

Tour Name: Historical Sights, Regal Cities & Wildlife Sanctuaries of Gujarat

Tour Duration: 8 Nights/ 9 Days

Tour Map: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8bxpa3>

Tour Overview

Embark on a captivating journey through Gujarat with our "Historical Sights, Regal Cities & Wildlife Sanctuaries of Gujarat" tour. Begin in Ahmedabad, where you'll delve into the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi at Sabarmati Ashram and marvel at architectural wonders like Adalaj Stepwell and Sidi Saiyyed Mosque. Explore the ancient Harappan city of Dholavira, uncovering millennia-old ruins and fossil parks that unveil Gujarat's ancient past. Encounter endangered wildlife in the Little Rann of Kutch and Sasan Gir National Park, home to the majestic Asiatic lion. Conclude your adventure in the coastal charm of Diu, where historic forts and serene beaches await, offering a perfect blend of culture, history, and natural beauty in Gujarat.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Ahmedabad

- Arrive in Ahmedabad and transfer to your hotel, where you can unwind after your journey or explore nearby attractions at your leisure.

Day 2: Ahmedabad

- Begin your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel before embarking on your sightseeing journey.
- Visit the Sabarmati Ashram, Mahatma Gandhi's former residence, where you can reflect on his life and principles of non-violence amidst peaceful surroundings. Explore the simple living quarters and the spinning wheel that Gandhi used.
- Marvel at the intricate carvings and architectural brilliance of the Adalaj Stepwell, a five-story stepwell built in 1499 AD, known for its Indo-Islamic architecture that allows cool breezes to flow through its depths, creating a cool retreat even on the hottest days.
- Discover the Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, an architectural gem known for its intricate stone lattice work (jalis) that include the famous "Tree of Life" motif, showcasing the fusion of Hindu and Islamic styles.

- Wander through the bustling lanes of the old city, making a stop at Manek Chowk, a vibrant market area known for its jewelry, textiles, and traditional Gujarati snacks like fafda, jalebi, and dhokla.

Day 3: Ahmedabad - Dholavira (385kms)

- After a hearty breakfast at the hotel, depart from Ahmedabad for Dholavira, an ancient Harappan city located in the desolate landscape of the Rann of Kutch.
- Explore the archaeological marvels of Dholavira, a site dating back to the 3rd millennium BCE, known for its well-planned streets, reservoirs, and fortified citadel. Walk through the ruins of the city and marvel at the sophisticated water conservation systems of the Harappan civilization.
- Visit the nearby Fossil Park, where you can observe fossilized remains of extinct mammals and plants that once thrived in this prehistoric ecosystem, providing insights into the geological history of the region.

Day 4: Dholavira - Dasada (255kms)

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Dholavira before departing for Dasada, located on the fringes of the Little Rann of Kutch.
- Embark on a thrilling safari in the Little Rann of Kutch, a unique landscape dominated by salt flats and thorny scrub, home to the endangered Indian Wild Ass. Spot these graceful creatures as well as other wildlife such as chinkara gazelles, desert foxes, and various bird species.
- Explore the traditional villages surrounding Dasada, where you can interact with local artisans practicing age-old crafts such as weaving and pottery. Gain insights into their lifestyles and cultural practices that have sustained them in this harsh desert environment.

Day 5: Dasada - Rajkot (160kms)

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel before setting off for Rajkot, a city known for its cultural heritage and historical significance.
- Visit the Watson Museum, an architectural gem that houses an impressive collection of artifacts ranging from archaeological finds to exhibits on the region's history, including textiles, weaponry, and sculptures.
- Explore Kaba Gandhi No Delo, the house where Mahatma Gandhi spent his formative years. Now converted into a museum, it showcases personal belongings, photographs, and letters that provide intimate glimpses into Gandhi's life and philosophies.

- Spend relaxing moments at Jubilee Garden, a well-maintained public park featuring lush green lawns, colorful flower beds, and historic monuments, offering a serene retreat in the heart of Rajkot.

Day 6: Rajkot - Sasan Gir National Park (160kms) (B, L, D)

- After breakfast, depart for Sasan Gir National Park, the last refuge of the Asiatic lion and a haven for wildlife enthusiasts.
- Enjoy morning and afternoon jeep safaris in Sasan Gir, venturing deep into its deciduous forests and open grasslands in search of the majestic Asiatic lion, elusive leopards, and a variety of deer species.
- Indulge in a traditional lunch at your lodge, surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the national park. Spend the evening at leisure, enjoying nature walks or birdwatching amidst the serene ambiance.

Day 7: Sasan Gir National Park - Diu (100kms)

- After breakfast, depart for Diu, a picturesque coastal town known for its sandy beaches, historic forts, and Portuguese architecture.
- Explore Diu Fort, a magnificent structure overlooking the Arabian Sea, built in the 16th century by the Portuguese. Wander through its well-preserved ramparts and visit the lighthouse for panoramic views of the coastline.
- Discover the ancient Naida Caves, natural rock formations that showcase intricate carvings and provide a cool retreat from the coastal heat.
- Relax and unwind at Nagoa Beach, a popular spot for swimming and water sports, offering serene views of the Arabian Sea and opportunities for beachcombing along its sandy shores.

Day 8: Diu

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel in Diu before continuing your exploration of this tranquil coastal town.
- Visit St. Paul's Church, a beautiful Baroque-style church known for its intricate wood carvings, serene ambiance, and historical significance as one of the oldest churches in India.
- Explore Diu Museum, housed in a Portuguese-era governor's palace, featuring artifacts and exhibits that trace the region's maritime history, including ship models, navigational instruments, and ancient sculptures.

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- Discover the unique Gangeshwar Mahadev Temple, where five Shiva lingams are washed by the waves of the Arabian Sea during high tide, creating a mystical and serene atmosphere.
- Spend leisure time at Ghoghla Beach, soaking in the sun or engaging in water sports activities, making the most of your final day in this idyllic coastal paradise.

Day 9: Diu - Departure

- Enjoy a final breakfast at your hotel in Diu before departing, concluding your Gujarat Historical Regal Sights & Wildlife Safari Extension Tour with cherished memories of cultural discoveries, wildlife encounters, and coastal delights.

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	3,111	1,639	1,367	1,385	1,227	1,218	1,129	1,062
4★ Deluxe	3,472	1,839	1,566	1,585	1,427	1,417	1,328	1,261
5★ Luxury	4,157	2,305	1,920	1,938	1,780	1,771	1,682	1,615

Single Room Supplement

3★ Standard: USD 428 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 589 | 5★ Luxury: USD 920

Triple Sharing Discount (Per Person)

3★ Standard: USD 46 | 4★ Deluxe: USD 53 | 5★ Luxury: USD 122

Price Includes:

- Assistance on arrival at airport.
- 8 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 shared Gypsy safari in Little Rann of Kutch with naturalist.
- 1-Time shared Gypsy safari in Gir 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 8 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
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Royal Safari Camp Bajana
- Rajkot x 1 night: Fern Residency/ Marasa Sarovar Portico
- Sasan Gir x 1 night: Asiatic Lion Lodge/ Sarovar Portico Sasan Gir
- Diu x 2 nights: Kostamar Beach Resort/ Azzaro Resort & Spa

4 Star Hotels

- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Lemon Tree Premier/ Ramada by Wyndham
- Dholavira x 1 night: Rann Resort Dholavira/ Dholavira Tourism Resort
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Royal Safari Camp Bajana
- Rajkot x 1 night: Fortune Park JPS Grand/ Regency Lagoon Resort and Convention

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- Sasan Gir x 1 night: Asiatic Lion Lodge/ Sarovar Portico Sasan Gir
- Diu x 2 nights: The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort/ Radhika Beach Resort and Spa

5 Star Hotels

- Ahmedabad x 2 nights: Taj Skyline Ahmedabad/ Hyatt Regency
- Dholavira x 1 night: Rann Resort Dholavira/ Dholavira Tourism Resort
- Little Rann of Kutch x 1 night: Rann Riders by Kaafila
- Rajkot x 1 night: Fortune Park JPS Grand/ Regency Lagoon Resort and Convention
- Sasan Gir x 1 night: Woods at Sasan/ The Postcard Gir Wildlife Sanctuary
- Diu x 2 nights: The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort/ Radhika Beach Resort and Spa

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.
- 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.