

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"

Panchmahal, Dahod & Mahisagar

Panchmahal

Welcome to Panchmahal — where empires left their stone stories. From Pavagadh's peak to Jambughoda's trails, unleash your inner explorer on a pilgrimage through time — temples, myths, and mountain paths. Panchmahal is Gujarat's open-air museum of architecture, a UNESCO dream come alive. Discover Gujarat's best-kept secret carved in stone. Walk through Champaner, a frozen 15th-century capital, and trek up Pavagadh, where every step is a prayer. Ancient. Wild. Sacred. This is Panchmahal.

- **Arrival & Royal Beginnings** Visit **Jambughoda Palace** (now a heritage hotel) for a glimpse into royal history.
- **Afternoon Spiritual Sites** Head to **Pavagadh Hill**. Take the **ropeway (Udan Khatola)** to the summit. Visit the iconic **Kalika Mata Temple** – one of the 51 Shakti Peethas.
- **Evening Local Immersion** Explore the base of Pavagadh Hill – **Machi Haveli**.
- Enjoy local street food like *pavagadh khaman* and *fafda*.
- **Morning Tribal Village Visit** Drive to **Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary**.
- Visit a **tribal (Rathwa/Bhil) village** – interact with locals, see traditional art (Pithora painting), and learn about their way of life.
- **Afternoon Nature & Adventure** Enjoy a nature walk or jeep safari in **Jambughoda Forest** (spot leopards, deer, birds).
- Visit **Zanzari Waterfall** (seasonal – best post-monsoon, Oct-Dec).
- **Evening: Relax & Local Crafts** Visit local markets for **handicrafts, bamboo products, and tribal jewelry**.
- **Morning: UNESCO World Heritage Site** Drive to **Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park** (UNESCO site).

- Explore: **Jami Masjid** (stunning Indo-Islamic architecture), **Lakulisha Temple**, **Helical Stepwell**
 - **Afternoon: Wrapping Up** Lunch at a local dhaba (try *Gujarati thali*).
 - Visit **Kadvala Dam** for scenic views (optional).
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Dahod

Welcome to Dahod — where tribal heartbeats echo through festivals, rivers, forests, temples, and traditions. A land of tribes and tranquility — unplugged, untamed, unforgettable. Here, the Mahi River whispers ancient legends, and every corner tells a story. Dahod: a journey into Gujarat's soul — wild, tribal, sacred.

- **Morning: Dive into Tribal Heritage** Visit a Rathwa or Bhil Tribal Village Experience daily life, see traditional *pithora* painting demonstrations, and interact with local artisans.
- **Local Tribal Haat (Market)** If your visit aligns with market day (often weekly), explore the vibrant local haat for handicrafts, jewelry, and agricultural produce.
- **Afternoon: Spiritual Exploration** Lunch Enjoy authentic tribal or Gujarati food at a local eatery. Try *rotla* with *gud* (jaggery) or *bhaaji* (sabzi).
- **Galteshwar Mahadev Temple** A beautiful and ancient Shiva temple situated at the confluence of the Mahi, Galti, and Son rivers. A place of great spiritual significance and scenic beauty.
- **Evening: Sunset & Local Flavors** Sunset at Mahi River Relax by the banks of the Mahi River and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.
- Dinner Try local specialties like *sev tameta* or *Gujarati dal dhokli*.
- **Morning: Wildlife and Scenic Beauty** Visit Jhalod Forest Area or Devgadh Baria Enjoy the natural landscapes, and if you're lucky, spot wildlife like leopards, deer, and numerous bird species.
- **Kadana Dam** A scenic spot perfect for photography and enjoying the view of the reservoir and surrounding hills.
- **Afternoon: Historical Exploration** Lunch Have a picnic-style lunch near Kadana Dam or return to Dahod town.
- **Historical and Religious Sites** Visit Jamiya Masjid or Jain Derasar in Dahod town to appreciate the architectural and cultural diversity.

- **Evening: Cultural Wrap-Up** Explore Local Markets in Dahod Shop for tribal handicrafts, Rathwa paintings, and bamboo products.
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Mahisagar

Welcome to Mahisagar — where rivers whisper ancient secrets, where pilgrims find peace and seekers discover solace; a land of rapids, ruins, and reverence. It is the heartbeat of tribal and temple Gujarat, where Parashuram's axe meets the Mahi River. Gujarat's best-kept secret lies here — temple hopping along the Mahi corridor and kayaking through history, harmony, and heritage. Mahisagar awaits.

- **Morning Divine Beginnings** Start from **Lunawada** or **Balasinor** (key towns in Mahisagar). Visit **Kaleshwari Group of Temples** An ancient temple complex dedicated to Goddess Kali, nestled scenically along the Mahi River.
 - **Afternoon: Historical Exploration** Enjoy a traditional **Gujarati thali** at a local eatery.
 - Explore **Kadana Dam** Scenic spot perfect for photography; offers boating and stunning views of the reservoir and hills.
 - Discover **Ancient Stupas and Buddhist Sites** Mahisagar has ancient Buddhist remnants reflecting its historical significance.
 - **Dinner** Savor local delicacies like *sev tameta* and *bajra rotla*.
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Trip Highlights

- **Pavagadh Hill & Kalika Mata Temple**
- **Champaner UNESCO Site**
- **Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary**
- **Tribal Culture: Rathwa and Bhil traditions, pithora art, and weekly haats.**
- **Spiritual Sites: Galteshwar Mahadev Temple (sangam of three rivers).**
- **Local Cuisine: Authentic tribal and Gujarati dishes like rotla, sev tameta, and dal dhokli.**
- **Kaleshwari Temple** – Ancient spiritual site by the Mahi River.
- **Kadana Dam** – Picturesque dam ideal for boating and relaxation.
- **Mahi River** – Serene sunsets and riverside tranquility.
- **Ancient Buddhist Sites** – Explore stupas and historical remnants.

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