



# TIMELESS TREASURES OF GUJARAT

10 Nights / 11 Days

Embark on an unforgettable 10 Nights / 11 Days journey through Gujarat, designed for seasoned travelers seeking to explore the region's rich heritage and diverse landscapes. This meticulously curated itinerary covers the most captivating destinations:

**Ahmedabad** : Begin in the vibrant city of Ahmedabad, visiting landmarks such as the Sabarmati Ashram, the intricate Adalaj Step-well, and the bustling local markets.

**Lothal** : Travel back in time at Lothal, an ancient Indus Valley Civilization site, where you can explore the well-preserved ruins and learn about early urban planning and maritime trade.

**Velavadar** : Experience the wildlife of Velavadar National Park, home to black-bucks, wolves, and diverse bird species, on an exciting safari.

**Gondal** : Discover the royal heritage of Gondal, with visits to the Naulakha Palace, the Orchard Palace, and the Bhuvneshwari Temple, offering insights into the region's regal past.

**Junagarh** : Explore Junagarh's historical treasures, including the Uparkot Fort, Ashoka's Rock Edicts, and the Girnar Hill temples, blending history and spirituality.

**Sasan Gir** : Embark on thrilling safaris in Sasan Gir National Park, the last refuge of the Asiatic lion, and witness the rich biodiversity of this unique ecosystem.

**Somnath** : Visit the revered Somnath Temple, one of the twelve Jyotirlinga shrines, and enjoy the serene coastal views and spiritual ambiance.

**Dwarka** : Continue to Dwarka, an ancient pilgrimage city, home to the sacred Dwarkadhish Temple and the serene Gomti Ghat, steeped in mythology and history.

**Wankaner** : Experience the charm of Wankaner, with its majestic palaces, royal artifacts, and scenic landscapes, reflecting the town's princely heritage.

**Sayla** : Enjoy the tranquility of Sayla, exploring the historic palace, traditional crafts, and the serene rural surroundings.

**Wadhwan** : Conclude your journey in Wadhwan, a town known for its architectural beauty and vibrant cultural scene, offering a final taste of Gujarat's rich history and traditions.

This itinerary provides a comprehensive exploration of Gujarat's timeless treasures, ensuring a deeply enriching and memorable travel experience.



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Day 01

## AHMEDABAD

Ahmedabad is a major city in the western Indian state of Gujarat. It is known for its rich history, vibrant culture, and significant economic and industrial contributions. Founded in 1411 by Sultan Ahmed Shah, the city boasts a blend of historical architecture, including the Sabarmati Ashram associated with Mahatma Gandhi, and modern infrastructure. Ahmedabad is renowned for its textile industry, diverse cuisine, and festivals like Uttarayan (the kite festival). It also houses several prestigious institutions, such as the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA). The city's thriving arts scene, bustling markets, and heritage sites make it a dynamic and culturally rich destination.

### Activity 01

Hathee Singh Jain Temple, Ahmedabad ni Gufa, Bhadra fort, Teen Darwaza, Utensils Museum, Kite museum, Gandhi Ashram, Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, Adalaj Step-well and Lalbhai Dalpat Bhai Museum

### Activity 02

PM Heritage Walk



HISTORIAL SITE



HERITAGE WALK



TEXTILE



MUSEUM

Day 02

## LOTHAL

## VELAVADAR

**Lothal Archaeological Remains Of Indus Valley Civilization** : An ancient Indus site in Gujarat on the Gulf of Combay where trade once flourished with other ancient civilizations including the ancient Indus Valley peoples.

### Activity

**Velavadar National Park**, located in Gujarat, India, is renowned for its population of blackbucks and grassland ecosystem. A safari in Velavadar offers the opportunity to see not only blackbucks but also wolves, hyenas, and a variety of bird species. The park's open plains and seasonal wetlands provide a unique wildlife experience.



ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE



WILDLIFE

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## Day 03 GONDAL

Gondal, a town in Gujarat, India, was once a princely state known for its historical palaces, temples, and vibrant cultural heritage. Travelers can explore the Naulakha Palace, with its stunning architecture, vintage car collection, railway saloon and royal artifacts, and the Orchard Palace, which offers a glimpse into royal life. The town is also home to the Bhuvneshwari Temple and the historic Riverside Palace. Gondal's rich history, combined with its serene atmosphere and architectural marvels, makes it a fascinating destination for visitors.

### Activity 01

Heritage walk through old town - bead work, embroidery, pataras (handmade brass boxes and Ayurveda oils).



HISTORIAL SITE



HERITAGE WALK



TEXTILE



MUSEUM

## Day 04 SASAN GIR

Sasan Gir National Park, located in Gujarat, India, is the sole habitat of the Asiatic lion. Established in 1965, the park offers a unique opportunity for wildlife enthusiasts to see these majestic creatures in the wild. In addition to lions, Sasan Gir is home to leopards, deer, antelopes, and a diverse array of bird species. The park's varied landscape of deciduous forests, grasslands, and rivers provides a rich biodiversity. Safaris in Sasan Gir provide an exciting adventure, making it a must-visit destination for nature and wildlife lovers.

### Activity 01

A game drive in Sasan Gir National Park offers a thrilling chance to spot the rare Asiatic lion in its natural habitat. The safari takes visitors through diverse landscapes, providing opportunities to see leopards, deer, and numerous bird species.



WILDLIFE

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## SASAN GIR

### Activity 01

AM and PM game drive in Sasan Gir National Park



WILDLIFE

Day 06

## DWARKA

Dwarka, located in Gujarat, India, is a sacred city and one of the Char Dham pilgrimage sites. It is renowned for the Dwarkadhish Temple, dedicated to Lord Krishna. Travelers can explore its ancient temples, serene ghats, and beautiful coastal views. The city's rich mythology, historical significance, and spiritual atmosphere make it a captivating destination for both pilgrims and tourists.

### Activity 01

Heritage walk through old town and visit temple to witness prayer ceremony.



TEMPLE



HERITAGE WALK

Day 07

## WANKANER

Wankaner, a charming town in Gujarat, India, offers travelers a blend of history, culture, and royal heritage. Known for the Wankaner Palace, an architectural marvel, the town provides a glimpse into the grandeur of its princely past. Visitors can explore the palace museum, which houses royal artifacts, and enjoy the scenic beauty of the surrounding hills and rivers.

### Activity 01

Heritage walk through old town and palace museum.



HISTORICAL SITE



HERITAGE WALK



MUSEUM

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## SAYLA

Sayla, a quaint town is a hidden gem known for its heritage and tranquility. Travelers can visit the historic Sayla Palace, which offers a glimpse into the region's royal past and hosts a variety of antique artifacts. The town is also famous for its traditional crafts and local textiles. Surrounded by serene landscapes and rural charm, Sayla provides a peaceful retreat and a unique cultural experience for visitors.

### Activity 01

Experience the vibrant flavors of Gujarat with a cooking demo and learn how to prepare traditional Gujarati cuisine.



HISTORIAL SITE



COOKING



MUSEUM

Day 09

## SAYLA

### Activity 01

A day visit from Sayla to Muli in Gujarat offers travelers an enriching experience of historical and cultural attractions. Start your journey early and head to the Darbargadh Palace, known for its intricate architecture and historical significance. Explore the beautiful temples in Muli, such as the Swaminarayan Temple, renowned for its spiritual ambiance and detailed carvings. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the serene Kundli Kund, a sacred stepwell. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at Ambika Palace to savor authentic Gujarati cuisine. Conclude your visit with a stroll through the town, experiencing the local lifestyle and hospitality, before heading back to Sayla.



HISTORIAL SITE



COOKING



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Day 10

## AHMEDABAD

Embark on a scenic drive from Sayla to Ahmedabad, taking in the diverse landscapes of Gujarat along the way. Upon arrival in Ahmedabad, check in at your comfortable hotel and settle into your room. Spend the day at leisure, with options to unwind and relax. You can explore the vibrant local markets for a unique shopping experience, where you can find traditional textiles, handicrafts, and souvenirs. Alternatively, pamper yourself with a rejuvenating spa session at the hotel to refresh your body and mind. In the evening, enjoy a delightful farewell dinner at the hotel, savoring a variety of delicious local and international cuisines. This relaxed and enjoyable day offers the perfect end to your journey.



SHOPPING



ART

Day 11

## AHMEDABAD

Journey ends - Transfer to Ahmedabad International Airport for flight home.

Thank you for joining **The Indian Bucket List** on the "Timeless Treasures of Gujarat" journey. It was a pleasure to have you with us, exploring the rich cultural heritage and vibrant landscapes of Gujarat.

We hope you enjoyed the experience and made cherished memories along the way. Wishing you safe travels ahead and we look forward to welcoming you on another adventure soon.

Warm regards,

**The Indian Bucket List Team**