

## **DELIGHTFUL GUJARAT**

### **Cities:**

Ahmedabad (1N), Gandhidham (1N), Hodka (1N), Kutch (1N), Bhuj (1N), Dasada (1N), Mehsana (1N)

### **Package Highlights**

- Bite a wide variety of mouth-watering snacks
- Amdavad, is India's first World Heritage City and is located on the banks of the River Sabarmati
- Gandhidham is the Largest Port of India by Volume of Cargo Handled
- Stay In Mud Huts On White Sands In This Dreamy Crafts Village
- Have A Camel Ride Under The Pearl Moon
- Visit Dasada Wildlife Sanctuary
- Relaxe at Peacfull mandvi Beach

### **Flight & Transport**

- All transfers & sightseeing by ac vehicle

### **Accommodation**

- 1 Night(s) in Ahmedabad at Hotel Rezaas or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Gandhidham at Lords Eco Inn, Gandhidham or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Hodka at Mahefeel E Rann Resort or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Kutch at HV Beach Resorts or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Bhuj at Seven Sky Clarks Exotica or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Dasada at Bhavna Resort & Farm or similar
- 1 Night(s) in Mehsana at Shankus Waterpark & Resort or similar

## **ITINERARY**

Day 1: Arrive Ahmedabad – ( D)

Start your journey and reach at Ahmedabad. Check in and later visit Akhsardham Temple, Vaishno Devi Temple. Overnight Stay.

Akshardham Temple - Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple is an architectural happening that is recounting the cultural heritage of India. Akshardham is a wonderful shrine located in the heart of Gandhinagar, Having one of the largest temple complexes in Gujarat. The gorgeous monument is easily accessible by the local means of transport available in the city. Predecessor to Akshardham at Delhi, the temple was built by the same organization BAPS (Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha) with the blessings of Pramukh Swami Maharaj.

Day 2: Ahmedabad - Gandhidham (290 Kms – 6 Hrs ) – ( B/F, D )

Proceed and start tour to explore Gujarat towards Gandhidham from Ahmedabad. After about 6 Hrs journey reach Gandhidham, the financial capital of Kutch. Check-in at Hotel. Evening free for leisure and enjoy Hotel. Dinner and Overnight Stay in Gandhidham.

Day 3: Gandhidham - Hodka ( 120 Kms – 3 Hrs ) - White Rann of Kutch – ( B/F, L, D )

Enjoy Breakfast and Check-Out from hotel and proceed towards Hodka to enjoy world famous White Rann of Kutch. On Arrival Check-in. Enjoy Lunch at Dining area. Free for leisure. It lies between Gujarat in India and the Sind province in Pakistan. It comprises of around 30,000 sq. km of land which includes The Great Rann of Kutch, The Little Rann of Kutch and Bann grassland. The Rann of Kutch is reputed to be the largest salt desert in the world and is well known for its white salty desert sand. 'Rann' means desert in Hindi which in turn is obtained from the Sanskrit word 'Irina' which also means desert. Evening enjoy Hi-Tea at White Rann followed by shopping or adventure activities around. Dinner and Overnight Stay in Rann.

Day 4: Hodka to Kutch (32 kms approx 1 hr ) – ( B/F, D )

Early Morning enjoy lovely Sunrise in White Rann. Later have Breakfast in the dining area. One can go around and enjoy the beauty of Salty land and Take plenty of photographs. In the afternoon, enjoy lunch and later visit KaloDungar and Gandhi nu Gam. KaloDungar or Black Hill is the highest point in Kutch, at 462 m (1,516 ft). It is situated 97 km from District headquarters of Bhuj and 25 km from nearest town Khavda.

This is only the one place in Kutch from where a panoramic view of the Great Rann of Kutch is possible. Since it is situated very near to the Pakistan border, there is an Army post at the top; beyond here, only military personnel are allowed.

The KaloDungar is also famous for a 400-year-old Dattatreya temple. KaloDungar magnetic hill is a popular optical illusion where vehicle seems to defy the gravity and roll up the slope. Enjoy Sunset. Dinner and Overnight Stay in Rann.

Day 5: Kutch - Bhuj ( 75 Kms – 2 Hrs ). Bhuj S/S, Vande Bharat Memorial – ( B/F,D )

After Breakfast check-out and proceed towards Bhuj. Check-in at Hotel and later visit Bhuj Swaminarayan Temple, AinaMahal, PragMahal, and Chatardi.

Later in Evening visit Vande Bharat Memorial, India's very first 4-D Memorial where you can relive the entire journey of Indian Independence in life-like 4-D technology. Vande Mata ram Memorial is spread over 12 acres of land in the Bhuj region of Gujarat, comprising of a India Gate, Yellow Fort ,Parliament Building, and open grounds for all to enjoy. Another non-profit initiative by Ashapura Foundation, a part of the grounds also houses Hiralaxmi Craft Park, which houses local artisans from across villages in Kutch-Bhuj and provides them a platform to hone and showcase their crafts to buyers. Dinner and Overnight stay at Bhuj.

Day 6: Bhuj - Dasada ( 280 Kms – 6 Hrs ) – (B/F, D )

After Breakfast, Check-out from hotel and proceed towards Dasada (Little Rann of Kutch). On Arrival Check-in Wildlife Resort. After lunch, we will visit the wildlife sanctuary for the group of the stale joke brown Asiatic (Wild ass). The Rann of Kutch region is also home and the wild ass to a range of ecologically rich wildlife such as the flamingos that can be spotted around the desert often. Rann is also a part of a few sanctuaries such as the Kutch desert

wildlife sanctuary, Indian wild ass sanctuary, etc. It is a paradise for nature enthusiasts and wildlife photographers alike. Evening return back to wildlife resort. Dinner and Overnight stay in Dasada.

Day 7: Dasada to Mehsana ( 70 Kms – 2 Hrs ) – ( B/F)

This day check out and transfer to Mehsana. check in and later visit Simandhar Swami Jain Temple, Narmadeshwar Mahadev Mandir and local visit market. Overnight stay at hotel.

Simandhar Swami Jain Temple - The temple has a huge entrance gate. Moreover, there you would be also able to see a lot of Jain bhagwan photos. The Jain temple of Simandhar swami is located in Mehsana city of Gujarat, India. It's white-colored of Bhagawan Simandhara Swami in the Padmasana posture. tells the glorious story of Simandhar swami. It is completely pure Arashpahan stones, which are normally used for constructing huge temples or mandirs. This temple may be a very legendary pilgrim place for Jainism.

Day 8: Mehsana to Ahmedabad (85 kms – 2 hrs ) – ( B/F)

(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 )

## **SIGHT SEEINGS**

### **GANDHIDHAM**

#### **Ambe Dham Temple**

It's the best place to visit to explore the temple along with holy exhibition showcasing different religion, culture & humanity at the premises, Must visit alongside kids to point out them and allow them to understand the message display by nicely visualised!!!

#### **Gandhi Samadhi**

This is a beautiful and peaceful place located in the district of Kutch where Mahatma Gandhi was resting in peace. Where Gandhijis ashes were kept. There is a gorgeous garden created round the samadhi.

### **Kalo Dungar**

North of the village of Khavda, Kalo Dungar (Black Hill) marks Kutch's highest point (462 m), with remarkable views over the Great Rann salt flat (or inland sea if you're visiting during the monsoon). You'll need your own transport to visit. The hill is additionally famous for a 400-year old temple dedicated to Lord Dattatreya. You walk to the sting of Capitol Hill and appearance over at the sprawling blanched landscape that changes hues because the day progresses and therefore the sun sinks behind the mountains. A 15-min drive from the bottom of Capitol Hill lands you on the India bridge that connects the far north of Kutch to the mainland. The area comes under the jurisdiction of the military and photography isn't allowed. The Indo-Pak border lies about 40 km north from here.

## **Vande Mataram Memorial**

Located at a distance of 10 kms from Bhuj, in the village of Bhujodi in Gujarat, Vande Mataram Memorial is a museum and one of the top tourist attractions in the city. Sprawling over 12 acres of land, the memorial is made by the Ashapura Foundation to commemorate the foremost important struggles faced by the Indian soldiers right from the Revolt of 1857 to the liberty Movement of 1947. It is a tribute to the brave and fearless freedom fighters of India.

The highlight of the complex is that the main museum that's designed to duplicate the Indian Parliamentary Building. The building is a product of combined input given by architects, historians, sculptors and artists and it took 4 years to be built. It has a complete of 17 rooms with several historical depictions from 1600 to 1947 through 4D technique in 17 episodes. The complex also has a park, a magnificent statue of Bharat Mata and a craft park besides several other attractions.

## **Hiralaxmi Memorial Craft Park**

Hiralaxmi Memorial Craft Park was developed with a vision to preserve, restore and promote the humanities of Kutch and making them accessible to masses. Hiralaxmi Craft Park complex is situated at Bhujodi village in Kutch and is cover 10 acres of land. The artisans are given opportunity to display their art wherein they will sell their products to masses. Apart from a well established and organized forum to display and sell their wares, the artisans are provided with meals, boarding, lodging at free of cost. In order to supply exhibition and display opportunity to all or any art forms and artisans, a schedule supported monthly rotation of artists has been figured out. The response from the artisans as well as the visitors has been overwhelming. The park receives on a mean 4000 visitors hebdomadally. The Craft Park has already evolved into a learning center and a source of data for college kids, surveyors and NGOs. Recently an independent NGO named Ashapura Bahuvividha Trust conducted survey on the humanities of Kutch and commended the Hiralaxmi Craft Park for encouraging and sustaining this invaluable park of culture of Kutch. The students of NIFD have had a piece here. The students of college of welfare work are pleased to review field work with this park. In order to ask more footfalls at the park there's a 4D memorial called Vande Mataram Memorial and a cafeteria. A beautiful Radha-Krishna temple and a lotus pond add to the ambience of the craft park. So all age group person can enjoy at this place.

## **Shri Swaminarayan Mandir**

Shree Swaminarayan Mandir was constructed by Swaminarayan, the founder of the Swaminarayan Sampraday in 1822. This mandir comes under the Nar Narayan Dev Gadi. The earthquake in 2001 destroyed much of the town of Bhuj, including the side of the temple facing north which was built by Lord Shree Swaminarayan. Miraculously the divine idols remained as they were, with none damage. Later, in 2010 a replacement temple was constructed quite on the brink of the old temple where all the divine idols were moved. The temple is one of the most expensive temples built in Gujarat. Around 600 sculptors worked with the devotees for over 7 years to finish this project.

Dedicated to Nar Narayan and Swaminarayan, the new temple of Swaminarayan is an architectural masterpiece built with marble and is a sight to behold. Spread across 5 acres of land, the shimmering structure has 7 shikharas with a main dome, 25 smaller domes and 258 carved pillars made from pure marble. Apart from the most deities, the temple also houses the

idols of Radha Krishna, Ghanshyam, Sukh Shaiya and lots of other deities. One also can see numerous carvings on the pillars and ceilings of this temple. It also boasts of an exquisite 3D film which depicts the lifetime of Lord Shree Swaminarayan.

### **Aaina Mahal**

This Bhuj based beautiful palace, inbuilt 1752, lost its top storey in an earthquake, but the lower floor is open for travellers, with an incredible 15.2m scroll showing a Kutch state procession. The palace is one among the three that dwell the walled complex of the old a part of town. The 18th-century elaborately mirrored interior may be a demonstration of the fascination with all things European – an inverted mirror of European Orientalism – with blue-and-white Delphi-style tiling, a candelabra with Venetian-glass shades, and therefore the Harding lithograph series *The Rake's Progress*. There are lofty views of Rani Mahal from atop the tower. The palace was built for Maharao Lakhpatji by Ram Singh Malam, a sailor from Dwarka who had learnt European arts and crafts on his travels. In the bedroom may be a bed with solid gold legs (the king apparently auctioned his bed annually). In the Fuvara Mahal room, fountains played round the ruler while he sat watching dancers or composing poems.

### **DASADA**

#### **Wildlife Sanctuaries**

Dasada is legendary for Asiatic, a wild ass that doesn't live anywhere else than in Indian lowlands. Spanning a neighborhood of about 4950 square foot , it's one among the most important wildlife sanctuaries in India. This sanctuary comprises of a good range of habitat from arid grasslands, saline desert plains, rocky and thorn scrub to lakes and marshes. Right from enjoying a tremendous Jeep Safari to capture wilds in their nature habitat, Dasada wild life sanctuary has everything to impress its visitors.

### **GANDHINAGAR**

#### **Akshardham Temple**

The Akshardham temple in Gandhinagar city is one of the biggest temples in India, and it is a major pilgrim destination that many people swarm to. This temple is devoted to Lord Swaminarayan and was built by BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, an equivalent organisation because the one in Delhi. Located within the capital of Gujarat, the complex took over 13 years to create and was inaugurated on October 30th, 1992. Akshardham mandir is situated within the centre of the 23-acre complex, which is made from 6,000 metric tonnes of pink sandstone from Rajasthan.

Akshardham acts as a cultural centre and may be a melting pot which will enthrall tourists from round the country. The temple seeks to spread the teachings and philosophies of Bhagwan Swaminarayan and may be a centre of devotion, education and unification of the society as an entire . The temple consists of one huge monument and a surrounding garden that families use as a picnic spot as well. Recently, they put up the first-of-its-kind laser water show within the world, which may be a must see. Facilities of wheelchairs, baggage, lost and located , parking, etc. are also available.

## **AHMEDABAD**

### **Vaishnodevi Temple**

The temple is located just at Vaishnavdevi circle on SG highway in Ahmedabad. A hilly look is created to get a feeling of actual Vaishnavdevi temple in hills

## **EXPLORE RANN OF KUTCH**

### **Explore Rann of Kutch**

Known as the world's largest salt desert, Rann of Kutch is one among the foremost famous tourist places to go to in Kutch. It has lured the administrators into shooting this beautifully vast desert. It are often seen in movies like in Magadheera, Ramleela and lots of more.

Taking within the beauty here on a full-of-the-moon night is an awesome experience. Also famous for the Rann Utsav held per annum from November to February, you'll enjoy a mix of music, culture, dance and various activities like camel cart rides, rifle shooting, cultural shows, spa treatments at the Rann of Kutch. An entertainment zone for the youngsters ensures they need an honest time too.

### **Inclusions**

- Accommodation as per your itinerary
- Daily Breakfast & Dinner. (Mehsana Hotels Only Breakfast Basis)
- All transfers & sightseeing by ac vehicle
- Hotel Luxury Taxes
- Total Valid Kilometers For Sedan Car 2000 kms & for luxury car 2400 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**