



Incredible Indian Tours

Incredible Gujarat

16 Days

Ahmedabad to Udaipur

6 - 21 December 2020



Maximum Group Size 10

Accommodation 15 nights hotels

Transport Airport Transfers, Private vehicle, Taxis and Auto-rickshaws for sightseeing

Meals 15 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners

Entrance Fees Included for all sites and national parks visited as part of the itinerary

Starts in Ahmedabad on Sunday 6th December 2020

Finishes in Udaipur on Monday 21st December 2021

Cost USD3690 per person twin share (USD4425 with *optional single supplement*)

Welcome to our Incredible Gujarat tour. One of the less-visited states of India, Gujarat is one of the most interesting and varied parts of this diverse nation. Ancient Hindu, Buddhist and Jain sites, UNESCO world heritage locations, wildlife sanctuaries, salt deserts, a rich tribal culture and many heritage hotels - homes to erstwhile local kings - dot the state which has a history dating back thousands of years.

Providing a richer and more authentic local experience than neighbouring Rajasthan, Gujarat is the India less travelled - and will enthrall you with the natural beauty, heritage sites and fascinating culture unique to this part of India.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Ahmedabad

Arrival Day. No group activities today. In the evening there will be a welcome meeting before dinner.

Day 2 Ahmedabad

This morning we undertake the unique Heritage Walk in the old city, currently under consideration to become a World Heritage city by UNESCO. In the afternoon we will explore more of the fascinating sights of Ahmedabad.

Days 3-4 Jambughoda

A 4-hour drive today south-east to Jambughoda, home to the charming royal couple who have converted their palace into a Heritage Hotel, which is situated in the Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary. On the way we will visit Laxmi Vilas Palace in Vadodra.

On day 4, we will spend the day visiting the tribal villages and the UNESCO world heritage site of Champaner.

Day 5 Palitana

We have a travel day to Palitana, a hilltop on which has been built an extraordinary 900 marble Jain temples, dating back to the 11th century. A 4km pathway leads up to the top of the hill or a dhooli (palanquin) can get you up with less effort.

Days 6-7 Diu

After our early start to hike the holy hill of Palitana, we head on to Diu, a 5 hour drive. Diu is not part of Gujarat, but a separate Union Territory. Originally a Portuguese colony until 1961, the 40square km island, connected to the mainland by two bridges hosts the charming town of Diu along with a number of remnants of the Portuguese, the fort, churches and many houses and buildings. Beaches, caves and other places of natural beauty add to Diu's appeal.

Day 8 Sasan Gir

Sasan Gir is the only place left in the world to see the Asiatic Lion.

With two safaris here, we hope to have some good sightings of this rare and beautiful big cat, who's numbers here in Gujarat have doubled in recent years.

Day 9 Muli

We have our second safari this morning before driving north-west to Muli, and our home for the night, the Ambika Nivas Palace.

Days 10-11 Bhuj

Bhuj is the main town in the Kutch region of Gujarat. The desert part of the state, Kutch is well known for its tribal culture, amazing textiles and its salt-desert. Bhuj itself, although much damaged during the 2001 earthquake, still has some fascinating old buildings to visit and we take the time to check out some of the nearby tribal villages as well.

Days 12-13 Little Rann of Kutch

Gujarat is not only known for its growing numbers of Asiatic Lions, but the Indian Wild Ass also calls the state home. The Little Rann of Kutch Wild Ass sanctuary is also home to a myriad of birdlife.

Day 14 Poshina

Heading north-east, we have a full days travel and sightseeing visiting the stunning Modhera Sun Temple and the Rani-ki-Vav step-well at Patan before stopping for the night in Poshina, in the very north-eastern corner of Gujarat.

Days 15 Udaipur

This morning we drive 3 hours to Udaipur, the Lake City of Rajasthan, named the No. 1 tourist destination in the world in recent years. In the afternoon, we take a tour of the City Palace museum, a walk through the old city and a sunset boat cruise.

Day 16 Departure Day

There are no organised activities today. You may leave at any time.

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