

Complete Gujarat Explorer 8-Night: Cities, Desert, Coast & Wildlife

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Destination
Gujarat

Duration
8 Nights 9 Days

Starting from
Rs. 43,750 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Ahmedabad · 2N

↗ Bhuj · 2N

↗ Dhordo / Great Rann of Kutch · 1N

↗ Mandvi · 1N

↗ Sasan Gir · 1N

↗ Somnath · 1N

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Overview

Complete Gujarat Explorer 8-Night: Cities, Desert, Coast & Wildlife — an immersive Gujarat tour package that blends culture, adventure, coast and wildlife across 9 days. Experience bustling city heritage, the surreal Great Rann of Kutch, sandy Mandvi beaches, and the majestic Asiatic lions at Gir. Ideal for travelers seeking a comprehensive Gujarat Adventure tour package covering cities, desert landscapes, tranquil coasts, and protected wildlife.

Highlights:

- Ahmedabad: Old city walk, Sabarmati Ashram
- Patan & Modhera: UNESCO gems (Rani ki Vav, Sun Temple)
- Bhuj & Kutch: Handicrafts, Banni villages, Kalo Dungar
- Great Rann of Kutch: Sunset on the white salt desert
- Mandvi: Beach time & Vijay Vilas Palace
- Gir National Park: Jeep safari to spot Asiatic lions
- Somnath: Coastal temple & evening aarti

This Gujarat Adventure package is designed for moderate-paced travelers. Road travel times can be long between regions — consider optional internal flights where available.

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 8 nights on twin/double sharing as per selected hotel category
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 4 special dinners (as specified in itinerary)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by air-conditioned private vehicle
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide services during city tours
- ✓ Entrance fees to monuments as per itinerary
- ✓ 1 jeep safari in Gir National Park (standard slot) — subject to permit availability
- ✓ Rann Utsav camp stay (seasonal) or equivalent accommodation in Dhordo
- ✓ All applicable taxes

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International or domestic flights to/from Ahmedabad
- ✗ GST on applicable services if any
- ✗ Lunches, dinners not specified above and personal meals
- ✗ Camera/video fees at monuments (where applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance, tips, and personal expenses
- ✗ Early check-in/late checkout charges unless confirmed
- ✗ Any additional activities not mentioned in inclusions
- ✗ Safari/permit surcharges in peak season (if applicable)

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival and Old City Welcome in Ahmedabad

Arrive at Ahmedabad (Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport). Meet and greet, transfer to hotel and check-in. Afternoon guided walk through the Old City: explore lively bazaars, the architectural lanes near Manek Chowk, and witness the city's evening food scene. Optional visit to the Sabarmati Riverfront for a relaxed sunset stroll.

Tip: Keep camera ready for the vibrant street life; markets get busy after sunset.

Day

2

Ahmedabad Heritage & Museum Day

Full day heritage tour of Ahmedabad. Visit Sabarmati Ashram (Gandhi's residence), Jama Masjid, Teen Darwaza, and the exquisite Adalaj Stepwell. Option to visit the Calico Museum of Textiles (pre-booking recommended). Evening free for local shopping or a stroll at the riverfront.

Important: Calico Museum requires advance booking; inform us at time of booking if you wish to include it.

Day

3

UNESCO Stops: Modhera Sun Temple & Rani ki Vav, Transfer to Bhuj

Depart Ahmedabad for Bhuj, en route visiting the Modhera Sun Temple and Rani ki Vav (Patan) – both exceptional examples of Gujarat's temple and stepwell architecture. Continue the drive to Bhuj and arrive by evening. Check in and rest.

Note: Carry water and snacks for the road; sites have limited food options.

Day

4

Bhuj & Kutch Village Crafts Tour

Explore Bhuj and surrounding Kutch craft villages. Visit Aina Mahal, Prag Mahal, local bazaars, and witness traditional artisans – embroidery, weaving, and pottery. Afternoon drive to the Banni or nearby craft hamlets to see living traditions. Evening at leisure in Bhuj.

Highlight: Great opportunity to pick up authentic Kutch handicrafts – bargaining is common.

Day

5

Great Rann of Kutch: Dhordo and White Desert Sunset

Early morning departure to Dhordo and the Great Rann of Kutch. Explore the salt plains, visit local cultural setups (seasonal Rann Utsav if applicable), and enjoy an unforgettable sunset over the white salt desert. Overnight in Dhordo or a desert camp with cultural performances (seasonal).

Note: If travelling in winter months, Rann Utsav provides nightly cultural shows and camp comforts. Summer visits can be harsh due to heat.

Day

6

Coastal Shift: Transfer to Mandvi & Beach Time

Drive south to the coastal town of Mandvi. Relax on Mandvi Beach, visit the ornate Vijay Vilas Palace, and see the historic shipbuilding yard where traditional wooden vessels are made. Sunset at the beach and leisure evening.

Tip: Carry sunscreen and hats; beach stretch is great for relaxed walks and local seafood.

Day

7

Journey to Gir: Evening at Leisure

Drive from Mandvi towards Sasan Gir (gateway to Gir National Park). Arrive and check into wildlife lodge. Short nature walk or local village visit in the evening. Prepare for next day's safari.

Important: Safari permits are subject to availability; we recommend booking rides in advance.

Day

8

Gir National Park Safari and Transfer to Somnath

Early morning jeep safari inside Gir National Park to spot the Asiatic lion, deer, and other wildlife. Return to the lodge for breakfast and check-out. Drive to Somnath in the afternoon. Visit the famous Somnath Temple for evening aarti by the sea.

Tip: Safari timings are strict—please carry ID and follow park regulations.

Day

9

Departure from Somnath / Return to Ahmedabad

After breakfast, transfer to Ahmedabad (or Diu/Rajkot airport depending on onward connections). En route, optional stop at Junagadh to see Uparkot Fort and the historical sites (time permitting). Arrive Ahmedabad for onward flight or rail departure.

Note: If you prefer a flight from Rajkot or Diu, we can adjust transfers — please advise while booking.

🔍 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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