

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL IN GUJARAT



Day 1

Pick up from Mumbai/Ahmedabad International Airport.

Arrival to village Subir in Dangs and check in to Ma Subir farm house

Introduction & brief Orientation

Visit to community Village. Village welcome by the host family. These are Kokani Tribes.

Dinner

Relax

Day 2

Breakfast at Farm House

Visit to NGO – BAIF. Learn about the role of NGO in development of Rural Area. Understand the projects undertaken by BAIF depending on the requirement of the region. BAIF is doing exceptional work on 5 Js. i.e Jan (People), Jangal (Forest), Jamin (Land), Jivan (Life) and Jal (Water). Learn about the development projects under each category. Get a practical exposure to the Vadi (Fruit Farm) Project being successfully implemented by this NGO.



Lunch in Tribes Home – Participate in preparation of authentic organic lunch with tribes (learn insights of making food in traditional way)

Back to Farm House and Relax till evening

Evening Tea and Snacks at Tribes Home

Visit to a Women Cooperative Society processing Cashews. This project is an example of women empowerment. This Cooperative Society is formed by 20 Women who procure raw cashew seeds and process the cashew. Learn how the Cooperative Society has helped in improving the livelihood of these tribal women. Also learn the art of processing cashew.

Back to the farm house

Dinner

Lights Off

Day 3

Breakfast at Farm House

Visit to Shabridham Temple, Pampa Sarovar (Ma Shabri used to do Tapasia for Lord Rama here) and

Girmala Water fall (Gujarat's Highest waterfall)

Dip in the river (those interested should carry a towel and extra pair of clothes).

Lunch at Tribes Home

Relax till evening

Evening Tea and Snacks at Tribes Home

Rural Sports – Slingshot contest. Participants will learn the art of making slingshot. All participants will make their own slingshot and contest to win.

3 sets each of 5 shots for each contestant.

The Contestant with maximum hit on the target wins the set. The Contestant with maximum win in the set wins the Contest

Award to the winner

Return to Farm House and get a briefing on Warli Art. Each group will brainstorm on the concept (which will be derived out of 3 days of their engagement with Rural Lifestyle/experiences) they wish to portray in form of Warli Art.



Dinner

Lights off

Day 4

Breakfast at Farm House

Visit to the Forest Nursery – Understand the Role of Forest Department in Conserving the Forest as well as benefiting the tribes of this region. Get a hands on experience on any of the possible activities of forest department in conserving forest eg doing plantation, digging pit for the plantation, preparing soil before seeding, munching the leaves, preparing organic manure, etc.

Lunch at Tribes Home

Back to Farm House and Relax till evening

Evening Tea and Snacks at Tribes Home

Workshop on Warli Art. Participants will be given a brief about the form of this art which is gradually losing its importance. Participants will be taught how to make the Warli Art by locals and our coordinators. Be responsible travelers by painting Warli Art on the walls of tribes home and hence conserving this traditional art. Participants who have already been divided into group will jointly portray their own concept on Walls of Tribes home.

Back to Farm House

Dinner

Lights Off

Day 5

Breakfast at Farm House

Learn about the customs, culture and traditions of the tribes.

Lunch at Tribes Home

Relax till evening

Realize the importance of Sustainable living by going through the living habits of tribes – Use of Fish Tank (to avoid mosquitoes), The Organic way of Preserving Grains, Organic Farming Techniques, Conditions in Wedding, etc

Dinner at Tribes Home

Return to Farmhouse and Freshen up

Day 6

Breakfast

Visit to Weekly Bazar day – Haat in Subir or nearby village (Ideal place to take some good photographs). Explore variety of goods sold in the market. Also find locals in traditional attire.

Lunch at Tribes Home.

Visit to Rural School. Interact with students and teach them English (some basic words). Learn the Tribal Language – Dangi (Dang has population of about 2 lacs and only this population speaks this unique language. Be privileged to learn this isolated language)

Evening Tea and Snacks at Tribes Home

Participate into daily chores of Tribes - Engage into any of these routine activities: De husking rice in traditional way, making floor using chakki (a pair of cylindrical stone), Dung Flooring, Weeding in the farm, Chopping wood, etc.

Day 7

An early Breakfast at farm house (by 8 am)

Trek to Fort Saler – An ancient fort of King Shivaji (70 km drive from farm house)

Visit to Village Chinchli while return – This is a unique village surrounded by hills from 3 sides. An abode for the nature lovers. Find locals playing a mouth organ called Pavri (made from bottle guard, bamboo and horn of bullock)

Return and Lunch at Tribes Home

Return to farm house and relax till evening

Participate in the evening prayer at Shabridham Temple. Capture the panoramic view from top of the hill.

Return to tribes home for Cooking Class: Pluck vegetable grown locally, prepare the flour for making local breads by using stone mill & learn how to make local cuisines from the tribes

Dinner with tribal family over bonfire

Day 8

Early morning visit to check dam (around 6 am). Settle down and explore the mystic beauty evolving from the river.

Return to farm house and freshen up

Breakfast

See the tools of traditional hunting (the tribes have stopped hunting now since they have started realizing the importance of showcasing wildlife in natural habitat as a tool for generating income. We follow the philosophy of sustainable tourism)

Depart for Forest Trek. (Wear clothes that will cover your entire body to avoid mosquito bites) This will be guided by local tribes. Tribes will showcase forest resources used for their living. Water the forest plantation for conserving the forest.

Get chance to see the wildlife into the natural habitat. You may explore:

- Different variety of birds (carrying binocular & camera specially recommended) – Kingfisher, Wood Pecker, Hoopoe, Parrot, Grey Hornbill, Indian Sparrow, Mayhna, Common & Greater Racket Tail Drongo, Egret, Ibis, Kite, Owl, Eagle, Sunbirds, etc.
- Flying Squirrel, Chameleon
- Mangoos, Rabbit
- Snakes & Pythons
- Variety of Spiders
- Variety of Insects
- Variety of Butterfly

Lunch at Tribes Home

Back to farm house and relax (till 3:30 pm)

Explore Photography in good quality of evening light (Now that you will be familiar with the village communities working with us, they will be open minded for photographing their home, lifestyle, attire, etc.)

Back to farm house & have dinner

Day 9

An early morning village walk

Return and freshen up

Breakfast

Participate with locals in Kite Flying Contest. Kite flying is very common hobby of people belonging to Gujarat. Learn how to balance and fly the Kite. Contest your Kite for cutting thread of opponent's kite. Fighting with opponent's kite is a unique experience which turns into celebration. It is a sight to see the fighting kites. Locals will teach you this art.

Lunch at Tribes Home

Back to farm house and relax

Evening tea and snacks at Tribes home

Depart for forest trek

Return to farm house and have dinner

Day 10

Check out

Breakfast at Farm House

Say Good Bye to Tribes...

Visit to Girafall and Botanical Garden at Waghai.

Lunch at Waghai

Visit Vansda National Park.

(The price of the itinerary does not include parking charges at waterfalls & national parks, ticket charges, camera charges, etc.)

Depart for Jambughoda

Dinner on the way to Jambughoda

Check in to Sarvottam Hotel in Halol

Day 11

Breakfast at Hotel

Village welcome by community tribes.

Explore the lifestyle of tribes of this region. These are Rathwa Tribes and Bariyas.

Visit to Manganese Caves accompanied by local host villager.

Return & have lunch

Depart for Najarmata Temple. This is a unique temple inside the cave. On the way, explore variety of forest birds of this region. This century has more than 250 variety of birds.

Visit to Hathni Mata Waterfall.

Explore the Pithora Painting – The Native Art of Rathwa Tribes



Dinner at Hotel

Relax

Day 12

Breakfast at Hotel

Visit to Pavagadh (Option of Walking up the hill or take paid rope way ride on actual). Visit to the temple and take blessings of Goddess and return. Learn the story of this temple from our local community tribe.

Lunch at foothills of Pavagadh

Explore the World Heritage Site of Champaner

Dinner at Hotel

Relax

Day 13

Early morning farm walk and experience palm nectar called Neera.(in summers)

Breakfast at Hotel

Depart for Adivasi Academy – An organization that preserves the culture of tribes of this region. Explore the relation of Tribes and Nature in this academy.

Lunch at Jambughoda

Pottery workshop with the potter family working with us.

Say good bye to community...

Dinner at Hotel

Relax

Day 14

Breakfast at Hotel

Checkout

Depart for Ahmedabad/Mumbai



Tour Includes:

1. Pickup from and drop to Ahmedabad International Airport, Mumbai International Airport, Vadodara Airport or Surat Airport
2. Travel in AC Taxi throughout the journey
3. Accommodation on double occupancy. Non AC rooms in Dangs (but the weather is pleasant in Monsoon and Winters. Summer is hot – April to June app 39 dec C). AC rooms in Halol near Jambughoda.
4. All time meals as mentioned in the itinerary
5. All activities as mentioned in the itinerary
6. Coordinator/Guide charges
7. Local village guide charges

Tour Excludes:

1. Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
2. Parking charges, Entry Charges & Camera charges to Monuments, museums, national parks, etc.

Tour Price:

No of Guest	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Price per Guest (Rs)	115500	76700	62600	56700	53200	50800	49100	47900

Booking:

Subject to 100% advance payment

Note:

1. Your travel will impact the livelihood of deserving village community working with us. In the process you will also conserve the environment and preserve the culture. Rural and Tribal India is gradually transforming due to aspiration and employment opportunities in Urban India. Hence they are moving away from their culture. We want to stop the migration of villagers (to the extent we can) by creating employment using tourism as a tool. An appreciation about the rich cultural heritage by our guests has always inspired our village community to retain it.
2. The itinerary can be customized depending upon Destination of Interest, Activities of Interest, number of days you wish to spend, Budget, etc. Please feel free to write to info@ruralpleasure.com for details.
3. All our tours are accompanied by our Coordinator. This ensures in exchanging language/thoughts with the local community, imparting real information about the subject, time management, local arrangements, etc. This ensures comfort while experiencing our authentic holidays. Moreover, we also share the revenue with local community working with us in form of meals, local guide charges, charges for performing activities/performance, etc. Hence our price

may be comparatively high but this ensures good quality of service and authentic experiences. Which may be neglected in other tours.

4. Please book your stay at least 30 days in advance.
5. 90% refund in case of cancellation before 30 days of the day 1 of the tour
6. 50 % refund in case of cancellation from 15 to 29 days of the day 1 of the tour
7. No refunds in case of cancellation within 15 days of the day 1 of the tour
8. Any disputes are subject to Vadodara Jurisdiction only.

Dos and Donts while Travelling with Rural Pleasure:

1. Do not carry heavy luggage while travelling. It burns your energy and takes the fun away.
2. Man can wear Shirts or T shirts and pants or shorts. Dress conservatively. Females can wear pants or skirts reaching below the knee. No sleeveless tops. Avoid indecent exposure of your attire. Villagers will respect you if you accept their customs.
3. Remove shoes or sleepers when you enter village house
4. Alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited in Gujarat unless you own permit. The best way to distress is by involving into various activities as mentioned in the itinerary.
5. Do not use abusive language or play loud music. By doing this you will only loose respect and get divided from the locals.
6. Talk to your local coordinator who will accompany you in all activities in case of any discomfort.
7. In case you are curious to try something please do so but with permission of your coordinator only.
8. Avoid leaving plastics in the rooms while departing. You can avoid this by carrying less plastic while boarding.
9. Be prepared to face the hot weather during summers however the nights are pleasant. Monsoon and winter are the most pleasant seasons. Luxury of Air Conditioner is not available in Dangs except in AC Taxi.
10. Fresh Organic Vegetarian meal will be served in breakfast, lunch and dinner. In case of test preference please update in advance. Normally the tribal food is spicy so instruct your coordinator for your taste preference.
11. Rural Pleasure will not be responsible for any physical harm during the village level activity. If you follow the instruction of the coordinator chances of getting hurt remain rare.
12. Carry your personal toiletries, towel, toilet paper, sun screen lotion, etc.
13. Laundry service is not available. We conserve water.
14. Carry desired medicines. In case of any allergy, please inform the coordinator to take care of your stay.
15. Be prepared of poor mobile network in some locations. It is good to get disconnected sometimes! However, you can share +91 9408420565 with your important contacts during your stay. This is a BSNL no.
16. Carry torch, umbrella, trekking shoes, sleepers and most important of all – Camera to capture once in a life time moments.

17. Be prepared for power failure. Hence it is advisable for photographers to carry additional charged battery for camera.
18. Keep warm clothes in winter for extra protection
19. In case you spot some wildlife crossing the road while you are driving, please park your vehicle aside and let the animals cross the road. Also give indication/signal to vehicles coming from opposite side. A simple action will help save life of wildlife crossing the road which otherwise may get affected by probable accident.
20. To make your stay a unique experience, please engage and jell with your coordinators and locals. Never hesitate to communicate your doubts, coordinators and locals will be happy to answer your query with enthusiasm. Carry lots of Spirit to learn and explore...