

Tour Name: Best Kept Secret of Gujarat, Architecture Marvel & Historical Monuments

Tour Duration: 9 Nights/ 10 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/37h9jbhv>

Tour Overview

Explore Gujarat's diverse cultural heritage and wildlife on our "Best Kept Secret of Gujarat, Architecture Marvel & Historical Monuments" tour. Begin in Ahmedabad, delving into its historical sites like Sabarmati Ashram and Adalaj Stepwell. Journey through ancient civilizations at Modhera and Patan, discovering architectural marvels like the Sun Temple and Rani Ki Vav. Immerse yourself in the rich traditions of Bhuj and Mandvi's handicraft villages, known for their intricate textiles and royal palaces. Conclude with a wildlife safari in the Little Rann of Kutch, encountering the unique ecosystem and wildlife species that thrive in this salt marsh sanctuary. This tour promises a fascinating blend of cultural exploration and natural wonders in Gujarat.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Ahmedabad

- Upon arrival at Ahmedabad, you will be warmly welcomed and transferred to your hotel.
- Relax and unwind after your journey, preparing for your exploration of Gujarat's rich cultural and historical heritage.

Day 2: Ahmedabad

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before starting your day.
- Visit the Sabarmati Ashram, Mahatma Gandhi's former residence, a place synonymous with India's independence movement.
- Explore the Adalaj Stepwell, an architectural gem showcasing intricate carvings and a unique underground structure.
- Discover the Sarkhej Roza, a complex of tombs and pavilions known for its Indo-Saracenic architecture and serene surroundings.
- Visit the Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, renowned for its intricate stone lattice work known as the "Tree of Life."
- Explore the Jama Masjid, a stunning mosque built in yellow sandstone with Indo-Islamic architecture.
- Stroll through the bustling Manek Chowk, a vibrant market famous for its jewelry, textiles, and street food.
- End the day with a visit to the Kite Museum, showcasing a unique collection of kites from different eras and regions of India.

Day 3: Ahmedabad - Modhera - Patan - Dholavira (255kms)

- After an early breakfast, depart for Modhera.
- Explore the majestic Sun Temple at Modhera, dedicated to the Hindu sun god Surya. Marvel at its stunning architecture, intricate sculptures, and the grand stepwell.
- Continue your journey to Patan and visit Rani Ki Vav, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its elaborate stepwell architecture adorned with intricate sculptures depicting Hindu deities, mythological themes, and celestial beings.
- Proceed to Dholavira, an ancient Harappan archaeological site nestled amidst the desolate landscape of the Rann of Kutch. Arrive and check-in at your accommodation for an evening of relaxation and reflection on the day's explorations.

Day 4: Dholavira

- After breakfast, delve into the historical wonders of Dholavira.
- Explore the archaeological ruins that reveal the planning and sophistication of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization. Discover the intricate water management systems, reservoirs, and well-planned city layout.
- Visit the nearby Flamingo Sanctuary and witness the vibrant birdlife, including flamingos, pelicans, and migratory birds that flock to the serene marshes surrounding Dholavira.

Day 5: Dholavira - Hodka (90kms)

- Depart for Hodka after breakfast, driving through the arid landscapes of Kutch.
- Arrive in Hodka, a quaint village renowned for its rich cultural heritage and traditional handicrafts.
- Visit local artisans practicing Rogan art, a unique form of fabric painting using castor oil, and witness skilled craftsmen creating intricate embroidery and mirror work.
- Optional: Experience the surreal beauty of the White Rann of Kutch, a vast salt desert that transforms into a shimmering white landscape during the dry season. Enjoy cultural performances and local cuisine amidst this breathtaking natural phenomenon.

Day 6: Hodka - Bhuj (65kms)

- After breakfast, travel to Bhuj, the cultural capital of Kutch.
- Explore Bhuj's historic landmarks, including the Aina Mahal, a royal palace known for its exquisite mirror work and Venetian-style glasswork. Visit the adjacent Prag Mahal, an imposing palace with a grand clock tower offering panoramic views of the city.
- Stroll through Bhuj's vibrant markets, known for their textiles, handicrafts, and silver jewelry.

Day 7: Bhuj - Mandvi (60kms)

- Depart for Mandvi after breakfast, a coastal town famous for its pristine beaches and historic architecture.

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- Visit the Vijay Vilas Palace, a stunning royal residence known for its blend of Rajput and European architectural styles. Explore the palace's ornate interiors, lush gardens, and private beach.
- Relax on Mandvi Beach, known for its soft sands and tranquil waters ideal for swimming and sunbathing.

Day 8: Mandvi - Dasada (320kms)

- Depart Mandvi after breakfast for Dasada, situated near the Little Rann of Kutch Wildlife Sanctuary.
- En route, visit Gandhidham, a planned city known for its modern infrastructure and cultural centers.
- Learn about local conservation efforts and the sanctuary's importance as a haven for migratory birds and endangered species, gaining insight into the unique ecosystem of salt marshes and scrubland.

Day 9: Dasada - Ahmedabad (160kms)

- Embark on a wildlife safari in the sanctuary, home to the endangered Indian wild ass, desert foxes, and a variety of bird species. Experience the unique ecosystem of salt marshes and scrubland, observing wildlife in their natural habitat.
- Return to Ahmedabad after breakfast, reflecting on your memorable journey through Gujarat's diverse landscapes and cultural treasures.
- Explore the museum's galleries showcasing intricate weaves, embroidery, and textile traditions from across India.

Day 10: Ahmedabad – Departure

- Enjoy a final breakfast at your hotel before transferring to the airport for your departure flight, bidding farewell to Gujarat with cherished memories of its architectural marvels, natural wonders, and cultural richness.

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	2,999	1,620	1,368	1,414	1,260	1,240	1,155	1,091
4★ Deluxe	3,242	1,745	1,493	1,539	1,385	1,365	1,280	1,216
5★ Luxury	3,613	2,041	1,679	1,725	1,570	1,551	1,466	1,402

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 402 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 519 | 5★ Luxury: USD 705

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 25 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 54 | 5★ Luxury: USD 83

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 9 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 9 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
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Royal Safari Camp Bajana
- Ahmedabad x 1 night: Rivera Sarovar Portico/ SK Lords Eco Inn

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
- Hodka x 2 nights: Shaam-e-Sarhad Village Resort/ Kutir Craft Village Resort
- Mandvi x 1 night: Serena Beach Resort
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Royal Safari Camp Bajana
- Ahmedabad x 1 night: Lemon Tree Premier/ Ramada by Wyndham

5 Star Hotels

- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Taj Skyline Ahmedabad/ Hyatt Regency
- Dholavira x 1 night: Rann Resort Dholavira/ Dholavira Tourism Resort

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- 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
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Rann Riders by Kaafila
- Ahmedabad x 1 night: Taj Skyline Ahmedabad/ Hyatt Regency

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.

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- **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.