

Royal Gujarat 8-Night: Palaces, Havelis & Luxury Stays

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Destination
Gujarat

Duration
8 Nights 9 Days

Starting from
Rs. 72,800 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Ahmedabad · 2N

↗ Vadodara · 1N

↗ Gondal · 1N

↗ Rajkot · 1N

↗ Bhuj · 2N

↗ Mandvi · 1N

Overview

Discover the best of Gujarat with this premium Gujarat tour package tailored for families and travelers who love heritage, architecture and luxury. The Royal Gujarat 8-Night: Palaces, Havelis & Luxury Stays is an immersive 9-day Gujarat Family tour package that blends city history, majestic palaces, artisan villages and the surreal landscapes of Kutch. Ideal for families, couples and cultural travelers, this Gujarat Family package includes heritage hotels, curated experiences and comfortable transfers.

Highlights:

- Ahmedabad Old City & Pols – heritage walks and Calico Museum (pre-book)
- Laxmi Vilas Palace, Vadodara – one of India’s grandest private palaces
- Naulakha Palace & Gondal Havelis – royal stays and vintage car museum
- Aina Mahal & Prag Mahal, Bhuj – Kutch’s royal architecture
- Great Rann of Kutch – sunset on the white salt marsh
- Vijay Vilas Palace, Mandvi – coastal palace and private beach time

Important: Flights between Rajkot/Bhuj/Ahmedabad can reduce drive times; please request domestic flights early. Some museums and heritage sites require advance bookings.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation in 4/5 heritage and luxury hotels (double/twin sharing) for 8 nights
- ✓ Daily breakfast & 4 select dinners (Welcome & Farewell + special heritage dinner)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private AC vehicle as per itinerary
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide for city & heritage walks
- ✓ Entrance fees to listed monuments & museums (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Special experiences: Rann sunset/sunrise visit, craft village visits
- ✓ 24/7 local assistance during the tour

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ Domestic or international airfare to and from Gujarat
- ✗ Optional domestic flights (Rajkot–Bhuj) unless specified at booking
- ✗ Camera/video fees where applicable
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, laundry and beverages except where specified
- ✗ Any meals not mentioned in the inclusions
- ✗ GST, state taxes and any increases in government levies
- ✗ Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Heritage Introduction in Ahmedabad

Arrival at Ahmedabad (Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport / Railway Station). Meet-and-greet and transfer to your heritage hotel. Spend the afternoon with an orientation walk around the Old City Pols to see traditional havelis, carved wooden facades and bustling bazaars. Evening at leisure with a welcome briefing over a traditional Gujarati dinner.

Activities: Gentle walking tour of the pols, welcome dinner at a heritage haveli hotel.

Tip: Carry comfortable shoes for the narrow lanes.

Day

2

Ahmedabad: Culture, Museums & Stepwells

Full day exploring Ahmedabad's highlights. Visit Sabarmati Ashram for Mahatma Gandhi's history, the iconic Adalaj Stepwell, and the Calico Museum of Textiles (pre-booking recommended). Explore the Chowk and Manek Chowk food stalls in the evening and experience the city's living crafts and pol culture.

Must-see: bold architecture, traditional textiles and the culinary street-food scene.

Note: Calico Museum requires advance permission for timed entry.

Day

3

To Vadodara: Laxmi Vilas Palace & Heritage Night

Drive to Vadodara (Baroda) (approx. 3–3.5 hours). Afternoon visit to the magnificent Laxmi Vilas Palace – the largest private dwelling of the Gaekwad royal family – and Sayaji Baug / Kamati Baug with its museums and zoo. Enjoy a heritage-stay experience at a palace-style hotel and an evening cultural program (on select days).

Highlight: Explore the palace interiors, the Durbar Hall and the palace grounds. Tip:

Photography restrictions may apply in some palace areas.

Day

4

Gondal: Small-town Royalty & Palaces

Short drive to Gondal, a princely town known for its well-preserved palaces and havelis. Visit Naulakha Palace, Godrej Palace, and the Vintage Car Museum. Stroll along the palace compounds and meet local artisans. Overnight in a converted heritage property for an authentic royal stay.

Note: Gondal offers intimate, lesser-known heritage experiences ideal for families seeking calm and culture.

Day

5

Rajkot: Regional History & Transfer to Kutch

Drive to Rajkot (approx. 1 hour). Visit the Watson Museum, Kaba Gandhi No Delo (Gandhi's family home), and local gardens. In the afternoon, transfer to Rajkot airport or station for onward travel to Bhuj (flight recommended) or begin the scenic road transfer to Kutch. Evening arrival in Bhuj and check-in to your Kutch heritage hotel.

Tip: Choose a short domestic flight Rajkot–Bhuj to save time and maximize Kutch exploration.

Day

6

Bhuj: Palaces, Crafts & Living Traditions

Explore Bhuj – the gateway to Kutch. Visit Aina Mahal, Prag Mahal, and the Bhujodi artisan village famous for weaving and textiles. Discover the local craft workshops for bandhani, ajrak and embroidery demonstrations. Evening free to relax or explore local cuisine.

Highlights: Hands-on craft visits and engaging with Kutch artisans. Note: Some workshops produce fragile items – handle with care.

Day

7

Great Rann of Kutch & Kalo Dungar (Black Hill)

Early morning departure to the Great Rann of Kutch for sunrise over the white salt marsh – a signature Gujarat experience. Visit Kalo Dungar (Black Hill) for panoramic views and the Dattatreya Temple. Enjoy a curated picnic or sunset photography session on the Rann. Return to Bhuj for an overnight stay.

Important: Carry warm clothing for early morning/late evening as temperatures can drop on the salt flats. Tip: Best experienced during clear weather; full-moon nights offer a magical view (peak season).

Day

8

Mandvi: Coastal Palace & Leisure Beach Time

Transfer to Mandvi (approx. 1.5–2 hours). Visit the seaside Vijay Vilas Palace and spend relaxed time on Mandvi Beach; explore the historic shipyard and local markets. Enjoy a farewell coastal dinner at the palace or a beachfront restaurant.

Highlight: Perfect family relaxation day – gentle beach walks, optional horse-cart rides and sunset views. Note: Swimming safety varies with season; follow local advice.

Day

9

Departure from Ahmedabad or Bhuj

After breakfast, transfer back to Ahmedabad (by road or flight via Bhuj/Rajkot depending on your booking) for your onward flight or train. End of the Royal Gujarat 8-Night: Palaces, Havelis & Luxury Stays package. Optional: Extend your trip to Dwarka or Sasan Gir for wildlife.

Note: Ensure onward flight/train timings align with transfers; early departures can be arranged at an additional cost.

🔍 Frequently Asked Questions

🔍 What are the top tourist attractions in Gujarat?

Gujarat boasts captivating attractions like the Rann of Kutch, Gir National Park (home to Asiatic lions), the historic city of Ahmedabad, the surreal salt desert, Dwarka's ancient temples, and the UNESCO-listed Sun Temple at Modhera. Don't miss the vibrant culture and local cuisine!

🔍 When is the best time to visit Gujarat?

The best time to visit Gujarat is between October and March. During these months, the weather is pleasant and ideal for exploring attractions like the Rann of Kutch, Gir National Park, and the vibrant cities of Ahmedabad and Vadodara. Enjoy festivals, culture, and stunning landscapes during this season!

🔍 How can I travel around Gujarat?

You can travel around Gujarat using various modes of transport like buses, trains, and private taxis. State-run buses connect major cities, while the extensive railway network offers convenience. Car rentals or auto-rickshaws are also popular for exploring smaller towns and attractions like the Rann of Kutch, Gir National Park, and historical sites.

🔍 What are the popular festivals celebrated in Gujarat?

Gujarat is renowned for its vibrant festivals, including Navratri, celebrated with garba dances; Diwali, the festival of lights; Uttaryan, famous for kite flying; and Makar Sankranti. The state's rich cultural heritage shines during these festivities, attracting tourists to experience the lively atmosphere and traditional celebrations.

? What type of cuisine can I expect in Gujarat?

In Gujarat, you can expect a vibrant vegetarian cuisine, characterized by a blend of sweet, spicy, and tangy flavors. Popular dishes include Dhokla, Thepla, and Undhiyu. Don't miss the traditional thali that offers a variety of local specialties, showcasing the state's rich culinary heritage and diverse ingredients.

? What are some adventure activities available in Gujarat?

Gujarat offers a range of adventure activities including camel safaris in the Rann of Kutch, trekking in the Gir National Park, water sports at Tithal Beach, and rock climbing in the Saputara hills. Discover vibrant culture while indulging in thrilling experiences!

? Is Gujarat safe for tourists?

Yes, Gujarat is generally safe for tourists. The state offers a rich cultural heritage, stunning landscapes, and vibrant festivals. While it's advisable to follow standard travel precautions, tourists often find the locals friendly and helpful, making for a pleasant travel experience.

★ Traveller Reviews



Avani Joshi

★★★★★ 5/5

A Historical Odyssey through Gujarat

Each city we visited had its unique charm, from the ancient forts to colonial architecture. An insightful journey!



Samir Khanna

★★★★☆ 4/5

Embracing the Spirit of Gujarat

The spirit of Gujarat was infectious! Loved how every interaction felt genuine and warm. Must visit!



Sneha Mehta

★★★★★ 5/5

Landscape and Culture in Sync

The tranquility of the landscape coupled with local festivities made for an enchanting experience. Will recommend to all!



Prachi Singh

★★★★★ 5/5

Unique Architectural Wonders

Exploring the distinct architectural styles in Gujarat was enlightening. Every structure had a tale to tell.



Kunal Shah

★★★★★ 5/5

Cultural Extravaganza at Rann Utsav

The Rann Utsav festival was a highlight! The vibrant local culture and music made this trip unforgettable.

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