

## 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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#### North Gujarat

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##### Banaskantha

Welcome to Banaskantha – where milk rivers meet sacred peaks, wild bears roam golden sands and sacred lands, and tribal threads weave desert dreams. Beyond milk and mountains – explore Banaskantha!

- **Sunrise at Ambaji Temple** (One of the 51 Shakti Peethas) – Attend Mangla Aarti and explore the gold-plated sanctum.
- **Breakfast at the temple bazaar** – Try sabudana khichdi with fresh sugarcane juice.
- **Visit Gabbar Hill** – A short trek for panoramic views (cable car also available).
- **Afternoon: Desert & Tribal Vibes** Drive to **Lakhani Village** (approx. 1.5 hrs).
- **Lunch at a local farmstay** – Enjoy an organic thali with bajra roti.
- **Golden Dunes Experience:** Camel safari on the Thar Desert fringe. Interact with the Rabari tribe and witness an embroidery demonstration.
- **Morning: Jungle Secrets Safari at Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary** – Spot sloth bears, hyenas, and other wildlife.
- **Breakfast at the sanctuary canteen.**
- **Explore Balaran Mahadev Temple** – A serene jungle shrine with natural springs.
- **Afternoon: History & Lakeside Leisure** Drive to **Palanpur** (approx. 1 hr).
- **Lunch at Amul Dairy Café** – Cheese platter with milkshakes.
- **Palanpur Heritage Walk:** Joravar Palace (Indo-Saracenic architecture).
- Kirti Stambh (Victory tower).
- **Relax at Sujalam Sufalam Lake** – Perfect for boating and sunset photography.

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#### Patan

**Welcome to Patan** – where stepwells whisper dynasties and silk weaves legends.

Home of the timeless **Patola**, a six-month labour of love in every thread.

Here, stone meets splendour, silk meets geometry, and history lives on.

**Patan: Royal. Woven. Timeless.**

- **Rani ki Vav Explore the 11th-century stepwell with 800+ intricate sculptures**
- **Sahastralinga Talav Walk around the ruined Solanki-era water tank once home to 1,000 Shiva shrines**
- **Living Heritage: Patola Weaving Demo Visit the Salvi family workshop (advance booking required)**

- Witness the 6-month-long double ikat weaving process
  - Lunch at Toran Dining Hall **Authentic Gujarati thali featuring Patan specialties:**
    - *Bajra na rotla* with *ringan no olo* (eggplant curry)
    - *Sukhdi* (jaggery dessert)
  - Evening: Hidden Treasures Patan Patola Heritage Museum **View 250-year-old patolas and royal commissions**
  - Khan Sarovar **Discover a medieval stepwell with quirky “echo arches”**
  - Panchasara Parshwanath Jain Temple **Admire the marble mandapa with 52 shrines**
  - Modhera (Sunset Stop) **Capture the perfect photo at the Sun Temple’s Gudha Mandapa**
  - Best Day to Visit: **Wednesday (Patola demo guaranteed)**
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## Aravalli

Wildlife havens, tribal culture and crafts, geological marvels, and adventure trails — where gods dance on ancient rocks. From sloth bears to sacred slopes, discover Gujarat's wild Aravalli.

- **Khedbrahma:** Terracotta pottery workshop & visit the Ancient Brahma Temple (featuring a unique 4-faced idol).
  - **Evening: Wilderness Jeep Safari** at Balaram-Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary (spot Indian gazelles). Check into the Forest Eco-Camp with bonfire & tribal dance performance.
  - **Morning Adventure & History:** Sunrise trek to Tarnetar Hill (Iron Age rock carvings). Explore Idar Fort (15th-century hilltop ruins with panoramic views).
  - **Afternoon – Marble & Mysteries:** Lunch at Danta (local millet khichdi). Guided Marble Quarry Tour (see Ambaji white marble extraction). Fossil hunting at an ancient riverbed site.
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## Trip Highlights

- Sloth Bear Safari **at Jessore Sanctuary (Spot rare bears at dawn)**
  - Golden Dunes of Lakhani (**Camel ride + Rabari tribal storytelling**)
  - Amul Dairy Visit **in Palanpur (Cheese-tasting session)**
  - Ambaji Temple & Gabbar Hill (**Sunrise *aarti* + cable car ride**)
  - Balaram Mahadev Jungle Trek (**Natural springs + leopard trails**)
  - Khedbrahma Pottery Workshop (**Hands-on terracotta making**)
  - Rani ki Vav (**UNESCO stepwell's sculpted galleries**)
  - Live Patola Weaving Demo (**Watch 6-month saree-making magic**)
  - Sahastralinga Talav (**Romantic ruins of a Solanki-era Lake**)
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- **Best Time to Visit:**  **Winter (Oct – Mar): Best season for Perfect for safaris, treks, and temple visits.**