The Mandir is a Hindu place of worship. In the Mandir Complex, all visitors and devotees are required to respect and comply with the code of conduct according to the BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu faith. Complete list of guidelines is available at www.baps.org/toronto.

**VISITING HOURS**

Entry to the Mandir and Haweli is free. Enter through the Haweli (wooden) front doors. Please take extra care when walking on the marble/granite floor and stairways in and around the Complex.

**Visiting Hours (daily):**
- Murti Darshan open daily: 9:00 am - 10:30 am
- (inner sanctum): 9:00 am - 10:30 am
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm
- 4:00 pm - 5:40 pm

Please allow at least 45 minutes for a full experience.

**DAILY RITUALS**

- **Arti**
  - Arti is one of the most important ceremonies of the Hindu faith. It is a form of a prayer offered in greetings and thanksgiving to God where devotees are reminded of God's glorious presence and providence. The tradition dates back thousands of years to the ancient temples of India.
  - Shangar Arti: 7:30 am
  - Rajbhog Arti: 11:15 am
  - Sandhya Arti: 6:30 pm
  - Shayan Arti: 8:00 pm

Visitors are requested to adhere to separate sitting arrangements for men and women during rituals.

- **Abhishek**
  - Abhishek is an ancient Vedic ritual where water is ceremoniously poured over the murti of God amidst the chanting of holy mantras to honour God and to seek blessings.
  - Monday to Friday: 9:00 am - 12 noon & 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
  - Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Donations**

Visitors wishing to make donations towards the maintenance of the Complex or to the charity work undertaken by BAPS in fields as diverse as education, environment, social relief, health and preserving heritage are requested to contact the Reception Counter. A tax receipt will be issued for donations over $20. Registered Charity No. 88573 1018 RR0002.

**Thal**

The Thal ritual is the offering of food items to God and the deities. During this ritual the shrine doors are closed for approximately 45 mins.
- 6:15am | 10:30am | 3:30pm | 5:40pm
Welcome to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

Mandir
The Mandir is Canada’s first traditional Hindu place of worship. It is built in a Vedic tradition that dates back many millennia. More than 95,000 cu. ft. of hand-carved marble, limestone and sandstone have been assembled without steel reinforcement. Stone structures built in such tradition are known to last for hundreds of years. The divine images and rituals of worship in the Mandir form an important aspect in elevating the soul to the pinnacle of spirituality.

24,000 pieces of stone
1,500 craftsmen
400 volunteers
inaugurated in 2007
assembled in 18 months
hand carved with devotion
1 million hours of service
built to last over 1,000 years

Murtis - Divine Images
The Murtis enshrined in the inner sanctums of Mandir are ritually infused with divinity, and are the focus of worship in Vedic tradition.

Haveli
The Haveli, built using intricately hand carved teak wood reflects the traditional courtyard craftsmanship of India.

Musicians and dancers carved in wood welcome visitors to a richly ornamented foyer leading into a magnificent courtyard. Dancing peacocks, royal elephants and delicate lotus flowers beckon in warm greetings.

Unique to Canada, the Haveli is vibrant with festivals and activites for children, youth and adults.

Heritage Museum
A visit to the museum is a journey of discovery into India’s over 10,000 year old heritage. Uniquely crafted exhibits and artefacts educate visitors about India’s contributions to science and spirituality. See the wonders of the land and understand the Hindu people and their beliefs.

The Inspireer
His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj is the sixth and current spiritual successor of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. He travels throughout the world inspiring people through his insightful discourses to progress on the spiritual path. His virtuous lifestyle and profound devotion to Bhagwan Swaminarayan and gurus are ideals towards which devotees strive. He became the guru and President of BAPS upon the passing of Pramukh Swami Maharaj in 2016

About BAPS
Established in India in 1967, BAPS (Bhavnath Swami Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha) is a worldwide spiritual, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to improving individuals and society by fostering the Hindu ideals of faith, unity and selfless service. It is recognized as an NGO in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Since 1970, BAPS and its humanitarian services wing have been serving in Canada in the areas of spirituality, children and youth development, family unity, promoting heritage and humanitarian activities.

Abhishek Mandapam
This part of the Mandir welcomes one to express their devotion by participating in the vedic Abhishek ritual.