

Tour Name: Highlights of Gujarat

Tour Duration: 16 Nights/ 17 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/e4y6s36j>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through Highlights of Gujarat tour. This immersive itinerary combines the opulence of royal palaces, the rugged beauty of the Rann of Kutch, and thrilling wildlife encounters in Gir National Park. Begin in Ahmedabad, exploring its historic sites and vibrant markets. Discover the desert landscapes of Dasada and Bhuj, where traditional crafts thrive. Experience the tranquility of Gondal's palaces before delving into the wilderness of Sasan Gir, home to the majestic Asiatic Lions. End your adventure in Vadodara, admiring its grandeur and the iconic Statue of Unity. This tour promises an enriching blend of cultural heritage and natural marvels in Gujarat.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

- Arrive at Mumbai's international airport and transfer to your hotel.
- Rest of the day is free to relax and prepare for the tour.

Day 2: Mumbai - Ahmedabad

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Fly to Ahmedabad, the largest city in Gujarat with a rich history and vibrant culture.
- Visit Sabarmati Ashram, Mahatma Gandhi's former residence and a center for India's freedom movement. Explore the museum and tranquil surroundings along the Sabarmati River.
- Stroll through the bustling markets of the old city, savoring local snacks and traditional Gujarati sweets.

Day 3: Ahmedabad

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore the Calico Museum of Textiles, one of the finest textile museums in the world, showcasing a vast collection of fabrics, garments, and artifacts.

- Visit Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, famous for its intricate stone latticework windows, especially the Tree of Life jali.
- Discover Bhadra Fort, a historic fortification with beautiful palaces and mosques, and enjoy a leisurely walk around the fort complex.
- Tour Adalaj Stepwell, an intricately carved stepwell that served as a water reservoir and social gathering place, marvel at its stunning architecture.
- Visit Akshardham Temple, a stunning architectural marvel dedicated to Swaminarayan, with its elaborate carvings and serene gardens.
- Evening visit to Kankaria Lake, enjoy the amusement park, toy train, and musical fountain show.

Day 4: Ahmedabad - Dasada (260kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Dasada, a gateway to the Little Rann of Kutch, known for its unique desert landscape and wildlife.
- Evening visit to the Rann, famous for its salt pans and unique desert landscape. Spot wildlife such as flamingos and wild asses.

Day 5: Dasada

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning safari in the Little Rann of Kutch, home to the endangered Asiatic Wild Ass and a variety of bird species. Experience the vast salt flats and wetlands.
- Visit local villages known for their traditional crafts, including embroidery and beadwork. Interact with artisans and purchase handmade souvenirs.
- Evening at leisure to explore the local area or relax at the hotel. Enjoy a traditional Gujarati dinner.

Day 6: Dasada - Bhuj (260kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Bhuj, a historic city known for its palaces and handicrafts. Stop at local markets to experience the vibrant culture.
- Visit Aina Mahal, a beautiful palace with a unique collection of mirrors and glasswork, showcasing Indo-European architecture.

- Explore Prag Mahal, an impressive 19th-century palace with a blend of Italian Gothic and Indian architecture. Climb the bell tower for panoramic views of the city.
- Stroll through Bhujodi village, known for its weaving and handicrafts. Watch artisans at work and shop for textiles.

Day 7: Bhuj - Hodka (65kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Hodka, a traditional village in the heart of the Kutch region. Experience the rural lifestyle and hospitality.
- Visit local artisans' workshops to see traditional crafts like embroidery and pottery. Learn about their techniques and cultural significance.
- Evening at leisure to experience the rural lifestyle and hospitality of Hodka. Enjoy a cultural performance or folk dance.

Day 8: Hodka

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the White Desert, a stunning expanse of salt flats that appear like a white carpet. Experience the surreal landscape and take memorable photos.
- Explore Kala Dungar, the highest point in Kutch, offering panoramic views of the Rann and surrounding areas. Visit the Dattatreya Temple on the hill.
- Evening visit to a local cultural event or folk performance, showcasing the rich heritage of the region. Enjoy traditional music and dance.

Day 9: Hodka - Gondal (300kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Gondal, a historic town with royal palaces and museums. Enjoy the scenic journey through rural Gujarat.
- Visit Naulakha Palace, a beautiful palace with intricate carvings and a museum housing royal artifacts. Explore its well-preserved interiors.
- Explore Riverside Palace, a heritage hotel set amidst lush gardens. Relax in the serene surroundings and learn about its history.
- Stroll through the local markets and enjoy the traditional Gujarati cuisine.

Day 10: Gondal

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Bhuvaneshwari Ayurvedic Library, known for its extensive collection of Ayurvedic manuscripts. Learn about traditional healing practices.
- Explore the Vintage Car Museum, showcasing a collection of classic and vintage cars. Admire the well-maintained vehicles and their historical significance.
- Evening at leisure to explore the town or relax at the hotel. Enjoy a traditional Gujarati thali for dinner.

Day 11: Gondal - Sasan Gir (150kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Sasan Gir, home to the Asiatic Lion. Enjoy the scenic drive through rural landscapes.
- Evening safari in Gir National Park, the only place in the world where Asiatic Lions can be seen in their natural habitat. Spot lions, leopards, and other wildlife.

Day 12: Sasan Gir

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning safari in Gir National Park to spot lions, leopards, and other wildlife. Enjoy the early morning tranquility and fresh air.
- Visit the Interpretation Zone at Devaliya to learn about the flora and fauna of Gir. See rescued animals in a safe environment.
- Evening safari in Gir National Park for more wildlife viewing opportunities. Experience the thrill of spotting big cats in the wild.

Day 13: Sasan Gir - Bhavnagar (225kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Bhavnagar, a coastal city with a rich history. Enjoy the coastal views and stop at local attractions along the way.
- Visit Takhteshwar Temple, offering panoramic views of the city and Gulf of Khambhat. Explore the temple complex and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.
- Explore Barton Library and Museum, housing a collection of artifacts and exhibits on local history. Learn about Bhavnagar's cultural heritage.

- Evening stroll along the Bhavnagar waterfront, enjoying the sea breeze and local street food.

Day 14: Bhavnagar - Vadodara (260kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Vadodara, a city known for its palaces and parks. Enjoy the scenic journey through Gujarat's countryside.
- Visit Laxmi Vilas Palace, a grand palace four times the size of Buckingham Palace. Explore its lavish interiors and museum.
- Explore Sayaji Baug, a large garden with a zoo, museum, and planetarium. Relax in the greenery and visit the attractions within the park.
- Evening visit to Kirti Mandir, a memorial dedicated to the Gaekwad rulers of Vadodara. Admire the beautiful architecture and serene surroundings.

Day 15: Vadodara - Kevadia (145kms)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Kevadia, home to the Statue of Unity, the world's tallest statue. Enjoy the scenic drive through the Narmada Valley.
- Visit the Statue of Unity, dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and enjoy panoramic views from the viewing gallery. Learn about Patel's contributions to India's unity.
- Explore the surrounding attractions, including the Valley of Flowers and Sardar Sarovar Dam. Enjoy the beautiful gardens and informative exhibits.
- Visit the Jungle Safari, an open zoo with a variety of animals, including lions, tigers, and elephants. Experience the wildlife up close.

Day 16: Kevadia - Vadodara (90kms)/ Mumbai

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Return to Vadodara and fly to Mumbai. Enjoy the scenic drive back and relax on the flight.
- Transfer to your hotel in Mumbai and relax. Prepare for your departure the next day.
- Evening visit to Marine Drive, a scenic promenade along the Arabian Sea. Enjoy the sunset and the view of Mumbai's skyline.

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Day 17: Mumbai - Departure

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Gateway of India, an iconic monument overlooking the Arabian Sea. Learn about its historical significance and take photos.
- Explore Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, a UNESCO World Heritage site and architectural marvel. Admire its Victorian Gothic architecture.
- Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

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	6,092	3,270	2,760	2,753	2,468	2,478	2,314	2,191
4★ Deluxe	6,529	3,501	2,991	2,984	2,699	2,709	2,545	2,422
5★ Luxury	7,853	4,372	3,658	3,651	3,366	3,376	3,212	3,089

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 883 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 1,088 | 5★ Luxury: USD 1,746

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 71 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 125 | 5★ Luxury: USD 227

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 16 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.

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- Monument entrances and activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- 1 Time Gypsy safari in Gir National Parks with naturalist.
- Bottled drinking water in car.
- Government taxes.

Price Does Not Include:

- Mumbai - Ahmedabad & Vadodara - Mumbai flight fare approx INR 9500 per person in economy class.
- 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 16 nights' accommodation

3 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Hotel Godwin, Colaba/ Hotel Suba Palace
- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Rivera Sarovar Portico/ SK Lords Eco Inn
- Dasada x 2 nights: 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
- Gondal x 2 nights: Heritage Gondal Palace
- Sasan Gir x 2 nights: Asiatic Lion Lodge/ Sarovar Portico Sasan Gir
- Bhavnagar x 1 night: Iscon The Fern Resort & Spa/ Efcee Sarovar Portico
- Vadodara x 1 night: Royal Orchid Central/ Lemon Tree Hotel
- Kevadia x 1 night: Statue of Unity Tent City 1 - Royal Cottages/ The Fern Sardar Sarovar Resort

4 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Fariyas Hotel/ The Gordon House
- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ Ramada by Wyndham
- Dasada x 2 nights: 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
- Gondal x 2 nights: Heritage Gondal Palace
- Sasan Gir x 2 nights: Asiatic Lion Lodge/ Sarovar Portico Sasan Gir
- Bhavnagar x 1 night: Iscon The Fern Resort & Spa/ Efcee Sarovar Portico
- Vadodara x 1 night: Welcomehotel Vadodra/ Vivanta Vadodara
- Kevadia x 1 night: Statue of Unity Tent City 1 - Royal Cottages/ The Fern Sardar Sarovar Resort

5 Star Hotels

- Mumbai x 2 nights: Trident Hotel/ President, Mumbai - IHCL SeleQtions
- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Taj Skyline Ahmedabad/ Hyatt Regency
- Dasada x 2 nights: Rann Riders by Kaafila
- 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
- Gondal x 2 nights: Heritage Gondal Palace
- Sasan Gir x 2 nights: Woods at Sasan/ The Postcard Gir Wildlife Sanctuary
- Bhavnagar x 1 night: Iscon The Fern Resort & Spa/ Efcee Sarovar Portico
- Vadodara x 1 night: Welcomehotel Vadodra/ Vivanta Vadodara
- Kevadia x 1 night: Statue of Unity Tent City 1 - Royal Villa

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.

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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.
- **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.