

Offbeat Gujarat 6-Night: Dholavira Excavations & Desert Life

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Destination
Gujarat



Duration
6 Nights 7 Days



Starting from
Rs. 22,600 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Bhuj - 2N**

↖ **Dholavira - 1N**

↖ **Mandvi - 1N**

↖ **Little Rann of Kutch - 2N**

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Overview

An immersive Gujarat tour package crafted for travelers seeking a mix of archaeology, local culture and stark desert landscapes. This Gujarat Adventure tour package (6-night / 7-day) highlights the ancient Harappan site of Dholavira, the vibrant handicraft towns around Bhuj, the tranquil beaches and palaces of Mandvi, and the surreal salt flats and wildlife of the Little Rann of Kutch. Ideal for travelers looking for an offbeat Gujarat Adventure package combining history, village life, craft trails and desert experiences.

Highlights:

- Dholavira Excavation Site (Harappan City)
- Bhuj: Aina Mahal, Kutch Museum, Bhujodi & local bazaars
- Mandvi: Vijay Vilas Palace & Mandvi Beach
- Little Rann of Kutch: Wild ass (Indian wild ass) safari & salt desert camping
- Village walks: Local artisans, bandhani & ajrakh printing

Note: This 6 and 7 Gujarat Adventure tour package is best operated from Ahmedabad or Bhuj. Road transfers are long in parts – pack light and be ready for early starts.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 6 nights in listed hotels/camps (twin/double sharing)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 3 specially curated dinners (as per itinerary)
- ✓ All ground transfers by air-conditioned vehicle during the tour
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide at Dholavira and safari naturalist at Little Rann
- ✓ Permits and entry fees for listed monuments/sites
- ✓ 4x4 desert safari at Little Rann of Kutch
- ✓ Cultural program at the desert camp
- ✓ Bottled water during transfers
- ✓ Note: Single-room supplement available on request.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International / Domestic flights to/from Ahmedabad or Bhuj
- ✗ Airport/railway taxes and arrival/departure transfers unless specified
- ✗ Personal expenses (phone, laundry, etc.), tips and gratuities
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in inclusions and optional activities
- ✗ Travel insurance and emergency medical expenses
- ✗ Monument camera fees (where applicable)
- ✗ Tip: Carry cash for small village purchases; many artisan stalls are cash-preferred.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Bhuj & Local Orientation

Arrive at Bhuj Airport / Railway Station and transfer to your hotel. Spend the afternoon exploring the compact old town. Visit the Aina Mahal (Palace of Mirrors) and adjacent Prag Mahal. Evening walk through the bustling bazaars of Bhujodi – a living textile workshop where artisans create bandhani, embroidery and weaving. Early arrival recommended to rest after travel.

Day

2

Kutch Museum, Local Villages & Sunset at Banni Grasslands

Morning visit to the Kutch Museum to understand regional archaeology and culture. Later, drive to nearby artisan villages (options: Ajrakhpur / Nirona / Hodka) to see block printing, Rogan art and lacquerware. Afternoon/early evening drive to the Banni Grasslands for a quiet sunset and interactions with pastoral communities. Village visits involve short walks on uneven surfaces.

Day

3

Drive to Dholavira & Archaeological Exploration

Early departure for Dholavira (approx. 5–7 hours depending on road). On arrival, check in and rest briefly. Guided tour of the Dholavira excavation site, one of the most spectacular Harappan/Indus Valley urban centers, featuring the fortified city plan, water reservoirs and unique stone architecture. Evening at leisure near the ruins. Carry water, sunscreen and a hat for open-site exploration.

Day

4

Dholavira to Mandvi via Coastal Route

After sunrise at the ruins (optional), depart for Mandvi. Drive back towards the coast with stops for local hamlets and scenic views. In Mandvi, visit Vijay Vilas Palace, the shipbuilding yards and Mandvi Beach – perfect for a relaxed evening and sunset. Mandvi offers a calm contrast to the arid interiors.

Day

5

Mandvi Cultural Walk & Transfer to Little Rann of Kutch

Short morning at leisure in Mandvi – explore local markets and, if time permits, a short boat ride. Midday transfer to the Little Rann of Kutch / Dhordo region where desert camp accommodations await. Evening camp orientation, cultural program (folk music/dance) and dinner under the stars. Camping is in comfortable desert tents with basic facilities.

Day

6

Little Rann Safari & Wild Ass Sanctuary

Early morning 4x4 safari into the Little Rann of Kutch – search for the Indian Wild Ass (Ghudkhar), migratory birds, and experience the salt-flat landscape. Return to camp for brunch and relax. Late afternoon optional guided nature walk or village visit to meet salt-pan workers and local pastoralists. Sundowner on the salt flats. Safari timings depend on season and weather.

Day

7

Return Transfer & Departure (to Ahmedabad / Bhuj)

After breakfast, depart for Ahmedabad (or Bhuj based on your outbound travel schedule). En route stop for brief scenic/photo breaks. Arrival in Ahmedabad/Bhuj and drop at airport or railway station for your onward journey. If you prefer an extended stay (Rann Utsav season), we can adjust nights accordingly.

? 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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