

Tour Name: Art & Craft Villages of Gujarat

Tour Duration: 7 Nights/ 8 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/mr4ex6wa>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through Gujarat with the "Art & Craft Villages of Gujarat" tour. Start in Ahmedabad, where you'll explore architectural marvels like the Hatheesing Jain Temple and the Adalaj Step-well. Venture to Dasada for an exciting safari in the Little Rann of Kutch, spotting the endangered Asiatic Wild Ass and vibrant flamingos. Discover the artistic heritage of Bhuj, from Rogan art in Nirona Village to the palatial splendor of the Aaina Mahal. Experience the unique charms of the White Rann in Hodka and the historic Vijay Vilas Palace in Mandvi. Conclude your journey in Wankaner, marveling at the Ranjit Vilas Palace and its exquisite stepwell, before departing with lasting memories of Gujarat's rich cultural and natural tapestry.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Ahmedabad

- Upon arrival at Ahmedabad airport, you will be greeted by your driver and transferred to your hotel.
- After checking in, begin your exploration of Ahmedabad with a visit to the Hatheesing Jain Temple.
- This stunning temple is dedicated to Lord Dharmanatha and features intricate carvings, ornate domes, and a peaceful atmosphere.
- Continue to Bhadra Fort, an ancient citadel known for its grand architecture.
- Explore the imposing Teen Darwaza (Three Gates) and the revered Bhadra Kali Temple within the fort.
- Visit the Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, famous for its exquisite jali (lattice) work.
- The "Tree of Life" pattern in the mosque's windows is an iconic symbol of Mughal artistry.
- Explore Sabarmati Ashram, Mahatma Gandhi's residence during the Indian freedom struggle.

- The ashram offers insights into Gandhi's life, philosophy, and his role in India's independence movement.
- Visit Sarkhej Roza, an architectural complex that includes a mosque, tomb, and a palace.
- Known for its blend of Hindu and Islamic styles, Sarkhej Roza is renowned for its tranquil courtyards and intricate carvings.
- Conclude your day with a visit to the Adalaj Step-well, a five-storied structure featuring intricate carvings and ornate designs.
- The step-well was built to provide water in a historically arid region and is an architectural marvel.
- Overnight in Ahmedabad.

Day 2: Ahmedabad - Dasada (200kms)

- After breakfast at your hotel, embark on a scenic drive to Dasada.
- En route, visit the Modhera Sun Temple, dedicated to the sun god, Surya.
- This 11th-century temple is renowned for its elaborate carvings and the stunning Surya Kund (stepped tank) which reflects the grandeur of ancient Indian architecture.
- Continue to Rani ki Vav, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- This stepwell is famous for its detailed sculptures and intricate design, with carvings depicting various deities and mythological stories.
- Visit the Panchasara Jain Temple, known for its tranquil ambiance and beautiful carvings.
- This ancient temple is dedicated to the Jain Tirthankaras and features exquisite artwork and serene surroundings.
- Upon reaching Dasada, check in at the resort and unwind amidst nature's tranquility.
- Enjoy your meals at the resort, relaxing after the day's travel.

Day 3: Dasada - Bhuj (230kms)

- Start your day with a delightful breakfast at the resort.

- Embark on a thrilling safari in the Little Rann of Kutch, known as the last habitat of the endangered Asiatic Wild Ass.
- This expansive salt marsh is not only home to the wild ass but also serves as a sanctuary for numerous migratory birds, including vibrant flamingos that flock here during the winter months.
- Keep your binoculars handy to spot these graceful pink birds wading through the shallow waters, creating a spectacular sight against the white salt flats.
- After the safari, embark on a scenic drive to Bhuj, a city steeped in history and culture.
- Bhuj is renowned for its rich heritage, including traditional handicrafts, palaces, and temples that showcase the region's royal past and artistic prowess.
- Check in at your hotel in Bhuj and relax, preparing for the cultural exploration that awaits you in the coming days.

Day 4: Bhuj - Hodka (65kms)

- After breakfast at your hotel, explore Bhuj's architectural treasures.
- Visit the Aaina Mahal Palace, known for its European influences.
- The palace is adorned with exquisite chandeliers, mirrors, and intricate tilework, reflecting a blend of local and European styles.
- Adjacent to it is the Prag Mahal, an example of Italian Gothic architecture.
- The palace offers panoramic views of Bhuj and features elegant arches and detailed stonework.
- Explore the Shri Swaminarayan Temple, a tranquil space with ornate carvings and a peaceful ambiance.
- Continue to the Banni Region of Kutch, stopping at Nirona Village to witness Rogan art.
- This traditional fabric painting technique involves intricate hand-painted designs and is unique to the region.
- Arrive in Hodka, check in at the resort, and in the evening, visit the White Rann.
- The vast expanse of white salt gleams under the moonlight, offering a surreal and breathtaking experience.

- Overnight at the resort.

Day 5: Hodka - White Rann of Kutch

- Enjoy breakfast at the resort before heading out to witness the sunrise over the White Rann.
- The salt desert sparkles as the sun rises, creating a mesmerizing canvas of white and gold.
- Explore Dhordo village, where the Mutwa Muslim community demonstrates their intricate embroidery skills.
- Visit the nearby Pathan community to see their traditional attire and crafts.
- Drive to Khavda, known for its pottery, and meet the Samma tribe, renowned for their musical heritage.
- Conclude your day at Kala Dungar, the highest point in Kutch, offering panoramic views of the Rann and a stunning sunset.
- Return to the resort for a peaceful overnight stay.

Day 6: Hodka - Mandvi (125kms)

- After breakfast at the resort, embark on a picturesque drive to Mandvi.
- Stop at Sumarasar Village, known for traditional shawl and stole weaving.
- Witness artisans crafting beautiful textiles using age-old techniques passed down through generations.
- Arrive in Mandvi and check in at the resort.
- Visit the Vijay Vilas Palace, an architectural gem showcasing a fusion of Rajasthani and European styles.
- Stroll along Mandvi Beach, with its serene waters and golden sands, offering a perfect setting to unwind and relax.
- Overnight in Mandvi.

Day 7: Mandvi - Wankaner (250kms)

- After breakfast at the resort, set out on a picturesque drive to Wankaner.
- Stop at Mundra to explore traditional Batik workshops.

- Here, artisans practice the ancient art of wax-resist dyeing, creating vibrant textiles with intricate patterns and rich colors.
- Witness the meticulous process of applying wax and dyeing, and explore the finished fabrics that reflect the region's artistic heritage.
- Continue your journey to Anjar, one of the oldest towns in Kutch.
- Anjar is renowned for its exquisite metal handicrafts, especially its intricate silverware.
- Explore local workshops where skilled artisans craft detailed silver items, showcasing traditional techniques passed down through generations.
- Arrive in Wankaner, a city with a regal heritage, and check in at your hotel.
- Relax and unwind after the day's journey, preparing for further exploration and cultural experiences in the coming days.

Day 8: Wankaner - Rajkot/Ahmedabad

- Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel in Wankaner.
- Explore the royal heritage of Wankaner.
- Visit the Ranjit Vilas Palace, a splendid example of regal architecture.
- This palace features intricate carvings, elegant arches, and ornate balconies that reflect a blend of Indian and European design influences.
- Wander through its grand halls and courtyards to appreciate the opulent craftsmanship and royal history.
- Discover the stepwell within the Royal Oasis complex.
- This architectural marvel boasts symmetrical steps and exquisite carvings.
- The stepwell, designed for water conservation, is adorned with intricate sculptures and provides a fascinating glimpse into historic water management techniques.
- Conclude your Gujarat journey with a transfer to either Rajkot or Ahmedabad airport.
- Depending on your departure point, enjoy a final drive through the region, reflecting on the diverse experiences and cultural insights gained during your tour.

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- Bid farewell to Gujarat, carrying cherished memories of its rich heritage and vibrant art scenes.

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	2,694	1,540	1,324	1,334	1,215	1,215	1,147	1,096
4★ Deluxe	2,838	1,620	1,404	1,414	1,295	1,294	1,226	1,175
5★ Luxury	3,080	1,852	1,559	1,569	1,450	1,449	1,381	1,330

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 352 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 417 | 5★ Luxury: USD 504

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 14 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 45 | 5★ Luxury: USD 50

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.
- 1-Time shared Gypsy safari in Little Rann of Kutch with forest department naturalist.
- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- 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 1 night: Rivera Sarovar Portico/ SK Lords Eco Inn
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Royal Safari Camp Bajana
- 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
- Wankaner x 1 night: Wankaner Heritage

4 Star Hotels

- Ahmedabad x 1 night: Lemon Tree Premier/ Ramada by Wyndham
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Royal Safari Camp Bajana
- 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
- Wankaner x 1 night: Wankaner Heritage

5 Star Hotels

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

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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.

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- **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.