

Tour Name: Gujarat Historical, Cultural, Religious & Wildlife Discovery Tour

Tour Duration: 14 Nights/ 15 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/4n8br2x9>

Tour Overview

Embark on an exhilarating journey through Gujarat's rich heritage and vibrant wildlife with our "Gujarat Historical, Cultural, Religious & Wildlife Discovery Tour" tour. Begin in Ahmedabad, where you'll explore the serene Sabarmati Ashram and marvel at the intricate architecture of Adalaj Stepwell. Journey to Bhavnagar to visit the historic Takhteshwar Temple and delve into the life of Mahatma Gandhi at the Gandhi Smriti Museum. Traverse to Palitana to climb Shatrunjaya Hill and witness the breathtaking Palitana Jain Temples. Encounter the majestic Asiatic lions in Sasan Gir National Park before discovering the ancient ruins of Dholavira and the cultural delights of Bhuj and Mandvi. This tour promises an unforgettable blend of history, wildlife, and cultural immersion across Gujarat's diverse landscapes.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Ahmedabad

- Arrive in Ahmedabad and transfer to your hotel. Rest and prepare for your exploration of Gujarat's cultural heritage.

Day 2: Ahmedabad

- After breakfast at the hotel, visit Sabarmati Ashram, Mahatma Gandhi's former residence. Explore the tranquil ashram grounds and the museum, which houses Gandhi's personal belongings, letters, and the iconic spinning wheel (charkha).
- Proceed to Adalaj Stepwell, an architectural marvel from the 15th century. Admire its intricate carvings and the cool ambiance created by its deep well structure, reflecting ancient water management and architectural brilliance.
- Explore Sarkhej Roza, an important Sufi spiritual center. Discover its elegant complex featuring pavilions, tombs, and a serene lake, all showcasing exquisite Indo-Saracenic architecture.
- Visit the bustling Manek Chowk market, renowned for its jewelry, textiles, and vibrant street food scene, offering local delicacies like Gujarati snacks and traditional sweets.

Day 3: Ahmedabad - Bhavnagar (175kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Bhavnagar.
- Visit Takhteshwar Temple, situated atop a hill offering panoramic views of Bhavnagar and the Gulf of Khambhat. Learn about its historical significance and enjoy the serene surroundings.
- Explore the Gandhi Smriti Museum, dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi. Dive into the life and teachings of the Father of the Nation through displays of photographs, letters, and artifacts.

Day 4: Bhavnagar - Palitana - Diu (225kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before traveling to Palitana.
- Climb the 3,572 steps of Shatrunjaya Hill to reach Palitana Jain Temples, one of Jainism's holiest pilgrimage sites. Marvel at the intricate marble architecture and the panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.
- Continue to Diu, a serene coastal town with Portuguese heritage. Visit Diu Fort, an imposing structure overlooking the Arabian Sea. Explore its cannons, churches, and historical significance.

Day 5: Diu - Sasan Gir (100kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, explore Diu, visiting St. Paul's Church known for its Baroque-style architecture and serene atmosphere.
- Journey to Sasan Gir National Park.
- Enjoy an afternoon safari in Sasan Gir, the last abode of the Asiatic lion. Spot these majestic big cats, along with leopards, deer, and diverse birdlife in their natural habitat.

Day 6: Sasan Gir National Park

- Start with breakfast at the hotel before morning and afternoon safaris in Sasan Gir National Park, guided by expert naturalists. Learn about conservation efforts and the park's ecosystem supporting wildlife like the Indian wild ass and various bird species.
- Visit the Gir Interpretation Zone (Devalia Safari Park) for a closer look at wildlife through enclosed safaris, enhancing your understanding of Gujarat's biodiversity.

Day 7: Sasan Gir - Rajkot (160kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing for Rajkot.
- Explore Watson Museum and Library, showcasing artifacts, sculptures, and exhibits that narrate Gujarat's cultural heritage, history, and archaeological finds.
- Visit Jubilee Garden, a peaceful park with lush greenery, fountains, and a serene atmosphere, ideal for a relaxing stroll.

Day 8: Rajkot - Dholavira (260kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, journey to Dholavira, an ancient Harappan archaeological site. Explore the ruins of this Indus Valley Civilization city, known for its sophisticated urban planning and reservoirs.

Day 9: Dholavira - Bhuj (220kms)

- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before departing for Bhuj.
- Visit the Kutch Museum in Bhuj, housing an impressive collection of Kutchi embroidery, textiles, and artifacts showcasing the region's cultural diversity and craftsmanship.
- Explore Aina Mahal, a historic palace renowned for its elaborate mirror work, European architecture, and royal artifacts.

Day 10: Bhuj - Hodka (65kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before traveling to Hodka.
- Explore nearby Banni villages known for their handicrafts, including embroidery, leatherwork, pottery, and textile weaving. Visit artisan workshops to witness traditional craftsmanship.
- Day 11: Hodka - White Rann of Kutch
- Start the day with breakfast at the hotel before visiting the White Rann of Kutch, a vast salt marsh offering surreal white landscapes. Experience the ethereal beauty of the Rann during sunset, a mesmerizing sight.

Day 12: Hodka - Mandvi (135kms)

- After breakfast at the hotel, journey to Mandvi.
- Visit Vijay Vilas Palace, an exquisite royal residence with stunning architecture, lush gardens, and a private beach.

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- Relax on Mandvi Beach, known for its tranquil ambiance and panoramic views of the Arabian Sea.

Day 13: Mandvi - Dasada (275kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing for Dasada, near the Little Rann of Kutch Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Embark on a wildlife safari in the sanctuary, home to the endangered Indian wild ass, migratory birds, and diverse wildlife species.
- Learn about local conservation efforts and the sanctuary's role in preserving biodiversity and ecosystems.

Day 14: Dasada - Ahmedabad (160kms)

- Return to Ahmedabad after breakfast.
- Optionally, visit the Calico Museum of Textiles, renowned for its extensive collection of Indian textiles, costumes, and artifacts, offering insights into traditional craftsmanship and cultural heritage.

Day 15: Ahmedabad - Departure

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your departure flight, concluding your enriching journey through Gujarat's historical cities, wildlife sanctuaries, and cultural gems.

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	4,886	2,611	2,248	2,285	2,035	2,025	1,884	1,778
4★ Deluxe	5,270	2,814	2,451	2,488	2,238	2,228	2,087	1,981
5★ Luxury	6,455	3,661	3,055	3,091	2,842	2,832	2,690	2,584

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 699 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 880 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,461

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 54 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 82 | 5★ Luxury: USD 178

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Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 14 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 Gir National Parks with naturalist.
- 1-Time Gypsy safari in Little Rann of Kutch 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 14 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Ahmedabad x 3 nights: Rivera Sarovar Portico/ SK Lords Eco Inn
- Bhavnagar x 1 night: Iscon The Fern Resort & Spa/ Efcee Sarovar Portico
- Diu x 1 night: Kostamar Beach Resort/ Azzaro Resort & Spa

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- Sasan Gir x 2 nights: Asiatic Lion Lodge/ Sarovar Portico Sasan Gir
- Rajkot x 1 night: Fern Residency/ Marasa Sarovar Portico
- 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

4 Star Hotels

- Ahmedabad x 3 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ Ramada by Wyndham
- Bhavnagar x 1 night: Iscon the Fern Resort & Spa/ Efcee Sarovar Portico
- Diu x 1 night: The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort/ Radhika Beach Resort and Spa
- Sasan Gir x 2 nights: Asiatic Lion Lodge/ Sarovar Portico Sasan Gir
- Rajkot x 1 night: Fortune Park JPS Grand/ Regency Lagoon Resort and Convention
- 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

5 Star Hotels

- Ahmedabad x 3 nights: Taj Skyline Ahmedabad/ Hyatt Regency
- Bhavnagar x 1 night: Iscon the Fern Resort & Spa/ Efcee Sarovar Portico
- Diu x 1 night: The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort/ Radhika Beach Resort and Spa
- Sasan Gir x 2 nights: Woods at Sasan/ The Postcard Gir Wildlife Sanctuary
- Rajkot x 1 night: Fortune Park JPS Grand/ Regency Lagoon Resort and Convention

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- 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: Rann Riders by Kaafila

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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- **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.