

# **Group Tour Reservation Form**

Thank you for your interest in visiting BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. In order to help us make your visit more comfortable, please complete and submit the following form so that we can accommodate your group.

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How did you hear about BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir?								
Group Information								
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Desired visit date	::	Time:		A	lternate date 1:		Time:	
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Please help us provide you the best experience by telling us how we can accommodate your special needs. Please indicate if you will require wheelchair assistance:								
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For inquiries, email at	antamandirtour@ba	psus.org. For	directions and t	imings, visi	t http://www.swamina	rayan.org/globa	Inetwork/ameri	ca/atlanta.htm.
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## **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir - Atlanta**

## Things to Bear in Mind

Please ensure that the guidelines on the third page are read carefully and adhered to at all time.

Students are requested to bring necessary stationery i.e. pencil, pen, clipboard, blank paper, etc. and any other educational materials needed for their project or research.

You are visiting a Hindu place of worship, a sacred place for Hindus. Silence should be maintained while visiting the main floor of the Mandir.

As marble has been used to cover the Mandir floor, you should not allow children to run. Take extra care while visiting the main floor when using the steps. Carvings or pillars should not be touched.

## **Seating Arrangements**

There are separate seating arrangements for men and women inside the main floor during the Aarti ceremony. All visitors are requested to adhere to these arrangements during the Aarti ceremony. Please note that the Aarti ceremony takes place at 11:30 am. Your tour guide will let you know if your visit coincides with the Aarti ceremony.

### **Packed Lunch Arrangements**

As the Mandir is a sacred place of worship, food or drink items which contain meat, fish, eggs, animal products or alcohol are not allowed inside the Mandir. Therefore, if visitors have such products in their bags, they are requested to leave them behind in the bus, van, or car.

#### Individuals and Families

Everyone is welcome to visit the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. Individuals and families do not need to book their visit. On arrival, please enquire with Mandir personnel inside the Mandir if you would like a guided tour. A guide will be provided if one is available.

## **School and Group Visits**

Schools and groups are welcome to visit the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. Advanced reservations are required for school and group visits in order to make your visit comfortable. Visits are also entertained on weekends and holidays subject to available visiting time slots.

The timings for group tours will be as follows: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm daily.

Schools/groups should arrive at the Mandir 10 – 15 minutes prior to their allotted time slot.

#### **Tour Reservation Procedure**

The easiest way to schedule a visit is to complete the online <u>Group Tour Reservation Form</u> found here: http://www.swaminarayan.org/globalnetwork/america/atlantagroupresrvinfo.htm.

Alternatively, please download the <u>PDF version</u> of the form, which can be filled out and sent electronically or filled out, printed, and sent via fax. The form is found at: http://www.swaminarayan.org/globalnetwork/america/docs/Tour Reservation Form Atlanta.pdf.

The form will allow you to suggest 4 preferred dates. Once the final details of the day, date, and time slot are confirmed by the Mandir Tour Office, your final reservation slot will be sent to you by email or fax.

#### **Cancellation Procedure**

If you are unable to make it for any reason after confirmation of the reservation, please let us know by email or fax so that your slot can be made available for another group.

## **Mandir Tour Office**

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#### **GUIDELINES**

The Mandir is a house of God, open to all. All visitors are requested to abide by the following guidelines applicable in all areas of the Mandir.

Timings: Visiting Hours are 9 am - 12 pm and 4 pm - 6 pm daily. Guided tours for groups larger than 10

are available during these hours Monday thru Sunday.

Dress Code: Smart casual clothing. No shorts, miniskirts, sleeveless tops (spaghetti strap tops or tanks)

allowed. Trousers are preferable.

Shoes: All visitors must remove their shoes when they enter the Mandir. Shoe racks are located within

the complex.

Video and Strictly prohibited inside the Mandir. Photography may only be taken from the parking lot level

Photography: on the side of the Mandir and from the reflection pond level in front of the Mandir.

Cell phones and To maintain the spiritual and peaceful atmosphere, we request visitors to turn off their cell

Bluetooth devices: phones and Bluetooth devices during their visit inside the Mandir.

Parking: Free. There are ample parking spaces for cars around the site. Buses are requested to drop off

their passengers as directed by volunteers.

Smoking: Strictly prohibited on entire premises.

Food and drink: No food or drink is allowed in the Mandir. Please discard chewing gum prior to entering the

Mandir complex.

Security: Please follow directions and signs for your personal security.

Conduct: Please refrain from touching the delicate carvings. To maintain the spiritual atmosphere, please

observe silence inside the Mandir.

Special needs: Elevator access and wheelchairs provided upon request.

Guided tour: During the tour, we request silence be maintained on the main floor of the Mandir. Please allow

at least 45 minutes for an enjoyable visit.

Entry: Free (Donations are welcome; make checks payable to BAPS.)

For question, please email <u>atlantamandirtour@bapsus.org</u> For further information on BAPS, visit <u>www.baps.org</u>.

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir reserves the right to cancel, close or alter any visit to the Mandir premises without prior notice. Every effort will be made to avoid any inconvenience.