

Tour Name: Gujarat Archaeological & Natural Wonders - Extension Tour from Ahmedabad

Tour Duration: 6 Nights/ 7 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/3v788utp>

Tour Overview

Embark on Gujarat Archaeological & Natural Wonders - Extension Tour from Ahmedabad, exploring from Ahmedabad's Modhera Sun Temple to the ancient city of Dholavira. Witness the unique wildlife of the Little Rann of Kutch and marvel at the vast, shimmering White Rann in Hodka. Discover Bhuj's cultural landmarks like Aina Mahal and Prag Mahal, then venture to Mandavi's royal palaces and Mundra's bustling markets. This journey offers a blend of archaeological wonders, natural beauty, and vibrant cultural experiences across Gujarat's diverse landscapes.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Ahmedabad - Dasada (100kms)

- Depart from Ahmedabad towards Dasada, located near the Little Rann of Kutch.
- Afternoon: Little Rann of Kutch Safari:
- Explore the unique saline desert ecosystem, home to the endangered Asiatic Wild Ass and a haven for migratory birds during winter. Witness the expansive horizon and the rugged terrain that transforms into a vibrant ecosystem during different seasons.

Day 2: Dasada - Dholavira (255kms)

- After breakfast, proceed to Dholavira with enroute visits:
- Modhera Sun Temple: Admire the stunning architecture of this 11th-century Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Surya. Marvel at the intricately carved pillars, torana (arch), and the imposing shrine that reflects the grandeur of ancient Gujarat.
- Rani ki Vav, Patan: Discover the elaborate stepwell built in the 11th century by Queen Udayamati. Explore its seven levels adorned with intricately carved sculptures of deities, mythological figures, and celestial beings, showcasing the finest craftsmanship of the Solanki era.

Day 3: Dholavira - Hodka (90kms)

- Early morning: Visit the Flamingo Sanctuary:
- Observe the vibrant birdlife, including flamingos, pelicans, and several migratory species against the backdrop of serene wetlands.
- Dholavira Archaeological Site:
- Explore the ruins of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization, including the citadel, reservoirs, and well-planned urban structures that highlight the advanced engineering and town planning skills of its inhabitants.
- Afternoon: Drive to Hodka:
- Experience the rural charm of Hodka, known for its traditional mud houses adorned with intricate tribal art. Visit local artisans practicing Rogan art (fabric painting) and Ahir embroidery, immersing yourself in the cultural heritage of Kutch.

Day 4: Hodka - White Rann of Kutch

- Early morning: Visit the White Rann:
- Witness the surreal landscape of the salt desert, gleaming under the morning sun like a vast expanse of snow. Enjoy panoramic views and capture the beauty of the Rann during sunrise.
- Engage in camel rides across the white sands, a quintessential experience in this unique natural setting.
- Return to Hodka for breakfast:
- Spend the morning leisurely exploring the village, interacting with locals, and learning about their traditional lifestyle and crafts.

Day 5: Hodka - Bhuj (65kms)

- After breakfast, drive to Bhuj:
- Enroute Sightseeing:
- Visit nearby villages like Banni, renowned for its pastoral communities and handicrafts. Interact with artisans practicing traditional weaving, pottery, and leatherwork.
- Arrive in Bhuj and check-in at your hotel:
- Bhuj Sightseeing:

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- Aina Mahal: Step into the palace of mirrors, adorned with intricate glasswork, European architecture, and a splendid Hall of Mirrors showcasing exquisite craftsmanship.
- Prag Mahal: Explore the imposing palace with its Italian Gothic architecture, featuring intricate carvings, majestic domes, and a bell tower offering panoramic views of Bhuj.
- Kutch Museum: Delve into the rich cultural heritage of Kutch with artifacts dating back to the Harappan civilization. Explore exhibits of tribal art, textiles, archaeological finds, and ancient coins.

Day 6: Bhuj - Day trip to Mandavi and Mundra

- Mandavi:
- Visit the historic Vijay Vilas Palace, a royal residence with stunning architecture, sprawling gardens, and a private beach. Explore the bustling market and enjoy views of the Arabian Sea.
- Mundra:
- Discover the vibrant markets known for their handicrafts, textiles, and local cuisine. Visit traditional Adani havelis and temples reflecting the region's cultural diversity.

Day 7: Bhuj - Departure

- Transfer to Bhuj airport or railway station for your onward journey, concluding your enriching tour of Gujarat's archaeological wonders and natural beauty.

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	2,404	1,287	1,077	1,093	969	959	890	838
4★ Deluxe	2,449	1,310	1,100	1,115	992	982	913	861

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 303 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 326

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 15 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 36

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 6 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 shared Gypsy safari 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 6 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Dholavira x 1 night: Rann Resort Dholavira/ Dholavira Tourism Resort
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Royal Safari Camp Bajana
- Bhuj x 2 nights: Regenta Resort Bhuj by Royal Orchid/ The Fern Residency
- Hodka x 2 nights: Shaam-e-Sarhad Village Resort/ Kutir Craft Village Resort

4 Star Hotels

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- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Royal Safari Camp Bajana
- Bhuj x 2 nights: Regenta Resort Bhuj by Royal Orchid/ The Fern Residency
- Hodka x 2 nights: Shaam-e-Sarhad Village Resort/ Kutir Craft Village 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.

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- **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.
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- **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.