

# Gujarat Coastal Birding 6-Night: Gulf of Kutch & Mudflats

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Destination  
**Gujarat**



Duration  
**6 Nights 7 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 21,000 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Bhuj - 3N**

↖ **Mandvi - 1N**

↖ **Jamnagar / Narara Marine Park - 2N**

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## Overview

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A focused Gujarat tour package tailored for birders and families who love coastal ecosystems. Explore the rich mudflats, salt pans and sheltered creeks of the Gulf of Kutch, spot migratory shorebirds and resident coastal species, and enjoy cultural highlights in Kutch and Saurashtra. Ideal as a Gujarat Family tour package for nature lovers seeking both wildlife and local experiences.

### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 6 nights (twin/double rooms)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and 5 dinners
- ✓ All transfers and local road transport in a private vehicle
- ✓ Experienced local naturalist/ornithologist guide for full itinerary
- ✓ Park and sanctuary entry fees
- ✓ Boat trip at Mandvi (shared)
- ✓ Field optics (spotting scope) on request
- ✓ Permits and local taxes

### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International / domestic flights to Bhuj or from Jamnagar
- ✗ Lunches and beverages unless specified
- ✗ Personal expenses, tips, and travel insurance
- ✗ Camera/video permits where applicable
- ✗ Any optional activities not listed in inclusions
- ✗ Single supplement (if you prefer a private room)

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival at Bhuj — Orientation and Evening Birding**

Arrive at Bhuj (by flight or train). Meet your local naturalist and transfer to the hotel. Brief orientation about the next 6 nights focusing on birding etiquette and safety on mudflats. Evening birding at a nearby wetland or the Mandvi coast (depending on arrival time) to look for Indian Pond Heron, Black-tailed Godwit, and local shorebirds. Rest early to prepare for full field days.

Day

2

### **Naliya/Mudflat Expedition — Gull-billed Tern and Redshank**

Full-day expedition north-west of Bhuj to the coastal mudflats near Naliya and adjacent creeks. Walk with guides on designated safe routes across salt pans and mudflats to search for migratory and resident shorebirds — Greater Flamingo, Kentish Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Marsh Sandpiper, and Gull-billed Tern. Learn identification tips and photography positioning. Return to Bhuj in the evening. Wear sun protection and waterproof footwear.

Day

3

### **Great Rann Edge & Local Kutch Wetlands**

Early morning visit to the Great Rann edge for wader concentrations at dawn. Survey seasonal marshes and inland wetlands near Bhuj for waterfowl and raptors — expect Eurasian Curlew, Black-winged Stilt, and Shaheen falcon sightings in the area. Afternoon cultural stop at Bhujodi or local craft villages to experience Kutchi textiles and a relaxing evening back in Bhuj.

Day

4

### **Drive to Mandvi — Coastal Birding & Beach Time**

Drive south to Mandvi (approx. 2–3 hours). En route, stop at creeks and estuaries for intertidal birding. Afternoon at Mandvi beach and nearby creeks for shorebirds, terns, and resident waders. Optional sunset boat trip in the creek to view mangrove-edge species and coastal life. Evening at leisure in Mandvi. Mandvi is family-friendly with beach access and optional boat rides.

Day

5

### **Transfer to Jamnagar Region — Narara Marine National Park Visit**

Drive to the Jamnagar / Narara Marine National Park area (approx. 4–5 hours). Afternoon visit to protected intertidal zones of Narara (Gulf of Kutch), famous for reef and mudflat birding. Search for reef-associated birds, coastal raptors, and large congregations of shorebirds at low tide. Evening briefing on next day's full-day marine and sanctuary exploration.

Day

6

### **Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary & Nearby Mudflats**

Full day at Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary and adjacent mudflats – a hotspot for migratory ducks, waders, and marsh species. Target species include Eurasian Wigeon, Harrier species, Pied Avocet, and large flocks of gulls and terns. Guided walk across boardwalks and observation hides, plus a late-afternoon visit to the Narara coastline to photograph the sunset over tidal flats.

Day

7

### **Departure from Jamnagar – Final Checklist & Transfer**

Morning birding for any missed specialties near Jamnagar. Return transfer to Jamnagar railway station or airport for onward travel. Program ends after drop-off. If you prefer, an extension to Dwarka or Ahmedabad can be arranged.

## **🔗 Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **🔗 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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