

## Glimpses of Gujarat Tour

**Duration: 09N/10D**

**Key Sights:** Ahmedabad – Jambhugodha – Chhotaudaipur – Jambhugodha – Champaner – Uthelia – Lothal – Bhavnagar – Palitana – Bhavnagar – Gondal – Rajkot – Wankaner - Ahmedabad

Days	Route	Mode	Remarks
Day 01	Home – Ahmedabad	By Flight	
Day 02	Ahmedabad – Jambhugodha	By Road	(190 Kms. / 4 hrs. appx.)
Day 03	Jambhugodha – Chotta Udaipur	By Road	(55 Kms. / 1 hr. appx.)
	Chotta Udaipur – Jhambhugodha	By Road	(55 Kms. / 1 hr. appx.)
Day 04	Jhambhugodha – Champaner	By Road	(65 Kms. / 2 hrs. appx.)
	Champaner – Uthelia	By Road	(110 Kms. / 2.5 hrs. appx.)
Day 05	Uthelia – Lothal	By Road	(10 Kms. / 15 mins. Appx.)
	Lothal – Bhavnagar	By Road	(98 Kms. / 2.5 hrs. appx.)
Day 06	Bhavnagar – Palitana	By Road	(57 Kms. / 1.5 hrs. appx.)
	Palitana – Bhavnagar	By Road	(57 Kms. / 1.5 hrs. appx.)
Day 07	Bhavnagar – Gondal	By Road	(180 Kms. / 4 hrs. appx.)
Day 08	Gondal – Rajkot	By Road	(40 Kms. / 1 hr. appx.)
	Rajkot – Wankaner	By Road	(55 Kms. / 1.5 hrs. appx.)
Day 09	Wankaner – Ahmedabad	By Road	(220 Kms. / 4.5 hrs. appx.)
Day 10	Ahmedabad – Home	By Flight	

<b>Day 01</b>	<b>Home – Ahmedabad</b>
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<b>By Flight</b>
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On arrival, welcome with fresh flower garlands.  
Meet assist and transfer to the hotel.  
Half day city tour of Ahemadabad.  
Overnight in Ahmedabad.

**Ahmedabad**, also known as Amdavad is the second largest city of west India and the largest city in Gujarat. Ahmedabad was also the former state capital of Gujarat. Ahmed Shah I founded this city on the banks of the Sabarmati river in 1411 and thus named as Ahmedabad. Ahmedabad is also known for its association with the Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation and is one of the India's foremost industrial centres. It is a place where tradition and modernity co-exist in perfect harmony.

**Visit to** Siddi Saiyed Mosque, Huteesinh Jain Templ, Gandhi Ashram (Also known as Sabarmati Ashram – the house where Mahatma Gandhi had stayed for 13 years and from where the historic Dandi march had begun), Adalaj to see the grandeur of the unique Step Well at Adalaj, Akshardham Temple.

<b>Day 02</b>	<b>Ahmedabad – Jambhugodha</b>
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<b>By Road</b>
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<b>(190 Kms. / 4 hrs. appx.)</b>
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In the morning after breakfast, drive to Jambhugodha.  
Upon arrival transfer to your Hotel.  
Evening visit the Village.  
Overnight at Jambhugodha.

**Jambughoda** is a 20 km from Champaner (A UNESCO World Heritage Site) and best point to stay while visiting Champaner, Jambughoda is a base point to visit Bhilala and Bayaka tribal villages.

<b>Day 03</b>	<b>Jambhugodha – Chotta Udaipur</b>
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<b>By Road</b>
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<b>(55 Kms. / 1 hr. appx.)</b>
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<b>Chotta Udaipur – Jhambhugodha</b>
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<b>By Road</b>
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<b>(55 Kms. / 1 hr. appx.)</b>
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After breakfast, full day visit the Chotta Udaipur to see various colorful tribal belts which is very unique of Gujarat Traditional and cultural living style.  
Evening Return to **Jhambhugodha**.  
Overnight in Jhambhugodha.

Chhota Udaipur district is a district in the state of Gujarat in India. It was carved out of the Vadodara.

**Chhota Udepur** shares a history with Devgadhi Baria and Rajpipla as one of the three princely states of eastern Gujarat. The small town sits on the edge of a big lake, with a series of temples along the skyline. **The Jain temple** is an interesting example of the influence of Victorian art on local building styles. Structures from the 1920s such as the **Kusum Vilas**



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**Palace** (also a heritage hotel) and **Prem Bhavan** are also worth visiting, though they need permission from the local royal family. For information on Kali Niketan, a heritage hotel on the Orsang river.

<b>Day 04</b>	<b>Jhambhugodha – Champaner Champaner – Uthelia</b>	<b>By Road By Road</b>	<b>(65 Kms. / 2 hrs. appx.) (110 Kms. / 2.5 hrs. appx.)</b>
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After Breakfast, drive to Uthelia via Champaner, A World Heritage site declared as one of the hundred endangered architectural monument of the World.

Evening arrival of Uthelia.

Overnight at Uthelia.

**At Champaner**, one can see three fortifications - the base (Champaner), the top (Pavagadh) and the area connecting both of them (Machi). The lower fortification is the citadel or the Champaner fort. The major mosques in Champaner are Shehar ki Masjid, Jami Masjid, Kewada Masjid and Nagina Masjid. In Kewada Masjid, you can walk up the narrow stairs to the rooftop, with the globe like domes, as rounded as fruit and even further up the minarets for great views.

<b>Day 05</b>	<b>Uthelia – Lothal Lothal – Bhavnagar</b>	<b>By Road By Road</b>	<b>(10 Kms. / 15 mins. Appx.) (98 Kms. / 2.5 hrs. appx.)</b>
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After Breakfast, Visit the Harrappen Era located at Lothal.

After the visit proceeds to Bhavnagar an Historical city.

Evening visit the Museum and the local Bazaar.

Overnight at Bhavnagar.

**Lothal began** as a small village on the Sabarmati river, inhabited by people using "red ware" micaceous pottery (similar to today's terracotta), during the Chalcolithic era. Sea-faring merchants, and later the potters, masons, smiths, and seal-cutters of the Indus Valley Civilization, established a colony at Lothal circa 2450 BC, bringing with them their tools, technology, crafts, and expanded sea-borne trade. Lothal soon became an industrial center, one of the southernmost outposts of the Indus Valley Civilization, and the most important port of the empire.

**Bhavnagar** is situated 198 km from the state capital Gandhinagar and to the west of the Gulf of Khambhat. It has always been an important city for trade with many large and small scale industries along with the world's largest ship breaking yard located 50 km away.



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Day 06	Bhavnagar – Palitana	By Road	(57 Kms. / 1.5 hrs. appx.)
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After Early/Pack breakfast at 6.00 AM drive to Diu onway Visit of Palitana – Shatrunjaya Temple (**doli-lift chairs are available at extra cost**).

Later drive to Bhavnagar for Overnight.

**Palitana – Shatrunjaya Temple** The climb up Shatrunjaya is no doubt the primary activity of a Palitana visit, for Jains and non-Jains alike. The hill is 3 kms from Palitana proper, and the 600 m climb over 3000 stairs to the top of the mountain is an unforgettable experience. Beginning at dawn is recommended, to avoid the mid-day heat. Frequent rest stops to visit temples along the way also help avoid overheating. Many devotees even gather at the highest temples before sunrise, having climbed in the predawn twilight. Be sure to carry enough water and leave a few hours to explore the mountain. Idols are bathed around 9:30am, and pujas tend to be performed around noon. If climbing in the afternoon, be sure to descend with enough time to arrive at the bottom before dark.

Day 07	Bhavnagar – Gondal	By Road	(180 Kms. / 4 hrs. appx.)
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After breakfast drive to Gondal.

Afternoon arrival at Gondal.

Overnight at Gondal.

**Gondal**, a city state mere 35 km away from Rajkot ruled by a family of car enthusiasts whose royal passion resulted in a fine collection of automobiles which are now part of a museum in the palace premises. Such was the royal passion that Gondal had the best planned and well designed road system in preindependent Gujarat.

**Visit the Naulakha palace** The oldest extend palace in gondal, the 17th century Naulakha palace is a festival of stone carvings with exquisite Jarokha Balconies, Visit the Royal Family Vintage car collection, have an extensive collection of Vintage and classic cars including a 1910 new engine, a delage and a Daimler from the 1920s, a 1935 mercedes, 1935 packard 2 door convertible, 1941 & 1947 cadillac, 1955 cadillac limousine, jaguar xk 150, Chevrolet Etc. Most of these cars are restored and some bear the original gondal State number plates.

Day 08	Gondal – Rajkot	By Road	(40 Kms. / 1 hr. appx.)
	Rajkot – Wankaner	By Road	(55 Kms. / 1.5 hrs. appx.)

After Breakfast Drive to Wanakner on way visit Rajkot including the Watson Museum, Rashtriya Shala to see the weaving cloths and local Rajkot City.

Afternoon arrival at Wanakner enjoy visiting the Palace Museum and local Village.

Overnight at Wankaner.

**Watson Museum** and Library commemorates the work of Colonel John Watson, political agent from 1886 to 1889. It is a jumbled attic of the collection with the 3rd century inscriptions and a delicate ivory work overseen by a marble statue of Queen Victoria. The Watson Museum has collection of precious objects of colonial period, human history and culture, and History of Rajkot.

**Rashtriya Shala** was of Mahatma Gandhi, who has founded a center of weaving Patola.

**Jagat Mandir** is beautiful carved temple of Shri Ramkrishna Paramhansa. It is made of red stones.

**Wankaner** is snuggled in Rajkot district in the Indian state of Gujarat. The region got its name from the location at a “Wanka” meaning bend and “Ner” a river. Wankaner used to be a princely state that was ruled by the Jhala Rajputs and is thus also called Jhalawar. The royal family of Wankaner was highly known for their patronage of art and architecture.

**Ranjit Vilas Palace** is an architectural wonder inspired from the style of architecture of the Mughal, Gothic, Dutch and Victorian style of architecture. The beautiful palace with a watchtower situated atop a hill. Overlooking the Wankaner Town, the palace is sprawled across a total area of 225 acres. The palace also houses a guest-house called Chandra Bhavan. The palace showcases an array of antique weapons such as swords, daggers and shields as well as stuffed animals, vintage cars, paintings and so on.

**Wankaner Palace** is a beautiful and historical palace that was erected in the 20th century under the reign of H.H. Amarsinhji, the Maharaja of Wankaner. The palace is adorned with decorative doors, antique chairs, mirrors and windows.

**Shah bava Dargah** is made in honor of Shahbava one among the three founders of the region. It is one of the highly revered religious attractions in Wankaner among Muslim and Hindus.

<b>Day 09</b>	<b>Wankaner – Ahmedabad</b>	<b>By Road</b>	<b>(220 Kms. / 4.5 hrs. appx.)</b>
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After breakfast, drive to Ahmedabad.

On arrival transfer to hotel.

Overnight at Ahmedabad.

<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Ahmedabad – Home</b>	<b>By Flight</b>	
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Transfer to airport for flight back home.