

## Gujarat

"Welcome to Gujarat — the land of temples, beaches, historic capitals, wildlife sanctuaries, hill resorts, magnificent sculptures, exquisite handicrafts, vibrant arts and festivals, a rich history, and thriving industries."

### "Iconic Places"

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## Ahmedabad & Surendranagar

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### Ahmedabad

Welcome to Ahmedabad – where centuries whisper from every wall. From Mahatma's Ashram to Modi's modern metropolis, this is the food capital where dhokla crumbles and chai pours. Known as the "Manchester of the East," it has been weaving dreams since 1411. A skyline of spires where temples and mosques stand united.

Ancient. Alive. Ahmedabad.

Live, Eat, Pray, Love – The Amdavadi Way.

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- Heritage, History & Handicrafts Morning: The Gandhi Trail Sabarmati Ashram the spiritual heart of India's freedom struggle. Explore the museum and Hriday Kunj, Gandhi's simple residence.
- Calico Museum of Textiles (Pre-book online! Limited slots) A world-renowned collection of exquisite Indian fabrics. (Closed Wednesdays & Thursdays)
- Afternoon: Old City Wonders Lunch at Vishala An immersive village-style experience with a traditional Gujarati thali and live folk music.
- Explore the Old City (UNESCO World Heritage) Jama Masjid: A stunning 15th-century mosque built from yellow sandstone.
- Walk through the Pols (neighborhoods): Get lost in the labyrinthine lanes with unique architecture and hidden temples.
- Adalaj Stepwell (Vav): A breathtaking 5-story stepwell with intricate carvings (on the city outskirts).
- Evening: Market Magic & Dinner Law Garden Night Market Famous for its handicrafts, embroidered garments, and street food.
- Dinner at Manek Chowk By day a jewelry market, by night a legendary food street. Must-try: Dabeli, Chocolate Sandwich, Amdavadi Pizza.
- Culture, Modernity & Spirituality Morning: Architectural Marvels Sidi Saiyyed Jali Famous for its intricately carved stone lattice window, the unofficial icon of Ahmedabad.
- Sarkhej Roza A serene architectural complex of tombs and palaces, known as the "Acropolis of Ahmedabad".
- Afternoon:(Modern & Shopping): Lunch at Karnavati Club or a cafe in Prahlad Nagar. Shopping at CG Road or Alpha One Mall for brands.
- Evening: Riverfront Sunset & Farewell Sabarmati Riverfront Take a peaceful walk or cycle along the developed banks. Perfect for sunset views.

- Farewell Dinner at The House of MG Dine in the heritage courtyard of a restored 1920s mansion. A truly special experience.
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- **Surendranagar**

Welcome to Surendranagar — where the earth turns into white gold. A living tapestry of tribes, textiles, and traditions. Your gateway to the Wild Rann and beyond. The real Saurashtra — raw, unpolished, and unforgettable. Land of temples, salt, and sunsets. Where the gods dried an ocean and left the salt behind. Experience Surendranagar's salt harvesting — a crystal journey. Meet the Maldharis on the shepherd's trail. Surendranagar: salt. culture. soul.

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- Salt, Sun, and Tribal Culture
  - Morning: The White Gold Fields Visit the Salt Pans (Agariya Community Area) Witness the mesmerizing landscape of vast white salt pans.
  - Salt, Sun, and Tribal Culture
  - Interact with the Agariya community (salt farmers) and learn about the arduous process of salt harvesting. (Best visited Oct-Mar).
  - Afternoon: Local Flavors and Royal Glimpses Lunch at a Local Eatery Try a typical Saurashtrian meal with bajra rotla, ringan no olo, and lassi.
  - Wadhwan City Exploration Wadhwan Havelis: Admire the ornate facades of historic mansions.
  - Jumma Masjid: A beautiful example of Indo-Islamic architecture.
  - Evening: Desert Sunset Drive to the Edge of the Little Rann Experience the stark, beautiful landscape and witness a breathtaking sunset over the arid plains.
  - Dinner at your Hotel/Lodge Enjoy a simple, hearty meal. Overnight stay in Surendranagar or a nearby heritage property.
  - Morning: Tribal Crafts and Wildlife Depart for the Little Rann of Kutch (LRK) Drive to the interpretation zone or a permitted safari entry point (approx. 1-1.5 hrs.).
  - Wild Ass Sanctuary Safari Embark on a jeep safari to spot the endangered Indian Wild Ass (Khachar), along with desert foxes, birds, and maybe even a flamingo flock in seasonal wetlands.
  - Afternoon: Cultural Immersion Picnic Lunch or Meal with a Maldhari Family Arrange a simple, authentic experience with a local pastoralist (Bharwad/Maldhari) community to understand their way of life.
  - Handicraft Visit Explore local artisans specializing in embroidery, pottery, or metalwork.
  - Farewell Dinner Relish your last taste of the region's cuisine.
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### Trip Highlights

- Walk in Gandhi's footsteps.
- Get lost in a living UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Marvel at ancient engineering and art.

- Experience the incredible night food market.
- Eat a *Gujarati Thali*, *Khaman*, *Fafda-Jalebi*, and *Dabeli*.
- A surreal and photogenic landscape of "white gold."
- Home to the majestic and endangered Indian Wild Ass.
- Authentic interactions with Agariya (salt farmers) and Maldhari (pastoralists) communities.
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- The raw, unfiltered beauty of rural Saurashtra.

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**Best Time to Visit: (November to February): *Pleasant weather***