



Dancing in honor of the Divine Mother

2nd Choretaki dance trip to Navratri feast to India:
27. 9. - 12. 10. 2019

What is celebrated at Navratri?

Navratri is one of the most important Hindu festivals: For nine days, various expressions of female cosmic power, also called shakti, are celebrated in the province of Gujarat. Throughout Gujarat, people gather in these towns and villages for nine nights. Each community builds a shrine in honor of the mother goddess. A "puja", a ritual worship ceremony is celebrated. Afterwards the music and the Garba dance begins, which is danced in small groups in numerous variants of women and men in a circle.

What does this special trip offer?

- 4-day introduction to Garba dance and ritual
- During the day experience the impressive nature and world culture
- In the evening enjoy the Navratri festival in different locations
- Guided tour with Ulli Bixa and a local guide

Itinerary: Ahmedabad - Modhera - Patan - Vadodara - Champan - Little Rann of Kutch - Rajkot - Gondal via Junagadh - Diu - Bhavnagar - Palitana - Lothal - Ahmedabad

At the beginning of the journey we receive a **4-day introduction to Garba dance and ritual by the Indian dance expert Prof. Parul Shah**, University of Baroda. Together with her we experience authentically garba tradition in Vadodara. These include dances, songs, mythology and rituals. During the trip, we celebrate the Navratri festival with the locals in various places.

Though the Navratri festival alone is worth the trip, the province of **Gujarat offers much more**. Hindus, Muslims and Jains live together peacefully in the country of Mahatma Gandhi, which is still a secret tip for tourists. On the tour we will **visit temples, mosques, Maharaja palaces as well as testimonies of the more than 4500 years old Indus civilization and experience the impressive nature and wildlife**. The trip is accompanied by a proven duo, the dance teacher Ulli Bixa and the local guide Ajay Singh.

Organization:

Tour operator: Raiffeisen Reisen <http://www.raiffeisen-reisen.at/>

Flights can be booked via Raiffeisen or individually from 1st November 2018 onwards. Register now! The earlier the booking the cheaper the fares.

Package price per person in double room: € 1,495, - excl. flights

Registration: via email to Ulli Bixa: ubixa@choretaki.com . She informs the tour operator. Then, Raiffeisen Reisen will contact you to confirm the details.

Further information: Detailed travel information can be downloaded: www.choretaki.com or get in touch with Ulli Bixa: Email: ubixa@choretaki.com, Tel .: +43 (0) 676/9201585