

Tour Name: Ahmedabad to Bhuj Uncover the Gujarat Best Kept Secret

Tour Duration: 7 Nights/ 8 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3c9z93bz>

Tour Overview

Ahmedabad to Bhuj Uncover the Gujarat Best Kept Secret offers an immersive journey through one of India's most vibrant and culturally rich states. Begin in Ahmedabad, exploring iconic landmarks like the Sabarmati Ashram and the intricately carved Adalaj Stepwell. Travel to Dholavira to uncover the sophisticated ruins of an Indus Valley Civilization city, then proceed to Hodka to experience the stark beauty of the White Rann and the unique cultural heritage of the Banni Region. Discover Mandvi's maritime history and traditional crafts before returning to Bhuj, where you'll marvel at the architectural splendor of Aina Mahal and Prag Mahal. This tour beautifully combines historical exploration, artistic discovery, and breathtaking desert landscapes for an unforgettable adventure.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Ahmedabad

- Upon arrival at Ahmedabad airport, you will be greeted by our representative who will assist with your transfer to your hotel.
- Check-in and enjoy some leisure time to relax and rejuvenate, acclimating to the vibrant atmosphere of Ahmedabad.

Day 2: Ahmedabad City Tour

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a comprehensive city tour of Ahmedabad.
- Visit the Sabarmati Ashram, Mahatma Gandhi's former residence, which features exhibits and memorabilia related to his life and the Indian freedom struggle. The serene surroundings offer a glimpse into Gandhiji's simple living.
- Explore Jama Masjid, a grand mosque built in 1424, known for its striking architecture, expansive courtyard, and intricate carvings.
- Discover the Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, famous for its exquisite latticework, including the iconic Tree of Life jali, which is renowned for its intricate and delicate design.
- Admire Sarkhej Roza, an important architectural complex featuring a grand mosque, tombs, and elegant pavilions set amidst serene gardens, showcasing a blend of Hindu and Islamic architectural styles.
- Admire Adalaj Stepwell, a 15th-century architectural wonder with detailed carvings, providing a cool retreat and showcasing sophisticated water management.
- Explore the vibrant Law Garden Night Market, where you can shop for local handicrafts, traditional clothing, and sample delicious street food.

Day 3: Ahmedabad - Dholavira (385kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before starting your drive to Dholavira.
- Enroute, visit the Modhera Sun Temple, renowned for its intricate carvings and architectural brilliance dedicated to the Sun God. The temple complex includes a stunning stepwell and remains an architectural marvel.
- Explore Rani ki Vav, a UNESCO World Heritage site celebrated for its stunning stepwell architecture, elaborate sculptures, and intricate carvings depicting various deities and mythological figures.
- Continue to Panchasara Jain Temples, known for their serene ambiance and beautiful marble carvings of Jain Tirthankaras, reflecting the spiritual essence of Jainism.
- Arrive at Dholavira and check-in at your hotel, situated amidst the ancient ruins of the Indus Valley Civilization, renowned for its sophisticated urban planning.

Day 4: Dholavira - Hodka (90kms)

- Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before exploring the archaeological sites of Dholavira.
- Visit the Khambhalida Caves, featuring ancient Buddhist rock-cut sculptures and carvings, providing insights into early Buddhist art and architecture.
- Explore the extensive ruins of Dholavira, including its advanced water management systems, reservoirs, and well-planned city layout reflecting the ingenuity of the Indus Valley Civilization.
- Drive to Hodka, located in the Banni Region of Kutch, known for its unique cultural experiences.
- Check-in at your hotel in Hodka and relax amidst the tranquil desert surroundings.
- In the evening, visit the White Rann to experience its mesmerizing beauty at sunset. The vast salt desert offers a surreal landscape and is perfect for photography and enjoying the serene environment.

Day 5: Hodka - Mandvi (135kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before driving to Mandvi.
- Enroute, visit Sumarasar Village to witness the skilled Shawl and Stole Weavers in action, showcasing traditional weaving techniques and craftsmanship passed down through generations.
- Arrive in Mandvi and visit Mandvi Beach, a serene stretch of coastline ideal for relaxation and leisurely walks along the shore.
- Explore Vijay Vilas Palace, a royal residence featuring beautiful gardens, intricate architecture, and panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.
- Discover the historic shipbuilding center in Mandvi, where traditional wooden ships are crafted using ancient techniques, and learn about the maritime heritage of the region.
- Visit the Kutch Museum, the oldest museum in Gujarat, housing artifacts related to Kutch's history, culture, and traditional crafts.

Day 6: Mandvi - Mundra - Bhuj (135kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Mundra to visit the Batik workshops, where traditional textile dyeing techniques are demonstrated, showcasing intricate artistry and craftsmanship.
- Explore the Bhadreswar Jain Temple, known for its exquisite carvings and religious significance, offering a glimpse into Jain architectural traditions.
- Continue your drive to Bhuj and check-in at your hotel upon arrival.
- Spend the evening exploring Bhuj's local markets, such as the Swaminarayan Market and Kutch Artisans' Village, for local crafts, textiles, and street food.

Day 7: Bhuj City Tour

- Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before exploring Bhuj.
- Visit Aina Mahal, a palace with a blend of European and Indian architecture, featuring mirrors, ornate glasswork, and elegant interiors.
- Explore Prag Mahal, an impressive Gothic-style palace with grand halls, detailed stonework, and panoramic views of Bhuj.
- Discover the Kutch Museum, housing an extensive collection of art, crafts, and historical artifacts from the Kutch region, including traditional costumes and ancient sculptures.
- Visit the Swaminarayan Temple, known for its vibrant carvings, intricate design, and religious significance within the local community.
- Explore Bhujodi village, famous for its traditional weaving and handicrafts, where you can observe artisans at work and purchase local textiles and crafts.
- Wander through the bustling bazaars of Bhuj, such as the Kutch Craft Village, for a diverse range of local crafts, textiles, and street food.

Day 8: Bhuj - Departure

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out and proceeding to the airport.
- Depart from Bhuj with cherished memories of Gujarat's hidden treasures, rich cultural experiences, and historic splendor.

Package Price (USD Per Person Sharing Double/Twin Room)**Valid for Travel: Until 20 September 2027**

Persons	Solo	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3★ Standard	2,340	1,264	1,062	1,100	976	960	892	841
4★ Deluxe	2,484	1,339	1,138	1,175	1,052	1,036	968	917
5★ Luxury	2,711	1,542	1,252	1,289	1,166	1,150	1,082	1,030

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 295 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 364 | 5★ Luxury: USD 477

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 17 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 38 | 5★ Luxury: USD 49

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 7 Nights' accommodation in selected price category hotels.
- Daily breakfast at hotels.
- Private AC car/van for airport transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as per the program.
- English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city), as per program.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- 1-Time Gypsy safari in National Park with naturalist.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Any flight tickets.
- Camera charges at monuments if any.
- Meals other than mentioned in the inclusions.
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Gratuities and optional activities.
- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.

Hotels used or similar for 7 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Rivera Sarovar Portico/ SK Lords Eco Inn
- Dholavira x 1 night: Rann Resort Dholavira/ Dholavira Tourism Resort
- Bhuj x 1 night: Regenta Resort Bhuj by Royal Orchid/ The Fern Residency
- Hodka x 2 nights: Shaam-e-Sarhad Village Resort/ Kutir Craft Village Resort
- Mandvi x 1 night: Vijay Vilas Heritage Resort/ H & V Beach Hotel

4 Star Hotels

- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ Ramada by Wyndham
- Dholavira x 1 night: Rann Resort Dholavira/ Dholavira Tourism Resort
- Bhuj x 1 night: Regenta Resort Bhuj by Royal Orchid/ The Fern Residency

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- Hodka x 2 nights: Shaam-e-Sarhad Village Resort/ Kutir Craft Village Resort
- Mandvi x 1 night: Serena Beach Resort

5 Star Hotels

- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Taj Skyline Ahmedabad/ Hyatt Regency
- Dholavira x 1 night: Rann Resort Dholavira/ Dholavira Tourism Resort
- Bhuj x 1 night: Regenta Resort Bhuj by Royal Orchid/ The Fern Residency
- Hodka x 2 nights: Shaam-e-Sarhad Village Resort/ Kutir Craft Village Resort
- Mandvi x 1 night: Serena Beach Resort

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 10 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

- Note: Written cancellation will be accepted on all working days, except Sundays. Any cancellation sent on Sundays will be considered on the next working day (Monday).
- X-mas and New Year Period (20 Dec to 05 Jan): The payment is non-refundable during this period.
- After Trip Commencement: If you cancel the trip after it has commenced, the refund will be limited to the amount we are able to recover from hoteliers/contractors. We are not responsible for refunds on unused hotel accommodations, chartered transportation, or missed meals.
- 61 days or more before the tour: No cancellation charges.
- Between 60 to 30 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 20% of the full tour booking value.
- Between 30 to 15 days before the tour: Cancellation charges equal to 50% of the full tour booking value.
- Within 5 days before the tour or no show: Cancellation charges equal to 90% of the full tour booking value.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

- Price Changes: After the finalization of the tour/service cost, if there are any hikes in entrance fees, taxes, fuel costs, or guide charges by the Government of India, these will be charged as extra.
- Role as Agent: Agora Voyages acts only as an agent for hotels, airlines, transporters, railways, and contractors providing services. All receipts, contracts, and tickets issued by us are subject to terms and conditions of the service providers.
- Itinerary Changes: All itineraries are sample itineraries intended to provide a general idea. We reserve the right to change the schedule based on factors such as weather, road conditions, or the physical ability of participants to ensure safety, comfort, and well-being.
- Rate Modifications: Our rates are based on negotiated rates with hotels and airlines. If the rates are modified by these service providers, we reserve the right to adjust

the quoted rates accordingly. Hotel bookings are based on usual check-in and check-out times, unless otherwise indicated.

- **Liability Disclaimer:** We are not responsible for delays, alterations, or expenses incurred due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accidents, weather, sickness, political closures, or any unforeseen incidents.
- **Damage, Loss, or Injury:** We are not responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property, or otherwise, caused by acts of God, fire, accidents, machinery breakdowns, political disturbances, theft, epidemics, or other factors beyond our control.
- **Insurance:** We do not offer insurance for accidents, sickness, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances. We recommend travelers arrange for insurance in their home country. All personal property and baggage are at the client's risk at all times.
- **Unforeseen Circumstances:** We are not responsible for costs arising from landslides, roadblocks, bad weather, or similar unforeseen circumstances.

Tipping

- Tipping is not included in our price. It is optional but often expected in the travel industry. There is no limit on the amount you can tip, though the average guideline is around \$10-15 per day for guides, drivers, and other crew members.

Trip Comments

- After your trip, we would love to hear your experience. Any photos, suggestions, or feedback will be greatly appreciated. While we strive to make every trip perfect, we acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. Your comments, whether positive or constructive, are invaluable to us.