327979

Vadodara is on the western Railway Bombay Delhi and Bombay Ahmedabad line. It is 436 kms. from Bombay and 992 kms. from Delhi and 100 kms. from Ahmedabad its narrow gauge line operates from Pratapnagar Railway Station and Vishwamitri Railway Station.

Road : Vadodara is connected by road on National Highway No. 8 with all the major cities of India. It is 436 Kms. from Bombay and 956 kms. from Delhi.

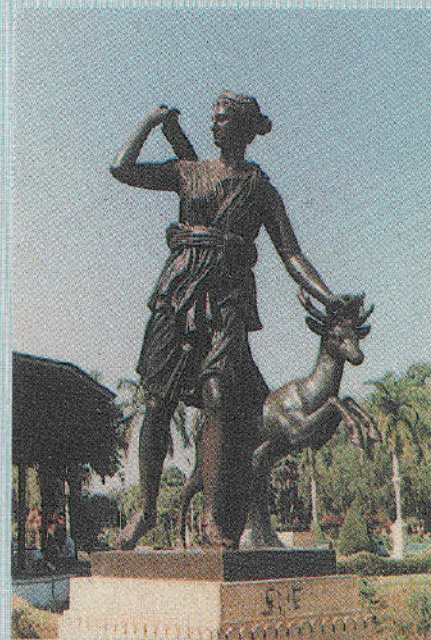
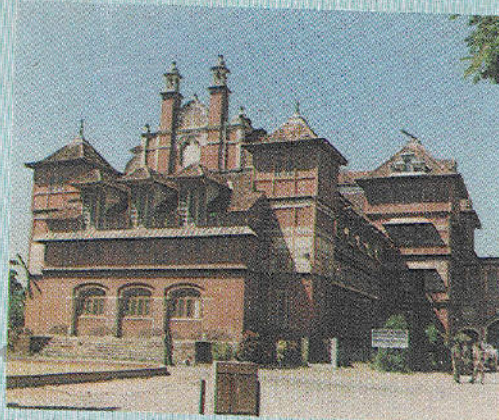
Air : Ph. 329277

The city has an airport connected with Bombay and Delhi.

Bus : Ph. 327000

The Gujarat State Transport Corporation plies its buses between Vadodara and Ahmedabad and also on main towns and tourist centres of Gujarat.

Taxis and Auto Rickshaws : Charges are according to meters as revised. The revision could be examined on printed cards available with driver.



Atladara	-	06	Chandod	-	52
Ahmedabad	-	112	Chorvad	-	447
Ambaji	-	285	Jamnagar	-	386
Ajwa	-	22	Junagadh	-	372
Anand	-	39	Dabhoi	-	33
Abu Raod	-	306	Dakor	-	65
M. Abu	-	334	Dwarka	-	545
Ukai	-	211	Nimete	-	18
Ubharat	-	179	Palitana	-	85
Okha	-	577	Pavagadh	-	51
Kadanadam	-	168	Porbandar	-	456
Kabirvad	-	91	Bharuch	-	73
Karnali	-	52	Bhavnagar	-	271
Kandala	-	452	Rajkot	-	294
Karvan	-	29	Veraval	-	457
Kankroli	-	379	Virpur	-	327
Kavadiya	-	92	Sankheda	-	60
Khambhat	-	78	Saputara	-	288
Kheda	-	75	Sarangpur	-	223
Gadhada	-	256	Sasangir	-	431
Garudeshwar	-	83	Surat	-	142
Gandhinagar	-	147	Somnath	-	461
Hill Girnar	-	377	Harni	-	07
Gondol	-	314	(Airport)	-	

Miscellaneous

Travel Agents & Tour Organisers

1. Gandhi Travels. Palace Rd. Ph. 554069.
2. Jirawala Transport. Behind Kh. Mrkt. 555995.
3. Indian Travels Behind Kh. Mrkt. 554495
4. Lucky Travels Ph. : 551643
5. Alankar Travels. Ph. : 552944
6. Ashok Travels. Jubilee Garden Ph. : 554342
7. Punjab Travels. S.T. Depot. Ph. : 329955
8. Shreyas Travels. Bhutadi Zampa Ph. 554898
9. Quick Travels Navrang Cinema Rd. Ph. 540144
0. T.C.I. R.C. Dutt Rd. Ph. 322181
1. Trade Wings. SayajiGunj Ph. : 327127

Adilabad	08732	Hyderabad	0842	Salem	0427
Agartala	0381	Indore	0731	Shillong	0364
Agra	0562	Itanagar	03781	Shimoga	08182
Ahmedabad	0272	Jaipur	0761	Siliguri	0353
Aizwal	03832	Jalandhar	0141	Shimla	0177
Ajmer	0145	Jammu	0181	Srinagar	0194
Aligarh	0571	Jamshedpur	0191	Surat	0261
Allabhad	0532	Jodhpur	0657	Thirunelveli	0431
Alleppey	0477	Kakinada	0291	Trichur	08574
Alwar	0144	Kanpur	0884	Trichur	0487
Ambala	0171	Karnal	0512	Trivandrum	0471
Amritsar	0183	Khandwa	0184	Tumkur	0816
Anantapur	08554	Kharagpur	0733	Tuticorin	0461
Asansol	0341	Kodakanal	0322	Udaipur	0294
Aurangabad	02432	Kohima	04542	Ujjain	0734
Bangalore	0812	Kolhapur	03866	Varanasi	0542
Bareilly	0581	Kota	0231	Vellore	0416
Baroda	0265	Kottayam	0744	Vijaywada	0866
Beawer	01462	Kozhikode	0481	Visakhapatnam	891
Belgaum	0831	Lucknow	0495	Warangal	08712
Bharatpur	05644	Ludhiana	0522	Wardha	07152
Bhiwani	01664	Madras	0161		
Bhopal	0755	Madurai	044		
Bhuvenshwar	0674	Mangalore	0452		
Bombay	022	Meerut	0824		
Calcutta	033	Modinagar	0121		
Cannanore	0497	Moradabad	01232		
Chandigarh	172	Mysore	0891		
Chidambaram	04144	Muzaffarpur	013585		
Chinegelp	0414	Nagpur	0621		
Coimbatore	0422	Nasik	0821		
Cuttak	0671	Nellore	0712		
Darjeeling	0354	Ooty	253		
Delhi	011	Palghat	0861		
Dehradun	0135	Panim	0423		
Dhanbad	0326	Patna	0491		
Dibrugarh	0373	Patiala	0832		
Dispur	0361	Pondicherry	0612		
Durgapur	0343	Pune	0175		
Erankulam	0484	Quilon	0413		
Erode	0424	Rai Barely	0212		
Gangtok	0539	Raipur	0535		
Guwahait	0361	Rajamundry	0771		
Gorakhpur	0551	Rajkot	0833		
Guntur	0863	Ranchi	0281		
Gurgaon	01272	Rohtak	0671		
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Hapur	0122		0661		
Hubli	0836				

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Italy	39
Japan	81
Malaysia	60
Natheland	31
Singapur	65
Turkey	90
U.K.	44
U.S.A.	1
West Germany	49
Bostwana	2

HINDU :

- * Kamnath Temple, Karelibaug.
- * Ranchodji Temple, M.G. Road & Panigate.
- * Kashi Vishavnath Temple, J.N. Road.
- * Shri Ganesh Temple, Dandia Bazaar.
- * Bahucharaji Temple, Karelibaug.
- * Jain Temple, M.G. Road.
- * Ambamata Temple, M.G. Road.
- * Geeta Mandir, Tagore Road.
- * Swaminarayan Temple, Wadi. Atladara &

- * Bethak Vaishnav Temple, Shiyapura.
- * Kalyanraiji Temple, Vitthalbhai Patel Road.
- * Sainath Temple, Raopura.
- * Jalaram Temple, Karelibaug.

MUSLIM :

- * Mosques of Bada Hazarat Saheb,
- * Rafai Saheb,
- * Rafai Saheb & Bavaman Saheb,
- * Jumma Masjid,
- * Badri Masjid, Joravarpur, Goresapur,

SIKH :

- * Gurudwara (Near Khanderao Market)

CHRISTIAN :

- * Don Bosco, Pratapnagar.
- * Mother Mary, Fatehgunj.
- * Roman Catholic Church,
- * Methodist Church,
- * Church of England.

PARSI :

- * Parsi Agiaree, Fatehgunj.

SUPPLEMENTRY INFORMATION

Area : 108 sq. kms. (Approx.)

Population : One Million (Approx.)

Altitude : 35.5 meters above sea level.

Climate : Summer Max. 40. 4°C. Min. 20. 4°C. Winter Max. 33.1°C Min 9.8°C. Rainfall 931 M.M. (Mid. June to Sept.)

Clothing : Cotton in Summer, Light woolen in winter.

RESTAURANTS :

1. Mysore Cafe - Station Road.
2. Madras Rest. - Station Road.
3. Hotel Rekha - Natraj Cinema
4. Kon Tiki - Fatehgunj.
5. Alka - R.C. Dutt Road.
6. Havmor - Sayajigunj, Tel. 66025
7. Kwaliti - Sayajigunj, Te. 63508
8. Sabras - Raopura Road
9. Kalyan Confectioners, Phone 64191
10. Copper Coin - Alankar - 65050
11. Kalyan - Fatehgunj, Tel. 67001.
12. Surya Prakash - Raopura Road.
13. Gopi - Near Nyaya Mandir, Tel.54121
14. Canara Coffee House - Near Fire Brigade Tel. 51420

Languages Spoken : Vadodara is cosmopolitan city in Gujarati speaking area. Beside Marathi, Hindi, Urdu, Sindhi & English are spoken. Some groups use Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Bengali and other languages.

CINEMA :

1. Aradhana, Opp. S.S.G. Hospital. 556385
2. Alpana, Tagore Road. 583835
3. Apsara, Tagore Road. 555477
4. Krishna, R.V. Desai Road. 55593
5. Natraj, S.T. Depot. 329083
6. Pratap, Near Sursagar. 553155
7. Prince, Near Sursagar. 554086
8. Rupam, Harni Road. 553886
9. Rajshree, Sayaji Gunj. 553885
10. Sharda, Near Sursagar. 2534
11. Sadhna, Near Nyaya Mandir. 540759
12. Sagar, Raopura. 551438
13. Vihar, Tagore Road. 551943

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A	2 P.M. To 6 P.M.	Tues Wed. Fri.	Rs. 15/-	E.M.E. Temple Sayaji Garden-Kirti Mandir- Geeta Mandir-Baroda Dairy-Fatehsing Museum-Aurobindo Society.
B JULY To SEPT.	5 P.M. To 9 P.M.	Sat. Sun. Mon.	Rs. 15/-	Nimeta : Picnic Spot. Ajwa : Brindavan Pattern Garden
C Octo. To June	2 P.M. To 9 P.M.	Sat. Sun. Mon.	Rs. 30/- A & B	Places as Per Trips A & B

1. Children above three pay full fare.
2. Trips 'A' & 'B' starts with minimum ten tourists.
3. Trip 'C' starts with minimum twenty tourists
4. Educational institutions with a minimum of 20 students on produce of a certificate of the head of the institution enjoy 25% concession.
5. A special trip can be arranged from the residence of tourists on payment of extra rupee one per head.
6. B.M.C. reserves the right of the change or cancel the scheduled trip without assigning any reason at any time.

For Reservation Contact :

Tourist Office :

Nagarpalika Pravasi Gruh,
Municipal Corporation,
Near Railway Station, VADODARA.

Time : 9 A.M. To 6 P.M.

Phone : 329656

● Tourist Office :

Muni. Corporation Khanderao Mrkt.
Vadodara. Tel. 551166 (PBX)

● Tourist Information Centre, Rly. Station
Vadodara.

● Tourism Corporation of Guj. 'C' Block,
Indira Avenue Vadodara Tel. 540797

