BEACHES AND WILDLIFE

Cities:

Diu (2N), Sasan Gir (2N)

Package Highlights

- Explore The Rock Formations at Naida Caves
- Spend Some 'Me-Time' at Gomtimata Beach
- Witness The Changing Hues Of Sky at Sunset Point
- Go For Water Sports at Jallandhar Beach
- take a Forest Safari In Gir
- take a walk through the expansive buffer zone of Gir Forest
- Experience Aqua Zorbing In Gir

Flight & Transport

• All transfers & sightseeing by ac vehicle

Accommodation

- 2 Night(s) in Diu at Radhika Beach Resort or similar
- 2 Night(s) in Sasan Gir at Woods at Sasan or similar

ITINERARY

Day 1: Ahmedabad - Diu - (370 Kms - 8 Hrs) - (D)

Proceed and start tour to explore Saurashtra towards the the beach paradise Diu from Ahmedabad. Early evening arrive at Diu. Check-in at hotel. Evening free for leisure. Dinner and Overnight Stay at Diu.

Day 2: Diu Sightseeing (B/F & D)

Enjoy Breakfast, Visit St. Paul's Church, a Baroque style architecture. The interior is decorated with intricately carved woodwork, which is considered to be the one of the most elaborate among all Portuguese churches in India. Proceed to the Gangeshwer Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva. Five 'Shivlings' amidst the rocks, lulled by the crystal clear sea water during high tide is the main attraction of this temple. Visit the Shell Museum, displaying a beautiful variety of shells- ranging from silver abalone to folding shells which were collected by a merchant navy, Captain DevjibhaiFulbaria, about 50 years ago. Visit to the main beaches in Diu-Gomtimata, Ghogla ,NaGoa, Jalandhar, Chakratirth, Most of them have popular tourist attractions nearby. The Naida caves, near Jalandhar beach, were formed as a result of quarrying by the Portuguese. The Kukri Memorial, again near Jalandhar beach, is famous for an open amphitheatre and sunset shots. The cost of Nagao beach is renowned for recreational activities such as boating, parasailing, etc. An offshore lighthouse situated here is also very famous. Visit Diu Fort or Fort Diu, constructed by the Portuguese during their colonial rule. An example of grand architecture, this fort on the cost of the island commands a wonderful view of the sea and skirts the sea water on three sides. From the fort, a mesmerizing view of the Panikotha fort located in the sea off the cost opposite to Fort Diu can be seen in the evenings. Dinner and Overnight Stay at Diu.

Day 3: Diu - SasanGir(66Kms) - Enroute Visit Somnath Temple. (B/F & D)-

After Breakfast check-out and proceed towards SasanGir. Enroute India is believed to be the first among the twelve jyotirling shrines of Shiva. It is an important pilgrimage and tourist place of Gujarat. Darshan at Temple and enjoy superb view of Ocean.Later in afternoon Check-in at Hotel. Evening free for leisure. Dinner and Overnight stay at SasanGir.

Day 4: Gir Safari -(B/F & D)

Visit the Gir National Park for Wildlife watching in the morning. SasanGir is one of the popular wildlife national parks that offer home to many Asiatic Lions. It also offer habitat to a variety of smaller birds and animals. Other animals recorded in the park include the Panther and the Hyena, The Indian Deer, Sambar, Chital (spotted deer), Nilgai (blue bull), Chinkara, the Chowsingha (four horned antelope), the bear and the long tailed Langur Evening again explore National Park Safari. Back to Resort. Dinner and Overnight Stay at Gir.

Day 5: Gir - Ahmedabad - (370 Kms - 7.5 Hrs). – (B/F)

Enjoy Breakfast at the hotel. Check-Out and proceed towards Ahmedabad with lovely memories.

(The itinerary changes as per your time, schedule and the hotel area which you stay in) (Entry fees & activity cost to be paid directly wherever applicable)

SIGHTSEEINGS

DIU

Diu Fort

Situated on the western coast of the country, the Diu Fort lies at the mouth of the Gulf of Khambhat. A colossal structure built by the Portuguese in 1535, it's a fascinating sight that provides a powerful view of the ocean. The parapet of the fort is lined with cannons that were earlier employed in the defence of the fort. It is also home to three beautiful churches: St Thomas Church, St Paul's Church and Church of St Francis of Assisi. Tourists also can visit the Venetian-Gothic style bungalow that lies within the vicinity. A Shiva temple that's dedicated to Gangeshwar Mahadev also makes for a stimulating visit. Another attraction may be a lighthouse from where tourists can get a germander speedwell view of the whole area. The fort was built for defense purposes when Mughal emperor Humayun had lead a war to

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St.Francis Church

This was the primary church to be built by the Portuguese. Constructed in 1593, the Church of St Francis of Assisi is that the oldest and one among the three most beautiful churches on the island. The church is found on a hillock that overlooks the Arabian Sea .

The church was built to duplicate churches inbuilt Europe. A long flight of stairs results in the doorway of the church that were built on the eastern and therefore the northern ends of the church.

Today, it functions as a hospital and a famous tourist attraction in Diu.

St. Paul Church

St. Paul church is one among the famous attractions in Diu. People from every origin visit this place to ascertain the old carvings which depict a number of the pages from The Holy Bible. This church is dedicated to "Our Lady of Immaculate Conception". The church was constructed around 1601-1610. The architecture of this church is Portuguese and really almost like the Bom Jesus Church of Goa. The Gothic style architecture attracts tons of individuals to go to this place because it is amongst the foremost visited Diu Attractions of all. The most auspicious a part of this church are often seen in night when it's illuminated by lights which makes this site heavenly beautiful.

St. Thomas Church

The Church of St Thomas was constructed within the late 16th century and was the second church to be built by the Portuguese.

Dedicated to St Thomas, the development of the fort was completed in 1598 and is, to the present day, one among the main churches of Portuguese India.

It is one among the few churches in India that are constructed in Gothic sort of architecture. With white washed walls and faded Portuguese frescoes, the church was abandoned for a couple of decades before it had been converted into a museum in 1998.

St. Thomas Church is found within the market area of the Diu fort. It has Baroque facades along side a set of local artifacts, stone sculptures of Christ and Virgin Mary and wood carvings made from wood that are quite over four centuries old. Despite not functioning as a church, there is mass held here once a year

INS Khukri Memorial

Timings - Open 24hrs

Operational Days - All 7 days

Approx Suggested Duration - 30 mins - 1hr

At a distance of three km from Diu bus terminal, INS Khukri Memorial is that the memorial site of an Indian Naval Ship located on a hillock in Diu. Situated near Chakratirth among the must-visit while Beach, it's one places holidaving INS Khukri memorial was found out in 1999 to commemorate the brave martyrs of Indian Navy. INS Khukri, one among the historic Naval Ships of India, fell prey to 3 torpedoes fired by a Pakistan submarine on 9th December 1971 and sank 40 nautical miles off the coast of Diu. With the ship 18 officers and 176 sailors laid down their lives for the glory of the state. Captain Mahendra Nath Mulla Mahavir Chakra was the captain of this warship. The memorial comprises a scaled model of INS Khukri enclosed during a glass case. Names of all officers and sailors of the ship are displayed at the top. There is an outdoors theater towards the ocean with seating arrangement for visitors. From the memorial, one can get a gorgeous view of the setting sun over the Arabian Sea.

Gangeshwar Temple

Gangeshwar Mahadev Temple is an Ancient Hindu Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva referred to as Gangeshwar Mahadev situated 3kms faraway from Diu in Fudam village of Gujarat, India. This Temple was built by Pandavas in Mahabharata times. The main attraction of this temple are its Five Shivalingas or rocks within the sort of Lord Shiva, located within the

midst of the rocks on the seashore, which are often washed by the tidal waves of the ocean . When the tide is high, one could only see the tip of those rocks of this temple, because the sea water tends to submerge them. These stones or Shivalingas are believed to possess been placed here by the Pandava brothers during their period of exile once they were doing penance for Lord Shiva.

Panikotha

A huge stone structure, Panikotha may be a fortress within the middle of the ocean. It also served because the main prison complex when the Portuguese ruled Diu. It can be accessed via ferry boats that leave every 30 minutes from the town jetty. Quite an impressive complex, it looks all the more stunning at night, bathed in multi-coloured lights. A major landmark of the town, it also can be seen from the highest of the Diu Fort. It is a mile away from land and is home to a quaint lighthouse and a chapel dedicated to the Goddess of Sea. A secret passageway is believed to attach it to the fort, how that also has not been found!

Sasan Gir

Devaliya Park

Open Time - 0800-1100hrs // 1500 - 1700hrs

Close Time - 1100 - 1500hrs

Operational days - All 7 days

Approx Suggested Duration - 3-4hrs

Devaliya park also mentioned because the 'Gir Interpretation Zone' is a neighborhood carved out as a definite eco-tourism locale allowing tourists to look at lions also because the other rare wild animals of Gir within a short time span and against cheaper charges, Devaliya in other words is a part of Gir National Park and it allows the facility of reserving the population of untamed animals within a neighborhood segregated with Ha Chain linked fences. This attempt has been made by the eco-tourism department to reduce the tourist pressure on Gir as an entire and to extend the probabilities for tourists to look at the wild animals. It falls within Gujarats Junagadh district and in vicinity to Sasan Gir Village which is only 12kms away from Devaliya National Park.

Inclusions -Entry tickets

Exclusions - Other Personal Expenses

Important Notes: The rates may vary from supplier to supplier. This has to be booked & pay directly on spot. The rates given are just for reference and planning purpose only.

Gir National Park

Timings - Open from Mid October to Mid June

Gir park is one among the foremost popular tourist destinations as per Gujarat tourism. It is the only place to spot Asiatic lions in a big number. Gir attracts tourists not only from various corners of India but also from across the world. It is situated near Talatar Gir in Gujarat and is home to lions since 1965. The park was established in 1965 covering 1412 sq. kms area. The jungles safaris at Gir park are absolutely unforgettable. It also boasts extensive range of flora and fauna on display.

Along with 300 unique Asiatic lions, Gir national park is also home to 250 leopards and various other carnivores like hyena, jackal and wild cat. Here jungle safaris are usually organized during the dawn or dusk allowing travelers to identify numerous exotic beasts and therefore the wilderness. Travelers and wildlife lovers explore Gir year round to explore Gir's bountiful wildlife. If you're a wildlife lover and need to experience the sight of this rare species then this is often the place for you.JUNGLE SAFARIThe Gir Jungle Trail Safari remains closed from mid June to mid October every year. There are 3 safaris for 3 hour each for Gir Jungle Trail with jeep safaris per day inside the park. They start at 6.30 a.m., 9.00 a.m., and 3 p.m. The Devalia Safari Park is open all year round, from Thursday to Tuesday (closed Wednesday), 8.00 a.m. until 11 a.m., and 3.00 p.m. until dusk (around 5 p.m.). Entry Fees and Charges Visitors must obtain an e-permit, which grants access to Gir National Park, for the Gir Jungle Trail. The permit is issued per vehicle, with up to six occupants. The cost depends on the day you visit, with weekends and major public holidays being the most 5,600 Monday to Friday: 800 rupees for Indians and rupees foreigners.Saturday and Sunday: 1,000 rupees for Indians and 7,000 rupees for foreigners.

Festival Days (Christmas, Diwali, and Navaratri): 1,000 rupees for Indians and 7,000 rupees for foreigner. Note that the festival periods, for which the higher charges apply, extend for about two weeks from the festival dates. You'll also need to pay for a guide to accompany you inside the park (400 rupees), the cost of hiring a jeep (2,000 rupees, available at the entrance), and DSLR camera charge (200 rupees for Indians and 1,400 rupees for foreigners).

Inclusions

- Accommodation as per your itinerary
- Daily breakfast & dinner
- All transfers & sightseeing by ac vehicle
- Hotel Luxury Taxes
- Total Inclusive Kilometers For Sedan Car 1250 kms & For luxury car 1500 kms

Exclusions

- Airfare
- 5% GST Extra on tour cost
- Cost for supplementary service, optional Tours, Up-gradation Charges, Guide, Sightseeing, entrance fees..
- Cost for service provided on a personal request.
- Cost for personal expenses such as laundry, bottled water, soft drinks, incidentals, porter
- Charges, tips etc.
- Anything which is not mentioned in inclusions .

PACKAGE COST ON REQUEST