



# HITANG TOUR & TRAVELS

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## What are the best places to visit on a Gujarat tour?

**1. Vadodara:** If you wish to spend a tranquilizing holiday in Gujarat, you must pay a visit to the magnificent city of Vadodara. This city has tourist spots that will catch the attention of architecture-lovers, peace seekers, nature lovers, and history buffs alike. The city is located on the banks of the famous Vishwamitri river, and it is 141 Km away from the capital city of Gandhinagar.

**2. Kutch:** The delicious cuisine, cultural richness, and architectural grandeur of Kutch are not to be missed while you're on Gujarat Tours. This place lies near the border between India and Pakistan. It is located between the Indus River in Pakistan and the Gulf of Kutch. There are fascinating salt deposits in Kutch that create a surreal environment.

**3. Bhuj:** This is a place of cultural significance located in the Kutch region in Gujarat. This ancient city has witnessed many wars throughout the ages and the remnants of those times can still be found here. On the eastern side of this city, there is a magnificent mountain. There are two beautiful lakes and ancient forts and palaces that you can explore here.

**4. Gir Somnath:** These are two of the newest attractions in the Gujarat state, located in the Saurashtra region near the edge of the Arabian Sea. The Somnath temple is famous for its Chalukya style architecture with ancient figurines of deities and intricate wall carvings. The National Park at Gir is famous for its lion population, as well as other animals like monitor lizard, chinkara, honeybadger, ruddy mongoose, and golden jackals.

**5. Dang:** This is an offbeat place located in Southern Gujarat near the Maharashtra border, which must be included in your Gujarat trip Packages itinerary. Here you can find beautiful rivers, lush valleys, and rolling hills that constitute a unique landscape. There are tribal dances and fairs that you can explore as well.

## What are the best Things to do in Gujarat?

### 1. Spot Asiatic Lions at Gir:

No Gujarat tour package can ever be complete without the inclusion of the top activity of spotting the fierce Asiatic Lions at the world-famous Gir National Park. In accordance

with the official estimation, there are over 400 Asiatic Lions in this park. In addition to lions, you can also watch other crucial wildlife species including Leopards, Chinkaras, Hyenas, Chausinghas, Sambar deer, and Spotted deer in this iconic national park of Gujarat.

**-Location:** Gir, Junagadh district, 362135 Gujarat.

**-Price:** The fee for lion safari at Gir National Park is INR 75 for Indian nationals and INR 100 for foreign nationals.

**-Timings:** 9 AM to 12 PM and 3 PM to 6 PM, on all days.

## **2. Enjoy a Cable Car Ride in Saputara-**

When you are selecting your Gujarat tour package, make sure it includes the thrilling activity of cable car ride at Saputara. This mind-boggling activity can be experienced by adventure seekers of all age groups, including kids and senior citizens. The cable car ride begins from Sunset Point and leads up to Sunrise Point and offers a surreal panoramic sight of the whole city.

**-Location:** Saputara, Gujarat.

**-Price:** The charge for cable car riding is INR 50 per head.

**-Timings:** 9 AM to 5.30 PM, on all days.

## **3. Sunbath at the Beaches in Somnath:**

Somnath Beach generally forms an important section of almost all the Gujarat tour packages' itinerary. Travelers love to visit the beaches of this beautiful town to unwind and relax under the soft rays of the sun. In addition to sunbathing, tourists also like to enjoy swimming and camel riding at the beach. Somnath beach also attracts joggers and meditators in the morning and evening. Small shacks at the shores sell fresh corn and coconut water that help tourists to rejuvenate themselves after a fun day at the beach.

**-Location:** Somnath, Gujarat.

**-Price:** No fee.

**-Timings:** 24 hours.

## **4. Take a Cave Exploration Tour in Diu-**

If you are a history fanatic, make sure your Gujarat tour package includes a cave exploration tour in Diu. Tourists visiting this state love to visit the Naida Caves and marvel at the Portuguese cave architecture. They like to enter the huge tunnel networks and capture some surreal pictures. They also get a chance to learn about the natural processes and geological irregularities that are responsible for the formation of this prehistoric cave.

**-Location:** Naida Caves, Diu, Gujarat.

**-Price:** No fee.

**-Timings:** 24 hours.

## **5. Get Closer with Spirituality at Dwarka-**

If you are visiting Gujarat with your Gujarat tour package, never miss out on seeking blessings of Lord Krishna at the iconic Dwarkadhish Temple in Dwarka. This 2200 years old shrine dedicated to the Hindu God Krishna offers the devotees a calm and peaceful environment to experience spiritual awakening and connect with the almighty. In addition to offering prayers, you can also admire the intricate architecture and sculptural detailing of the shrine.

**-Location:** Dwarkadhish Temple, Dwarka, Gujarat.

**-Price:** No fee.

**-Timings:** 6 AM to 1 PM and 5 PM to 9:30 PM, on all days.

## **Which are the best places to visit at night on a Gujarat tour?**

**Rann of Kutch:** The beautiful Rann of Kutch is located between the Arabian Sea and the Thar Desert. This is a great place to visit at night, as the desert shines like a diamond in the moonlight.

Moreover, on the auspicious full moon night, you can find cultural programs taking place here. You can camp out in the desert at night and enjoy the calm atmosphere. The Rann of Kutch is an essential part of your Gujarat tours package.

**2. Riverfront Road:** The great city of Ahmedabad lies along the banks of the Sabarmati river, and Riverfront Road is a great place to observe the river at night. There are walking paths along the river that are well-lit at night. Taking a nighttime stroll along the Riverfront Road is a mesmerizing experience you must have while in Gujarat.

**3. Ratri Bazar:** A gastronomer's paradise, Ratri Bazar is a food market in Vadodara where you can get a wide variety of snacks and local cuisine. Apart from traditional Gujarati cuisine, you can also get Chinese and Indian food here. If you wish to enjoy the nightlife in Gujarat, there is no better place than Ratri Bazar.

**4. Neon The Disc:** This is a popular partying spot in Surat with a large discotheque that can hold approximately 500 people. You can enjoy delicious mocktails and taste a variety of cuisine from Indian to Continental. There is also a banquet area where you can arrange formal parties.

**5. Cyclone Discotheque:** If you are a party animal, you must visit the Cyclone Discotheque in Ahmedabad, where you can enjoy live music and pure vegetarian food. The cuisine ranges from Indian to Chinese to Mexican. Located on Drive in Road, this party place will let you create a lot of memories while you're on the Gujarat trip packages tour.

## What are the best places to visit in Gujarat with family?

**1. Junagadh:** This city located at the foothills of the Girnar mountain range is one of the most popular tourist spots in Gujarat. Your Gujarat packages tour will take you to this modern city with a dash of history to it. This city has ancient forts that you can explore, along with beaches, towering buildings, and forests. The forts feature unique Mughal architecture.

**2. Porbandar:** Famed for being the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi, Porbandar is a place where you can truly immerse yourself into the local culture. It is located in Western Gujarat, right on the Arabian Sea coast. Here you can visit the Ramakrishna Mission Ashram and the Shri Sudama Ji Mandir with your family. For wildlife enthusiasts, there are the Barda Hills sanctuary and the Porbandar bird sanctuary.

**3. Jamnagar:** The stunning city of Jamnagar is located to the south of the Gulf of Kutch. After booking your Gujarat tour packages, you can visit the famous Darbargadh palace in Jamnagar. This place is a unique blend of European and Rajputana architecture. The Lakhota fort located on an island in the Lakhota lake is also worth visiting.

**4. Saputara:** This hill station in Gujarat is located in the Dang district which features the magnificence of the Western Ghats. This is a popular summer tourist destination where you find the famous Artists village, which contains artworks by various international and national artists. The Hatgadh Fort is another popular attraction, housing an impressive statue of Lord Shiva.

**5. Mandvi:** The city of Mandvi is located in the Kutch district and is a must inclusion in your Gujarat tour packages itinerary. While here, you must visit the beaches where you can take part in several watersports activities. The Top Mansar lake is a great place to watch birds and the Vijay Vilas Palace is somewhere where you can experience the royal lifestyle.

### How to reach Gujarat?

Gujarat has very good connectivity with all important cities of India. Here is how you can reach the state by various means of transport.

#### 1. By Air:

Gujarat has the highest number of airports in the Indian republic with daily flights to almost all domestic airports. The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel airport is the international airport, which facilitates international connectivity to all important cities around the world. Some of the important domestic airports of Gujarat are Vadodara airport, Keshod airport, Surat airport, Bhavnagar Airport, Rajkot airport, Kandla airport, Porbandar

airport, and Deesa airport.

## **2. By Train:**

Every single important city of Gujarat has rail connectivity of all other states of the country. The most important railway stations of the state are Ahmedabad Railway Station, Kutch, Rajkot Railway Station, Vadodara Railway Station, and Surat Railway Station.

## **3. By Road:**

Gujarat has superb road connectivity with all the important nearby cities. Most of the roads connecting various parts of the state are of either 2 lanes or 4 lanes. The roads are an absolute delight to drive on and you can easily get cabs on hire to take you to Gujarat from any of the neighbouring states. Apart from cabs, you can also choose to travel in the super-luxury buses operated by various private operators that come equipped with bathrooms onboard.

### **Can I drink alcohol in Gujarat?**

Drinking alcohol in the Indian State of Gujarat has been strictly prohibited since the year 1960. The prohibition was brought into action in order to respect Gandhiji's views against the consumption of alcohol. Hence, you will not find bars and pubs in the state. Alcohol is only available to visitors at the shops with permits in some hotels. However, in order to get alcoholic beverages you need to show your identity proof with a residential address that is outside of Gujarat along with a return ticket to your destination.

### **Which are the best romantic places to visit on a Gujarat tour?**

**1 Dwarka:** This sacred city is a tourist hotspot and it is famous for being the place where Lord Krishna founded his kingdom. While here, you can visit the old Dwarkadhish Temple with its carved entrance, shrine, and a great marble idol of Krishna. The Dwarka Lighthouse and the Dwarka Beach are great spots for spending some romantic time with your partner.

**2. Diu:** This coastal town is famous for its Portuguese cuisine, beautiful architecture, and pristine beaches. The beaches with their golden sand make for the ideal romantic getaway with your partner. Fort Diu and St. Paul Church are other noteworthy attractions in Diu.

**3. Bhuj:** The city of Bhuj is famous for its ancient historical spots which you don't want to miss while you're visiting Gujarat with Gujarat tour packages. The beautiful Hamirsar



lake is a great romantic spot. You can also check out the handicrafts shop and go for a camel ride.

**4. Palitana:** This city in the Bhavnagar district is famous for its Jain temples. The Kumarpal temple, the Shatrunjaya Hill temple, and the Vimal Shah temple are noteworthy attractions in Palitana. This place is best visited during the winter months when the climate is quite pleasant.

### **What are the best adventure activities one can experience in Gujarat?**

**1. Jungle Trekking:** Since Gujarat is surrounded by hill ranges, there are ample opportunities for trekking here. The Sahyadri, Girnar, and Saputara hill ranges are ideal for trekking activities. The diverse flora and fauna in these regions are sure to be a treat for your senses. You must make sure trekking activities are included in your Gujarat packages itinerary.

**2. River Rafting:** The Narmada river flows through Gujarat and its fast current makes it ideal for river rafting activities. The journey consists of 5 Km, starting from Godbole Gate and ending at Suryakund which is located close to Khalwani village. It is a completely safe activity supervised by experts.

**3. Paragliding:** Gujarat hill ranges makes it possible to conduct paragliding activities that take you soaring high up in the sky. The excitement felt during this activity is something that cannot be described using simple words. You can enjoy this activity at Junagarh, Pavangad, and Saputara.

**4. Zorbing:** If you are looking for a unique adventure experience after booking Gujarat trip packages, you can go for Zorbing. Here, you need to wear a zorb ball that has a diameter of about 4 feet. After that you go tumbling down a steep slope, resulting in an exciting experience.

### **What are the famous fairs and festivals in Gujarat?**

Gujarat is a place that is known for its rich cultural heritage apart from its architectural marvels and historic sites. This dry Indian state comes into life at the times of its fairs and festivals. If you want to witness the true colours of the land, it would be better to book your Gujarat vacation packages at the time of the fairs to get the golden opportunity to spoil your soul in the amazing vibe. Some of the popular fairs and festivals in Gujarat are:

#### **1. Rann Utsav:**

The Rann Utsav is known for its celebration in the White Rann, which turns the place into a wonderland. One would find folk dance performances, musical performances, local art exhibitions, handicraft bazaars, and many other adventure activities at the time of the festival in Kutch.

#### **2. Shamlaji Melo:**

This fair is organised on the eve of Kartik Purnima and the fair is dedicated to both Lord

Shiva and Lord Vishnu. The fair is organised on the banks of the holy river Meshwo near the Shamlaji Temple. Pilgrims come to this fair and take a holy dip in the waters and seek blessings from the almighty.

### **3. Vautha Mela:**

Vautha Fair is mainly organised by a number of farmers and traders in the village of Vautha where they trade their decorated donkeys and camels. The fair lasts for five days and many stalls are set up to sell handicrafts.

### **4. Janmashtami:**

Janmashtami is celebrated all over the country to mark the birth of Lord Krishna. Since Dwarka is considered to be the home to Krishna's ancient kingdom, the festival is observed in the state with great pomp and show. Dahi Handi breaking competitions are organised all over the state in which participants form a pyramid and attempt to crack the pot containing yogurt.

### **What is the best time to visit Gujarat?**

The best time to visit the state of Gujarat is in the course of the winter that starts from the month of October and extends until the month of February.

#### **1. Summer Season:**

Gujarat is a dry region and it experiences very high temperature and humidity in the summertime. Hence, it would be very difficult to explore the places of tourist attraction in the state during the summer months of March to June. However, there are some places like Saputara Hill Station, which remains cool in the summer season despite the high temperature all over the state.

#### **2. Monsoon Season:**

Gujarat does not receive very heavy rainfall in the rainy season, which starts from the month of July and continues till the month of September. Tourists can come over to the state in the monsoon times and visit most of the places of tourist interest without any difficulty.

#### **3. Winter Season:**

The winter season, from October to February, is considered as the best time to visit Gujarat. During this time, you can think of taking part in many outdoor activities, including camping on the hills.

### **How do I plan a trip to Gujarat?**

- For a 5 days trip, you can take a train to Jamnagar from anywhere in India. From there, you can reach Dwarka and stay there overnight.
- On Day 2, you can visit the Dwarka temple and Nageshwar, retiring for the day at the city itself.
- On the third day, you can have breakfast and head to Somnath via cab. On the way, you can visit Gandhi's birthplace and stay overnight at Somnath after paying a visit to the Somnath temple.

- On the fourth day, you can visit Rajkot, do some sightseeing and head to Ahmedabad on the fifth day, where you can explore the local attractions and leave at night via train.

### **What is famous in Gujarat?**

Gujarat is the land of colours, business, and exuberance. The state is known for its amazing culture and heritage that dates to the bygone times. In the present times, Gujarat happens to be one of the jubilant states of the Indian republic. There are a number of things in Gujarat that give this state a unique and special place in the world, including the Gir National Park, White Rann of Kutch, Bandhani and Zari work, Kite festival, Shamlaji Fair, Dhokla, Ganthia, Farsans, and the list continues long.

### **Is Gujarat worth visiting?**

Gujarat has something for everything, whether you are a pilgrim, a nature lover, or a history buff. With its hill ranges and forests, Gujarat offers you a great diversity of flora and fauna. The historical monuments here are worth checking out, as are the pristine beaches on the Arabian Sea coast.

### **Which are the best wildlife sanctuaries in Gujarat?**

The best wildlife experiences in Gujarat are as follows:

Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary  
Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary  
Gir National Park  
Hingolghadh Nature Education Sanctuary  
Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary  
Barda Hills Wildlife Sanctuary  
Gaga Wildlife Sanctuary  
Mitiyala Wildlife Sanctuary  
Pania Wildlife Sanctuary  
Kutch Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary  
Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary  
Shoolpaneshwar Wild Life Sanctuary  
Ratanmahal Sloth Bear Sanctuary  
Narayan Sarovar Wildlife Sanctuary  
Porbandar Bird Sanctuary  
Purna Wildlife Sanctuary  
Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary  
Thol Lake Bird Sanctuary  
Vansda National Park  
Velavadar Blackbuck National Park  
Wild Ass Sanctuary – Little Rann

### **Which are the most romantic things to do on a honeymoon in Gujarat?**

The most romantic things to do in honeymoon in Gujarat are as follows:



You must visit the best destinations in Gujarat to make your honeymoon happy and enjoyable. Visit places in Gujarat like Junagadh, Saputara, Somnath, Kutch, Dwarka, Diu, Ahmedabad, Gir Forest and Vadodara.

Visit top restaurants and relish their food with your better half. Top restaurants in Gujarat which you can visit are Agashiye, Swati Snacks, Vishala, The Eatery, Dakshinayan, Moti Mahal, Gordhan Thal, Toran Dining Hall, Rajwadu and Earthen Oven. You must stay in tranquil and pleasant hotels that welcome you both for a nice getaway. The top hotels in Gujarat which the honeymooners must opt for are Crowne Plaza Ahmedabad City Centre, Hotel Ashooka Inn, Eastin Residences Vadodara, Magico Do Mar, Regency Lagoon Resort, Boulevard 9 Luxury Resort & Spa, Silver Palace Hotel, Shree Avezika Comfort Hotel, Hotel Shahi Palace, Hotel Sheetal, Regenta Resort Bhuj, Quality Inn Palms, Hotel Jyoti, Nilambag Palace Hotel, Hotel Surabhi Regency, Top 3 Lords Resort, Lemon Tree Hotel, Dahej, Prakruti Resort, Regenta Central Antarim, Aarohi Starz Club, Aum Health Resort, Eface Sarovar Portico and Lords Resorts Sasan Gir.

To make your honeymoon stand out, you must visit Saputara which is the only hill station of Gujarat. Considered to be one of the best hill stations in India, Saputara offers a tranquil and cool weather throughout, even the summer season is mild making the place an ideal honeymoon location. Located in the district of Dang in Gujarat, Saputara is an attractive place fostering activities like boating, ropeway, viewing of Sunset Point and traveling through villages.

Kutch is another best place to visit to spend your honeymoon with your loved one. On your visit to Kutch, you must visit white sand, sanctuaries and beaches. The activities and places of attraction to visit are Salt Desert, Prag Mahal, Kala Dungar, Wild Ass Sanctuary, and Mandvi Beach.

Remember to visit Dwarka when in Gujarat along with your better half. Dwarka represents a mind-blowing history construing mythological lovers. If curiosity runs in your mind concerning where Lord Krishna stayed, then you must visit this place and explore it in totality. The worth watching attractions are Nageshwar Temple, Dwarkadhish Temple, Sudama Bridge, Gopi Talab and Dunny Point.

### **How much will it cost for a trip to Gujarat?**

If you can manage your expenses well, a trip to Gujarat should be quite affordable. A 5 nights package will cost around Rupees 14,000, while a 6 nights and 7 nights tour cost more than 20,000 rupees. If you wish to go just for a temple tour, you can do that for approximately 17,000 Rupees.

### **What is the best local cuisine here? Where do I try them out?**

The cuisine of Gujarat is as vibrant and colourful as its cultures and heritage. Gujarat is much more than just Dhokla, Khakhra and Thalís. The cuisine of the state varies as one moves from one part to another. There are four main regions in Gujarat, namely Surat, North Gujarat, Kachchh, and Kathiawad and each region has its own speciality when it comes to food. The must-try local delicacies of the state include Khandvi, Thepla,

Undhiyu, Sev Tameta nu Shak, Fafda-Jalebi, Murghanu Shaak, Dabeli, Gathiya, and Gujarati Kadhi.

**Some of the best places to taste Gujarati Cuisine are as follows:**

- Pol Kholi.
- Green House Cafe.
- Vishala.
- Rajwadu.

Since there are so many local delicacies to taste in Gujarat, make sure you pick the **Gujarat tourism packages** that allow you enough time to visit the top local food joints and pamper your taste buds patiently.

**Which are the best resorts to stay in Gujarat?**

**1. Gulmohar Greens Golf and Country Club Ltd.:**

Packed with lush lawns, plush accommodation, splendid interiors, and a huge golf course, Gulmohar Greens has its name among the largest and prettiest resorts in Gujarat. This well-equipped and elegant resort attracts buddies and families for a golf getaway and a relaxing holiday.

**-Location:** Gulmohar Greens Golf and Country Club Ltd. is located at the Sanand - Viramgam Highway, at an approximate distance of 20 kilometers from Ahmedabad.

**2. Boulevard9 Luxury Resorts And Spa:**

Boasting a great environment, palatial rooms, courteous staff, ornate interiors, and delectable food, Boulevard9 is a charming resort for a luxurious stay. This lavish resort propels family vacationers as well as corporate travelers.

**-Location:** Boulevard9 Luxury Resorts and Spa is located in Nadiad, at an approximate distance of 63 kilometers from Ahmedabad.

**3. Whistling Meadows Resorts And Lawns:**

When you are on your Gujarat trip, you obviously need every inch of luxury and comfort. This is where Whistling Meadows Resorts and Lawns comes into the picture and offers lavish stays at unmatched rates. Packed with luxurious amenities and outdoor activities, this resort invites both families and couples.

**-Location:** Whistling Meadows Resorts and Lawns is located in Sarkhej - Gandhinagar Highway, at an approximate distance of 17 kilometers from Ahmedabad.

**Is Gujarat safe to travel?**

Gujarat is generally considered a safe place to visit. But like everywhere, there are certain seedy areas in the city you should avoid. It is wise to keep your belongings close to you and not to wear expensive jewelry while out touring. You should also avoid isolated areas at night.

**Which are the best places for shopping in Gujarat?**

Gujarat has got a very long-established relation with textile and fabrics in India. The first textile mill of India was established in Gujarat in the year 1861. At present time, several

widely held markets sell the best fabrics and clothing, which attracts a myriad of shopaholics to the state. Gujarat also lets you shop a wide range of items apart from apparel, including paintings, statues, idols, home mandirs, brass, marble crafts and much more.

Here is the list of some of the famous places in Gujarat where you must stopover to satisfy the shopaholic inside you.

### **1. Rani No Hajiro Ahmedabad Cloth Market:**

This is a unique market situated near the historic tombs of Ahmed Shah's Queen. At the present times, this is considered to be one of the best places to shop apparel and jewellery in Ahmedabad. You can find some of the top quality fabrics like Ikat, Ajrakh and Mashrush.

### **2. Bandhej:**

Bandhej is the place for shopping the specialty of Gujarat - Bandhani Sarees. This cloth house started in the year 1985 and today it is considered to be one of the top places for sustainable clothing. The designs of Bandhej garments are at all times elegant and trendy, making this place a must-visit shopping destination in the itinerary of all Gujarat tourism packages.

### **3. Lal Darwaja Market:**

Lal Darwaja Market is one such place that is known for cheap shopping in Gujarat. If you are good at bargaining, then this is the place where you can get all bells and whistles at a lesser price. The best time to come over to this market is evening.

### **4. Sindhi Market:**

Sindhi Market is a one stop destination for all your shopping needs. This is a relatively older market for shopping clothes in Ahmedabad and is mainly frequented by the natives of the place.

### **Which are the famous places to enjoy street food in Gujarat?**

Gujarat is known for its amazing hospitality and welcoming nature. The residents are fond of relishing various street food and to satisfy their hunger, many restaurants and roadside food joints have made their way. When you are in Gujarat, make sure that you taste the various kinds of snacks, sweets, thalis, and not to forget, the aromatic street food. Some of the handpicked locations in Gujarat to relish street food are:

#### **1. Manek Chowk:**

Manek Chowk is a place in old Ahmedabad which is surrounded by historical structures as well as food joints. If you want to taste the true flavours of Gujarati street food, then this is the place. You can get to taste a variety of Indian cuisines as well as some international delicacies at Manek Chowk.

#### **2. Law Garden:**

Law Garden happens to be one of the bustling places in the city centre that is known for

its street food and shopping destinations. Some of the most popular street foods available at this place are hot dhoklas, Vadas, pav bhaji, and other Gujarati snacks.

### **3. Food Truck Park:**

Food Truck Park is a widely held food joint that is famous for its wide variety of food items with a great ambiance. If you want to spend a delightful evening with your friends and family then this is the place that you should choose. You can get a wide range of menu here, starting from crispy snacks to delicious desserts.

### **4. Municipal Market:**

The Municipal Market is known for its authentic Punjabi flavor in the dishes. One of the must try dishes at this place is Shri Bajrang Chole Kulche. The amritsari flavour of the Chole available here will certainly win your heart.

### **Which are the best heritage places to visit in Gujarat?**

Gujarat is one of the Indian states that flaunts its vibrant cultural heritage. The state is a land of amazing culture and overwhelming antiquity that is evident from its unique heritage sites. The historical places in Gujarat invite history fanatics and architecture enthusiasts to admire the marvels of the bygone times. Here are some of the top heritage places of the state that recite the tales of the legendary periods:

### **Some of the best heritage places to visit in Gujarat are:**

#### **1. Laxmi Vilas Palace:**

- Residence for Vadodara's royal family, Gaekwad.

#### **2. Somnath Temple:**

- First of Lord Shiva's twelve Jyotirlinga shrine.

#### **3. Rani ki Vav:**

- Built by Udayamati in the memory of her husband King Bhimdev 1

- UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- Usage of several complex techniques of construction.

#### **4. Nani Daman Fort:**

- Houses the massive statue of St. Jerome on the embankment.

- Educational institution.

#### **5. Sidi Saiyyed Mosque:**

- Established by a slave of Sultan Ahmed Shah, Sidi Saiyyed.

- Indo-Saracenic style of architecture.

#### **6. Old Fort of Surat:**

- Built as a guard against the Bhils.

#### **7. Dwarkadhish Temple:**

- Grand celebration of Janmashtami.

#### **8. Dholavira:**

- World's earliest signboards.

- Planned water conservation arrangements.

- Significant remnants and terracotta knick-knacks.

### **9. Vijay Vilas Palace:**

- Manicured garden.
- Private beach.
- Heritage resort.

### **10. Sun Temple:**

- Maru-Gurjara style of architecture.
- Hindu temple to the Sun God.

### **What are the best campsites to stay in Gujarat?**

Camping is one of the most loved activities that youngsters and adventure seekers love to try out in Gujarat. Spending a calm and frigid night in the open-air gazing at the stars is something that would bring you close to the natural charm of the state.

Here are some of the best camping sites that all the Gujarat vacation packages usually include:

#### **1. Diu TentCity - Khodidhar:**

This amazing camping site is located in Diu, at a distance of 6 km from the airport. One of the major attractions of this campsite is that it offers the guests access to a private beach where they can try out a wide range of fun and thrill activities.

#### **2. Kutch Classic Rider Camp:**

The Classic Rider Campsite in Kutch is located in Dhordo, at a distance of 70 kilometers from Bhuj airport. This is a very well equipped campsite with perfect accommodation for family and groups. You can enjoy free private parking, private bathrooms and complimentary breakfast during your stay here.

#### **3. Rann Utsav - Tent City:**

Tent City is located in Khavda and is known for its amazing and well curated arrangement. The guests get free Wi-Fi, a fitness centre, a shared lounge and a restaurant in the campsite. Tourists love to relish the breakfast buffet in the campsite and kids love to play around and take part in various fun activities organized here.

#### **4. Rann Kandhi Resort:**

Located in Dhordo, Rann Kandhi Resort provides all modern amenities like private bathrooms, free private parking, Wi-Fi access, etc to its guests. You will be served with continental breakfast every morning in the course of your stay at this beautiful campsite.

### **What is Rann Utsav?**

Rann Utsav is an amazing festival held in the Rann of Kutch area. It is undoubtedly a carnival of music and dance in the middle of the enthralling natural beauty of the white Rann. The shimmering landscapes of the Rann of Kutch under full moon offer an enchanting charm to the fest, making the entire 'utsav' feel dreamy and alluring.

Tourists come over to Gujarat at this time of the year to explore fun-filled moments and store them in their lenses. Rann Utsav is organized from the month of October to the



month of February every year, during which the visitors get a chance to enjoy a plethora of exciting activities like Camel Cart Excursion, ATV Ride, Paramotoring, Meditation, and many more.

### **What is the best itinerary for a 5 or 6-day trip to Gujarat?**

If you want to make the most out of your Gujarat trip, pick one of the best-selling Gujarat vacation packages with this simple itinerary that will take you through the state's important places of tourist interest and offer you a surreal experience.

**Day 1:** You will arrive in Ahmedabad, which is the state capital of Gujarat. After checking in to the hotel and getting refreshed, you can visit Calico Museum, Gandhi Ashram, Akshardham Temple, and Adalaj Stepwell in Gandhinagar.

**Day 2:** On the second day of the trip, you can drive up to Rajkot, which is about 500 km from Ahmedabad. On the way, you can visit Virpur Temple for worship.

**Day 3:** On the third day of the trip, you can drive up to Somnath and in the evening you can visit the Somnath temple and witness the divine aarti.

**Day 4:** After having your breakfast at the hotel, you can head out in the direction of Dwarka, which is about 230 km. On the way to Dwarka, you can visit Porbandar and many other scenic locations.

**Day 5:** On the fifth day of the trip, you can visit all the places of tourist interest in and around Dwarka.

**Day 6:** You can have your breakfast at the hotel and then head out in the direction of Jamnagar. After reaching the Jamnagar airport, you can catch your return flight for your onward journey.

### **Is Gujarat safe?**

Gujarat is considered one of the safest states in India. It is one of the handful of places in the country where liquor is completely banned. With customized Gujarat tour packages, you can travel freely in the state even during the night time, without facing any inconveniences. The state is even safe for females as well as solo travellers. However, it is recommended to avoid taking roads that lead to Madhya Pradesh from Gujarat passing through Chotta Udepur at night.

### **Can I find non-vegetarian food in Gujarat?**

Yes, you can find non-vegetarian food in Gujarat. However, since the locals do not prefer having non-veg, the availability of non-vegetarian food is very less and it is more or less not acceptable in the society as well.

Gujarat has been a place in India that has been divided on the issues of meat since ages. But when you are in Gujarat and if you love non-vegetarian food, you must not miss out on relishing the famous anda-keema, egg layered maska bun, and mutton soup.

### **Is Gujarat safe to visit for solo travellers?**

Gujarat is completely safe to visit for solo travellers. The state is known for its low crime rates and superb administration. You would on no occasion find Gujarat unsafe when travelling solo, irrespective of your gender. With well-selected Gujarat vacation

packages, you can travel from one place to another even during the night time without any fear. The residents of the state are very welcoming and never turn their back when it comes to helping a tourist.

### **From Where I can shop best Handicrafts in Gujarat?**

Gujarat is one such place in India that presents a perfect blend of art and craft. Almost every single district of the state has its share of different art forms. Some of the well-known traditional handicrafts of the state are Beadwork, Bandhani, Woodwork, Zari, Patola, Clay Work, Leather Handcraft, Patchwork and Applique, Hand Block Printing, Tangaliya Work, Rogan Painting, Rabari Embroidery, Khavda Pottery Craft, Home Decor Art, and Embroidery Work.

Here are some of the best shops to purchase traditional handicrafts in Gujarat:

#### **1. Handicraft Shop India:**

Located in Ahmedabad, the Handicraft Shop India is known popularly for its amazing collection of handicrafts for home and office decor. Some of the important items tourists love to purchase here include brass decor, wood carvings, and paintings.

#### **2. Gujarat Handicrafts:**

Gujarat Handicrafts has two stores in Gujarat, one located in Danilimda and another in Narol. This handicraft destination is widely held for its amazing collection of accessories, animal crafts, beds, chest boxes, mirrors, and ceilings.

#### **3. Tanariri Hastakala:**

Located in Vadodara, Tanariri Hastakala mainly specializes in beautiful and elegant home decor items. Some of the important items to buy here include lamps and lighting, religious arts and crafts, bags, and furniture.

### **What is the main language of Gujarat?**

Gujarati happens to be the official language of the Indian state of Gujarat. Anand Kukadia, who has profound knowledge in countless languages, is known to have derived the Gujarati language from Sanskrit. The language has been placed in the 26th position among the widely spoken languages in the whole world. Numerous other communities and religions living in the state also accept this Indo-Aryan language. Apart from Gujarati, the residents of the state also speak Urdu, Sindhi, Marathi, and Hindi. The Rann of Kutch is considered to be one of the important parts of Gujarat, whose main language is Kachchi.

### **What is the culture of Gujarat?**

Gujarat happens to be the land of Bapu and is a flourishing state that has a wide range of cultural diversity. The state is vibrant with its true colours of rich heritage and cultural ethnicities, which dates back to the age-old Harappan Civilization. Gujarat is a state that has become a confluence of several religions starting from Hinduism to Islam and from Jainism to Buddhism. Gujarat tour packages with well-planned itineraries can let you

come across the arts, crafts, traditions, customs, institutions, language, values, and inventions of this beautiful state.



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