



Marvellous Gujarat





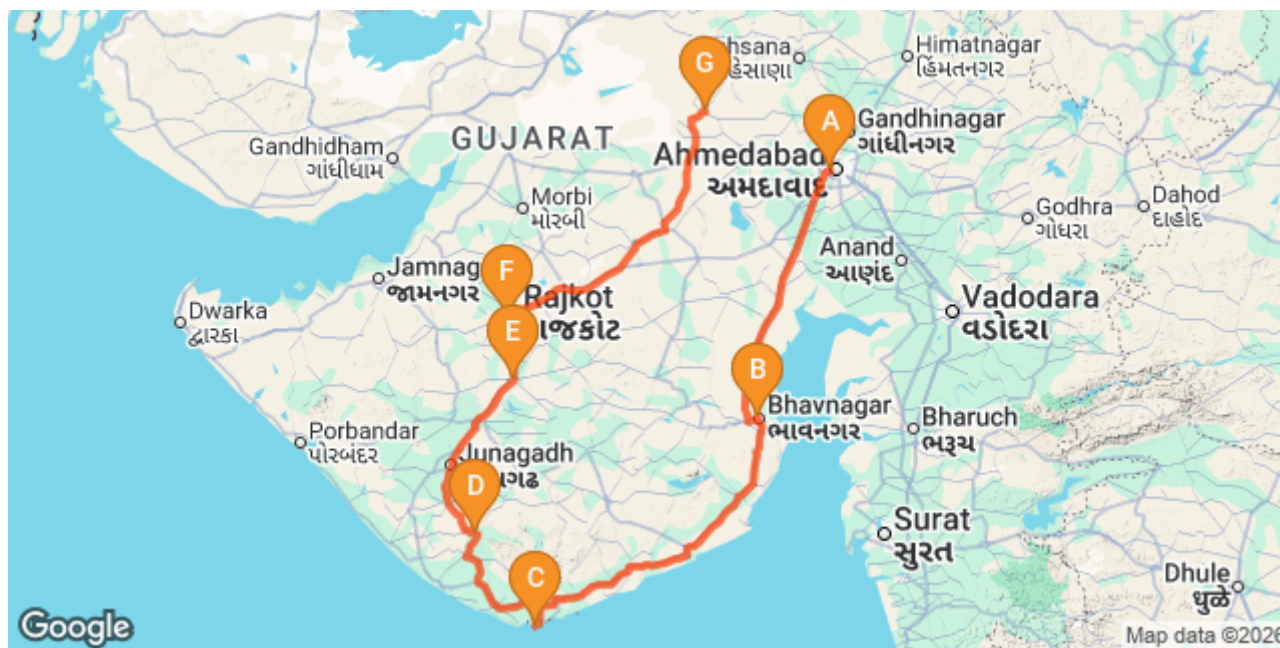
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Ahmedabad - Bhavnagar - Gujarat - Sasan - Gondal - Rajkot - Dasada

12 Days / 11 Nights

0 Persons

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Introduction

Uncover the many facets of Gujarat on this thoughtfully curated journey that blends royal heritage, sacred landscapes, and untamed wilderness. From the design-rich streets of Ahmedabad and the timeless temples of Palitana to the coastal calm of Diu and the thrill of tracking Asiatic lions in Gir, each experience is layered with authenticity and depth. Interwoven with stays in heritage palaces and boutique lodges, this itinerary offers a seamless balance of culture, nature, and refined comfort—revealing a side of India that remains both intimate and extraordinary.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
ITC Narmada	Ahmedabad	B&B	2 Nights
Nilambag Palace Hotel	Bhavnagar	B&B	1 Night
The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort, Diu	Gujarat	B&B	2 Nights
The Fern Gir Forest Resort Sasan Gir	Sasan	B&B	2 Nights
The Orchard Palace	Gondal	B&B	1 Night
Sayaji Rajkot	Rajkot	B&B	1 Night
Rann Riders	Dasada	B&B	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

Day 1 ITC Narmada, Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad

The former capital of the Gujarat state, Ahmedabad, spreads over both banks of the Sabarmati River, and is known as one of the home towns of Mahatma Gandhi. The Sabarmati Ashram Museum, also known as Gandhi Ashram, on the banks of the River Sabarmati, was his temporary residence for about twelve years. The commercial hub of Gujarat, Ahmedabad is big, busy, and beguiling. The city hosts many colourful festivals, including Uttarayan, an annual kite-flying day, and the Hindu nine-day spiritual celebration of Navratri, invoking music, dance, and dress-up events across town. Travel back in time by heading to the old quarter where beautiful archways and architecture abound.

Day Itinerary

Arrive in Ahmedabad, a city where centuries-old traditions meet refined design sensibilities. After a seamless transfer to your hotel, begin your exploration at the serene Sabarmati Ashram, once home to Mahatma Gandhi, where simplicity and philosophy come alive. Continue to the Calico Museum, an extraordinary showcase of India's textile heritage, followed by a visit to the iconic shaking minarets. As the day winds down, soak in the city's layered character—an elegant blend of history, craftsmanship, and quiet charm.

Overnight: ITC Narmada

The ITC Narmada is located in the heart of Ahmedabad, ensuring guests have easy access to all the bustling city has to offer. The guest rooms and suites are modern, comfortable and elegantly furnished, equipped with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, TVs, minibars, tea/coffee facilities, hairdryers and private bathrooms. The suites boast generous floor space, separate living rooms and butler services. Guests can enjoy dining at the on-site restaurants serving delicious Indian, Chinese and traditional cuisines. Additional amenities and services include a swimming pool, a spa, business facilities, concierge services and a reception.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2 ITC Narmada, Ahmedabad

Day Itinerary

Journey into Gujarat's cultural heartland with a visit to the Sun Temple at Modhera, a masterpiece of 11th-century architecture dedicated to the Sun God, where intricate carvings glow beautifully under the changing light. Continue to Patan, home to the revered Patola silk tradition. Witness the painstaking process of double ikat weaving—an art

passed down through generations. This day offers a rare glimpse into India's living heritage, where spirituality and craftsmanship exist in perfect harmony.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3 Nilambag Palace Hotel, Bhavnagar

Bhavnagar

With its bustling markets, numerous educational institutions and range of exquisite temples, Bhavnagar offers an intriguing combination of modernism and traditionalism. This busy port city is located along the coastal area of the Saurashtra peninsula in India's Gujarat region, the ideal base for touring the attractions in the surrounding area, such as Shatrunjaya and Blackbuck National Park. Popular sites in the city itself include the charming old town with its busy markets and overhanging wooden balconies, the fascinating Gandhi Smriti Museum, Mangalsinhji Mahal Palace, an impressive example of traditional Kathiawari architectural principles, and the Takhteshwar Temple resting on a hilltop and offering panoramic views over the city and the Gulf of Cambay. This hectic, sprawling industrial centre with its colourful old core has plenty to offer visitors from all walks of life.

Day Itinerary

Drive through Gujarat's evolving landscapes to Bhavnagar, pausing at Lothal—one of the most remarkable sites of the Indus Valley Civilization. Walk through the remains of what was once a thriving port city, gaining insight into one of the world's earliest urban cultures. Continue to Bhavnagar and check into your heritage palace hotel, where colonial elegance meets princely charm. The evening is yours to relax amidst regal surroundings.

Overnight: Nilambag Palace Hotel

Located in Bhavnagar, Gujarat, Nilambag Palace Hotel occupies a historic royal residence within the Saurashtra region. Guest rooms feature traditional furnishings, high ceilings, and modern comforts including air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. Guests can enjoy a selection of meals at the on-site restaurant, providing a comfortable dining experience. Nearby attractions include the Nilambag Road Garden, Shree Takhteshwar Temple, and the Piram Bet Island. Leisure facilities include a swimming pool, fitness centre, and expansive gardens that reflect the architectural heritage of the property.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4 The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort, Diu, Gujarat

Gujarat

Dubbed the ‘Jewel of the West, Gujarat is a vast state encompassing 1600 kilometres of coastline and myriad natural habitats, ranging from the undulating hills of Saputara, to the salt plains of Kutch and the forests of Gir National Park, where the last wild population of Asiatic lions still roam free. The birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi, Gujarat is home to a varied array of religious groups: Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Zoroastrians, Jews and Christians, as well as one of India’s most prominent Jain communities, a devout sect that follows a strict path towards liberation and is responsible for the region’s impressive white marble temples, and delicious vegetarian cuisine (as well as the prohibition laws that have been in place there since 1961).

Day Itinerary

Begin the day with a visit to Palitana, one of Jainism’s most sacred pilgrimage sites. Ascend (or view) the stunning Shatrunjaya Hill, crowned with hundreds of intricately carved marble temples that create a truly awe-inspiring panorama. Continue your journey to Diu, a tranquil coastal retreat with a unique Portuguese legacy. Upon arrival, settle into your beachfront resort, where the rhythm of the Arabian Sea sets the tone for relaxation.

Overnight: The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort, Diu

The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort is located along the coastline of Diu, offering proximity to local attractions such as Jalandhar Beach and Chakratirth Beach. The resort features air-conditioned tents with free Wi-Fi and private bathrooms. Dining options include a restaurant serving Mediterranean cuisine. Leisure facilities encompass an outdoor swimming pool, fitness centre, and a spa.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5 The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort, Diu, Gujarat

Day Itinerary

Spend a leisurely day embracing the laid-back charm of Diu. Wake up to ocean views and unwind along the pristine stretches of Nagoa and Ghoghla beaches. For the more adventurous, a range of water sports—from jet skiing to parasailing—adds an element of thrill. Alternatively, explore the island’s quiet lanes, colonial remnants, and seaside cafés. This is a day designed for slow travel—where luxury lies in time, space, and the soothing rhythm of the coast.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 6 The Fern Gir Forest Resort Sasan Gir, Sasan

Sasan

Situated in southern Gujarat, the village of Sasan -also known as Sasan Gir - is best known as the gateway to Gir National Park, a well-renowned wildlife sanctuary unique in being the only place in the world where Asiatic lions are seen in their natural habitat. Other wild animals and birdlife to look out for include the rare Asiatic wild ass, hyenas, Gir foxes, pygmy woodpecker, brown fish owl, and black buck. Twelve kilometres west of Sasan Gir village is Devalia Safari Park, better known as the Gir Interpretation Zone or simply Devalia. This fenced-off compound also offers a view of lions, foxes, spotted deer and mongooses that can be observed on a safari or a guided tour.

Day Itinerary

Leave the coast behind as you journey inland to Gir National Park, the last remaining sanctuary of the Asiatic lion. Arrive at your boutique jungle lodge, where the wilderness meets understated luxury. The rest of the day is at leisure—perhaps enjoying the tranquil surroundings or preparing for the adventure ahead. As evening falls, the sounds of the forest create an atmosphere that is both intimate and exhilarating.

Overnight: The Fern Gir Forest Resort Sasan Gir

The Fern Gir Forest Resort Sasan Gir is ideally located in Gujarat, India, near the Gir National Park. The property offers well-appointed and stylish rooms, suites, cottages, and villas with air conditioning, flat-screen TVs, safes, private bathrooms, tea/coffee-making facilities, minibars, and workspaces. Guests can start each day with a hearty breakfast on-site. Facilities and services include a restaurant, room service, a coffee shop, parking, a souvenir shop, a gym, a swimming pool, and Wi-Fi.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 7 The Fern Gir Forest Resort Sasan Gir, Sasan

Day Itinerary

Immerse yourself in the raw beauty of Gir with morning and afternoon jeep safaris led by expert naturalists. Track the majestic Asiatic lion in its natural habitat, alongside sightings of leopards, antelope, and a rich variety of birdlife. Between safaris, relax at your lodge, surrounded by the quiet wilderness. This day is a true highlight—an unforgettable encounter with one of India's most iconic and rare wildlife experiences.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 8 The Orchard Palace, Gondal

Gondal

Idyllically set on the bank of the river Gondali, 38 kilometres south of Rajkot in India, Gondal is a small fortified town known for its string of impressive historical palaces and car theme. The Orchard Garden Palace, among many others, retains its original decor and provides visitors with a taste of India's opulent royal past. The city was once ruled by a family of car enthusiasts, which has resulted in an abundance of vintage Fords and Buicks which still line the roads today, and an excellent collection of automobiles at the palace. The city is also renowned for its Bhuvaneshwari Ayurvedic Pharmacy, which still makes traditional herbal remedies according to ancient principles. Don't miss the opportunity to meander through the bustling, colourful central marketplace, home to exotic prints, delicious traditional food, and wonderful handmade goods.

Day Itinerary

Drive towards Gondal, stopping at Junagadh to view the ancient Ashokan Rock Edicts, a testament to India's rich historical lineage. Continue to Gondal, a charming princely town where time seems to stand still. Explore its elegant palaces and heritage architecture, reflecting a refined royal past. The evening unfolds at your heritage hotel, offering an intimate glimpse into Gujarat's regal legacy.

Overnight: The Orchard Palace

The Orchard Palace is located in Gondal, India, close to attractions like the Navlakha Palace. The hotel features comfortably furnished guest rooms that are equipped with modern amenities, including air conditioning, a TV, a seating area, a hairdryer, and a private bathroom. During their stay, guests can enjoy fine dining at the on-site restaurant. Additional facilities include Wi-Fi access, a swimming pool, a 24-hour front desk, and parking facilities.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 9 Sayaji Rajkot, Rajkot

Rajkot

Rajkot is located in the state of Gujarat near the northwest coast of India. A largely industrial hub, Rajkot does nevertheless boast some interesting cultural sights. The Kaba Gandhi No Delo is a memorial and museum housed within Mahatma Gandhi's childhood home, and the Rotary Dolls Museum exhibits figurines collected from all over the world. There are a number of religious sites to visit, such as the Swaminarayan Temple, the Shri Ramkrishna Ashram and the Jain Derasar, while the Watson Museum and the Lang Library are colonial-era establishments with some fascinating artefacts. Rashtriya Shala is an important centre for patola sari weaving, and the bazaars of Rajkot - located to the east of the modern city centre - are good places to shop for locally-made textile products.

Day Itinerary

After a relaxed morning, drive to Rajkot, a city known for its vibrant culture and craftsmanship. Visit the Watson Museum to explore regional history, followed by Rashtriya Shala, where traditional weaving techniques are preserved and practiced. The experience offers insight into Gujarat's enduring artisanal traditions. The rest of the day is at leisure, allowing you to unwind at your hotel or explore the city at your own pace.

Overnight: Sayaji Rajkot

Sayaji Rajkot is situated in the region called Saurashtra in the Gujarat state of India. The hotel offers spacious rooms and suites with minibars, personal safety boxes and hair dryers. Guests can enjoy delicious Indian cuisine at the on-site restaurant. Hotel amenities available to guests include a swimming pool, a garden, a gym, a spa and a ballroom.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 10 Rann Riders, Dasada

Dasada

Set on the edge of the Little Rann of Kutch, the sleepy village of Dasada is a renowned birdwatching destination bound by the Dasada Wildlife Sanctuary and home to the world's only population of the Indian wild ass (khur), blue-bulls, blackbuck and chinkara. In addition to being the perfect starting point to explore Gujarat's culture, landmarks, landscapes and handicrafts, Dasada is also an excellent base to explore the Great Rann of Kutch, an awe-inspiring powder-white salt marsh in the Thar Desert. For the culturally curious, a trip to various temples and monuments in the vicinity is not-to-be-missed. The pastoral villagers of Dasada are known for their stunning embroideries, and within reach of Dasada is Patan, a small town home to over 100 Jain temples.

Day Itinerary

Journey towards Dasada, located on the edge of the Little Rann of Kutch—a stark yet striking landscape of salt flats and desert wilderness. Check into your eco-lodge, where rustic charm meets comfort. Later, set out on a safari in search of the rare Indian Wild Ass, along with other desert wildlife and migratory birds. The vast openness of the Rann offers a uniquely surreal and captivating experience.

Overnight: Rann Riders

Rann Riders is located in Dasada, Gujarat, on the edge of the Little Rann of Kutch, offering guests direct access to a unique salt marsh ecosystem. Accommodation includes cottages featuring air conditioning, TVs, Wi-Fi, private bathrooms and patios. Guests can enjoy a selection of meals at the on-site restaurant, providing a comfortable dining experience. Nearby attractions include wildlife safaris to spot the Asiatic Wild Ass, visits to Modhera Sun Temple, and excursions to tribal villages known for embroidery and beadwork. Leisure facilities include swimming pools and a wellness centre, enhancing the experience, offering a blend of comfort and rejuvenation.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 11 Rann Riders, Dasada

Day Itinerary

Spend the day exploring the rich cultural and ecological diversity of the Little Rann. Visit nearby villages to interact with local communities and witness traditional crafts and lifestyles that have remained unchanged for generations.

Later, venture out for another wildlife excursion, capturing the raw beauty of this unique ecosystem. The experience is both grounding and enriching—offering a deeper connection to the land and its people.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 12 End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, drive back to Ahmedabad for your onward journey. Depart with a deep appreciation of Gujarat's contrasts—its sacred sites, regal heritage, vibrant culture, and untamed wilderness—woven together into a truly immersive experience.

Basis

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Transport

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport [AMD]	ITC Narmada		Transfer
		ITC Narmada	Nilambag Palace Hotel		Transfer
		Nilambag Palace Hotel	The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort, Diu		Transfer
		The Fern Seaside Luxurious Tent Resort, Diu	The Fern Gir Forest Resort Sasan Gir		Transfer
		The Fern Gir Forest Resort Sasan Gir	The Orchard Palace		Transfer
		The Orchard Palace	Sayaji Rajkot		Transfer
		Sayaji Rajkot	Rann Riders		Transfer
		Rann Riders	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport [AMD]		Transfer

Travel Information



Vast, diverse, deeply spiritual and utterly unforgettable, India is unlike anywhere else on earth – a melting pot of ethnicities and religions, a treasure trove of history and culture, and a curious mixture of chaos and serenity. Stretching across more than three million square kilometres, it encompasses a staggering array of landscapes, vistas and environs, and offers unparalleled travel experiences – from the beautiful beaches of Goa, to the compelling craziness of Kolkata, the sacred Ganges river banks of Varanasi, the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas in Kashmir and the ancient, exquisitely crafted temples dotted across the entire country. Not to mention the vibrant, friendly people, and the incredible cuisine.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Local currency: Indian Rupee

Symbol: ₹

ISO code: INR

Subunit: The Indian Rupee is divided into 100 paise, but since 2011, only the 50-paise coin is still accepted as valid currency.

Banknotes: ₹5, ₹10, ₹20, ₹50, ₹100, ₹200, ₹500

Coins: ₹0.50 (50 paise), ₹1, ₹2, ₹5, ₹10, ₹20

₹500 and ₹1000 banknotes of Mahatma Gandhi series issued up to November 08, 2016, have ceased to be Legal Tender with effect from the midnight of November 8, 2016.

Banking

Card Transactions: Yes

ATMs: Yes

Mastercard: Yes

Visa: Yes

American Express: Limited acceptance

Diner's club: Limited acceptance

Banking Hours:

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Weekends: Limited hours or closed, check with local banks.

Public Holidays: Yes (Varies, typically reduced hours)

Foreign exchange services: Yes

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Air:

Main airlines: Air India, IndiGo, SpiceJet, Vistara

International Airports: Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL), Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport

(BOM), Kempegowda International Airport (BLR), and others
Domestic Airports: Numerous, including Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, and Patna.

Road:

Driving on the: Left
Tar roads: Yes
Gravel roads: Limited
Valid International Driver's License needed: Yes
Car hire available: Yes
Taxis: Yes
E-hailing services: Yes

Bus:

Inter-city bus services: Yes
Local city bus networks: Yes

Rail:

Railway system: Extensive
Subway System: Limited (in select cities)

Water:

Ferries: Limited
Water taxis: Limited
Leisure cruises: Limited

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice**Food and water safety:**

Can you drink the tap water: No
Fresh fruit and veg: Wash thoroughly or peel
Ice: Use commercially produced ice
Meat: Ensure it's well-cooked
Street food: Yes

Local cuisine: Indian cuisine is diverse and varies greatly by region. Highlights include dishes like biryani, curry, dosa, chaat, and tandoori specialties. Vegetarian options are plentiful.

Drinks: Chai, lassi, sugarcane juice, and various regional beverages like coconut water. Alcoholic beverages are available, with beer and whiskey being popular choices.

Tipping: Generally 5-10% in restaurants; tipping for other services is discretionary.

Climate and Weather

Annual rainfall: Varies greatly by region, 500 mm-4,000 mm

Average temperature: Varies greatly by region, 15°C-30°C

Summer:

Average highs: 25-45°C
Average lows: 20-30°C

Winter:

Average highs: 10-25°C
Average lows: 5-15°C

Best time to visit: The best time to visit India depends on the region and your preferences. Generally, the winter months from October to March offer milder temperatures and are ideal for exploring most parts of the country.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Spring and Summer

Cool, light, breathable and comfortable: Yes

Lightweight warm clothes: No

Winter and Autumn

Jerseys, cardigans, sweaters, jackets: Recommended

Heavyweight clothing and boots: No

General

Umbrella and raincoat: Yes

Warm gloves, hat and scarf: No

Swimming costume (bathing suit): Yes

Hat, sunglasses and sunblock: Yes

Walking shoes: Yes

Casual: Yes

Smart-casual attire: Yes

Internet Availability

Internet cafes: Limited, mobile data or Wi-Fi in accommodations and cafes available.

Accommodation options: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Cafes: Yes

Shopping malls: Yes

Public parks: Limited

Libraries: Limited

Electricity and Plug Standards

Plug Type: Type C, Type D, Type M

Voltage (V): 230

Frequency Hertz (Hz): 50

*Travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.
