

Porbandar, Gujarat, India

The birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi sits on the Arabian Sea coast of Gujarat — a compact, walkable city of cream Porbandar stone where temples, a Gandhi memorial, and a working fishing harbor fill a short port day.

⚓ Pier (most vessels; large ships may tender)

🕒 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

🇮🇳 Indian Rupee (INR)

🗣️ Gujarati / Hindi (some English)

🚫 Dry state — no alcohol ashore

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Berth at Porbandar Port jetty (up to ~200 m / 50,000 DWT); larger ships anchor & tender

Best For: History pilgrims, temple-hopping, birdwatching (winter), cultural immersion

Walk to Kirti Mandir: ~2 km from port gate (~25-min walk or 5-min auto-rickshaw)

Don't Miss: Gandhi's ancestral home at Kirti Mandir and the ornate Sudama Temple

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ₹100–200

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kirti Mandir — Gandhi's Birthplace** — The 79-foot memorial complex surrounds Gandhi's ancestral three-story home, where he was born on 2 October 1869.
- **Sudama Temple** — One of India's very few temples dedicated to a mortal — Sudama, Lord Krishna's childhood friend.
- **Porbandar Bird Sanctuary** — A freshwater wetland right inside the city hosting 200+ bird species, with spectacular pink flamingo flocks arriving...
- **Chowpatty Beach & Marine Drive** — Porbandar's seafront promenade runs along the Arabian Sea past Huzoor Palace (exterior only) to a local beach where...
- **Old Porbandar Stone Town Walk** — The entire old city is built of soft miliolite limestone ('Porbandar stone') weathered to a warm cream by sea salt.

BEST WALKS

- **Port to Gandhi Birthplace & Sudama Temple** 3.5 km round trip · ~1.5 hrs · easy — Walk or take a rickshaw from the port gate to Kirti Mandir, explore the Gandhi complex, then continue 600 m to Sudama Temple in the...
- **Marine Drive to Chowpatty Beach** 2 km one-way · 30 min · easy — From the port area head south along the seafront Marine Drive past Huzoor Palace to Chowpatty Beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌡️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	90°	76°	0d
Jun	88°	82°	15d
Aug	83°	79°	24d
Sep	85°	78°	11d
Oct	91°	76°	2d

🇮🇳 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 6:32AM–7:10PM · Jun 6:08AM–7:35PM · Aug 6:29AM–7:21PM ·
Sep 6:38AM–6:54PM · Oct 6:47AM–6:26PM

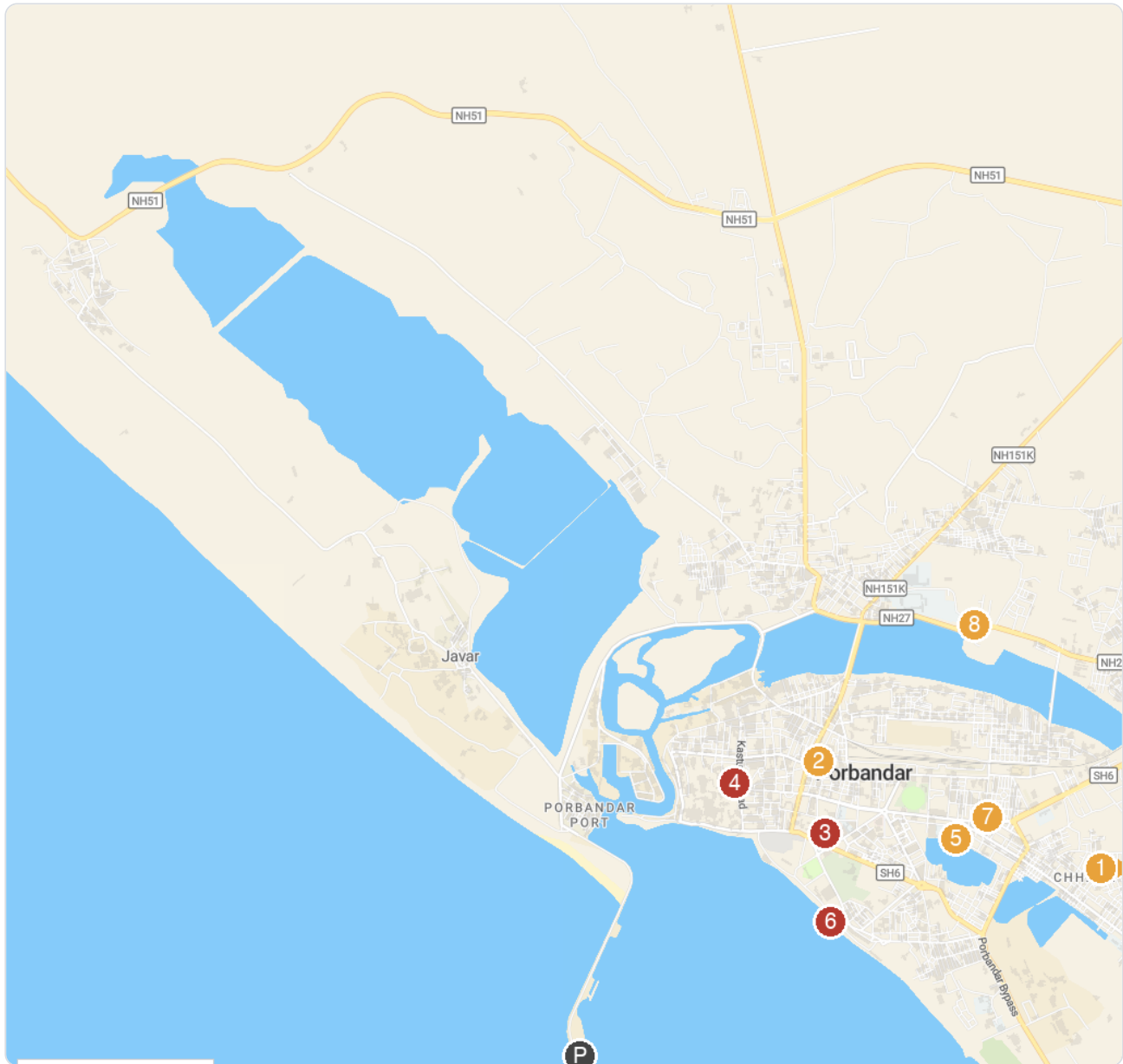
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dry state: Gujarat has a complete alcohol ban. No drinks ashore, and ships may close bars while in port limits. Plan accordingly.

Porbandar, Gujarat, India — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Shree Hari Temple Grand temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu.

3 Bhutnath Mahadev Mandir Ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.

5 Porbandar Bird Sanctuary Smallest bird sanctuary in India, home to many species.

7 Shri Satyanarayan Temple Temple dedicated to Lord Satyanarayan, a form of Vishnu.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Ramdhun Mandir by Prem Bhikshu Ji Maharaj Temple famous for continuous chanting of Lord Rama's name.

4 Kirti Mandir (Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Place) Mahatma Gandhi's ancestral home and birthplace.

6 Porbandar Beach Relaxing city beach for strolls and sunsets.

8 Shree Gayatri Mataji Temple Temple dedicated to Goddess Gayatri.