



# Incredible Indian Tours

## Incredible Gujarat

### 21 Days

#### Ahmedabad to Udaipur

29 Jan - 18 Feb 2021



**Maximum Group Size** 10

**Accommodation** 12 nights Heritage Hotels, 8 nights Resorts/Lodges

**Transport** Airport Transfers, Private vehicle, Jeep, Auto-rickshaws

**Meals** 20 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 16 dinners

**Entrance Fees** Included for all sites and national parks visited as part

of the itinerary

**Starts in** Ahmedabad on Friday 29th January 2021

**Finishes in** Udaipur on Thursday 18th February 2021

**Cost** USD 4590 per person twin share (USD 5510 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 enthral you with the natural beauty, heritage sites and fascinating culture unique to this part of India.

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### Day 1 Ahmedabad

Arrival Day. We meet at midday for a tour briefing before lunch, the Gandhi Ashram, then a cooking class to discover the amazing Gujarati cuisine.

### Day 2 Ahmedabad

This morning we enjoy the unique Heritage Walk in the old city, India's first UNESCO World Heritage city. In the afternoon we will explore more of the fascinating sights of Ahmedabad.

### Days 3-4 Jambughoda

A 4-5-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.

### Days 5-6 Palitana

We have a long travel day to Palitana via the Harappan archaeological site of Lothar. Palitana is a hilltop on which has been built an extraordinary 900-odd marble Jain temples, dating back to the 11th century. A 4km pathway with 3500 steps leads up to the top of the hill or a doli (palanquin) can get you up with less effort.

### Days 7-8 Diu

After a day of excitement exploring the temples atop Palitana, we head 6 hours to Diu. 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.

### Days 10-11 Gondal

We have our second safari this morning before driving north 3 hours to Gondal via Junagadh. Gondal is an interesting town with lots to discover including palaces, temples, weavers and a speciality Ayurvedic pharmacy.

### Days 12-13 Bhuj

A long days drive again to Bhuj - the main town in the Kutch region of Gujarat. The desert part of the state, Kutch is well known for it's tribal culture, amazing textiles and it's salt-desert. Bhuj itself, although much damaged during the 2001 earthquake, still has some interesting sights to visit and we take the time to check out several nearby tribal villages.

### Day 14 Hodka

Heading deeper into the Great Rann of Kutch, we spend the night in the village of Hodka where we can explore more of the remote villages and salt desert.

### Days 15-16 Little Rann of Kutch (Bajana)

A 6-7 hour drive today to Bajana, our base to explore the LRK. Gujarat is not only known for it's 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.

### Days 17-18 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 reaching our Palace hotel in Poshina, in northern remote corner of Gujarat.

### Days 19-20 Udaipur

This morning we drive 5 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 walk through the old city, a sunset boat cruise and are entertained by local artists at a cultural show. On day 20 we will visit the City Palace Museum and you might like to take a local cooking class to finish off your amazing journey through Western India.

### Day 21 Departure Day

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

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