

Proposal of operating Tamil Sangam Special Train Ex. MDU - SMNH - DWK - BRC/EKNR - MDU

Saurashtra Tamil Sangam is planned by NIT Tirchy and facilitated by Govt of Gujarat to facilitate a cultural exchange between the people of Tamilnadu and Gujarat. Nodal Minister is Hon'ble Minister of health and family welfare, Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya

The requirement conveyed by Shri Chamu Shatri during the VC with all stakeholders has been summarized below:

Itinerary -

As per requirement conveyed it should cover Somnath & Dwarka (Saurashtra region). Gujarat Govt has mandated that all participants should visit the Statue of Unity at Ekta Nagar.

As desired by the concerned Ministers, IRCTC in consultation with Railways has planned a series of TOD trains every day starting from 14.04.2023. The details of which are as under:

Details	Estimated timings			
	Day	Station	Arr	Dep
Composition: 4 III AC LHB Passengers per trip → 288 Total trains → 10 Frequency → one every day Total Passengers → 2880 (approx) Train Schedule → 10 days Date of commencement → 14.04.2023 Approximate cost of train: Rs	DAY 1	MDU		17.40
	DAY 2	Train Journey		
	DAY 3	Train Journey		
	DAY 4	SMNH	10:30	--
	DAY 5	AT SMNH		
	DAY 6	DWK	SMNH-DWK BY ROAD	
			-	22.40
	DAY 7	BRC	10.30	-
	DAY 8		-	10.30
	DAY 9	Train Journey		
DAY 10	MDU	10.30		

Broad overview

Day 1 Departure from Madurai at 17:40

Day 2 Full day & overnight Train Journey

Day 3 Full day & overnight Train Journey

Day 4 Arrive at Somnath/Veraval Station at 10:30 - Welcome arrangement at Somnath by Govt of Gujarat & Activities planned by Gujarat Govt/Day Tours. Overnight Stay at Somnath.

Day 5 Darshan of Somnath Temple & other activities planned by Gujarat Govt/Day Tours.

Day 6 Departure from Somnath towards Dwarka at 08:00 by Road (235 Kms /4 hrs). Darshan at Dwarkadhish Temple, Rukmini Temple, Nageshwar Jyotirling Darshan / Activities planned by Gujarat Govt/Day Tours to be planned. Departure towards Vadodara from Dwarka at 22:40 hrs by TOD.

Day 7 Morning arrival at 10:30 Vadodara Station. Transfer to Ekta Nagar by Road (83KM/2hrs). Check-in respective Hotels at Ekta Nagar. Sightseeing of SOU covering Jungle Safari, Botanical Garden, Valley of Flowers, Nutrition Park, Cactus Garden & Light & Sound Show and other team building activities planned by Gujarat Govt. Overnight Stay at Ekta Nagar.

Day 8 Transfer from Ekta Nagar to Vadodara by Road (83 KM/2hrs). Departure from Vadodara Railway Station for return Journey towards MDU at 10:30. Overnight Train Journey.

Day 9 Train journey.

Day 10 Arrival MDU at 10:30

Transportation to be arranged		
City	Days	KM/TIME
Somnath	Day-4 & 5	Local Running
Somnath to Dwarka	Day-6	235 KM - 4 Hrs
Vadodara to Ekta Nagar	Day-7	83 KM - 2 Hrs
Ekta Nagar to Vadodara	Day-8	83 KM - 2 Hrs

Accommodation to be arranged		
City	Days	Hotel Service
Somnath	Day-1	Night Stay
	Day-2	Night Stay
Dwarka	Day-3	Wash & Change
Ekta Nagar	Day-4/5	Night Stay