

Wild life, Bird Sanctuary & Temple Tour – Gujarat

Itinerary : 09nights / 10 days

Ahmedabad 1N + 2N + Little Rann of Kutchh + Jamnagar 2N + Dwarka 1N + Somnath 1N + Sasangir 1N

Day 1: Welcome to Ahmedabad. Airport meet & greet, transfer to hotel. Over-night stay in Ahmedabad.

Day 2: After breakfast, move towards **Little Rann of Kutchh** - a different wild life destination, famous for Wild Ass and (which is only found in Little Rann of Kutchh) Salt (it is world's one and only place where salt is produce from inland water).

On arrival lunch. After-noon tea / coffee and soft drinks.

Evening Safari (2hrs) - For the birds and the sights.

You can see from thumb size little sparrows to giant and beautiful flamingos, majestic Indian eagle, Pelicans, Siberian cranes, Larks and Khur or Asiatic wildass, Nilgais etc.

As well a bit of salt making. Try to stay in the wilderness till sunset, sunset can't be more colorful than this place. Dinner and over-night stay in AC cottages, which are locally known as "Bhunga/Koobas"

Day 3: After breakfast, proceed to Jamnagar

Khijadia Bird Sanctuary

- *Khijadia is about 15 KMS before Jamnagar (on Rajkot highway)*
- *One can visit here morning to afternoon or from afternoon to evening*
- **Permit** needed for visiting Sanctuary (to be paid directly)
- *One has to take along some snacks and water, as there is nothing available there.*

Visit Bala Hanuman Temple, Shopping (Bandhani), if time permits.

Day 4: Jamnagar

Narana - a part of Marine National park

- *To start from Jamnagar around 9am. (60kms)*
- *Would entering Marine National Park by 11am.*
- *Half an hour for preparation and taking the permit (to be paid directly)*
Go for marine walk (3-4 kms in the sea water - A walk in the reefs generally takes about 3 to 4 hours}. One can do the coral walk when the tide goes down. Tide timings change every-day.
- *After returning Half an hour for rest and refreshment (own arrangement/ expenses).*

Note :- For doing the **Coral walk** .:

- Its' advised to wear **thick soled shoes** (old sports shoes) – compulsory for every one because some places in the reef are sharp.
- Should wear 3/4th (caprie).
- One has to take along food, some snacks and mineral water for whole day.

Day 5: Check out from the hotel and drive to **Dwarka**. Check in at the hotel. **Dwarkadish temple**. Overnight stay in Dwarka.

Day 6: Dwarka –Porbandar - Somnath

Departure for **Bet-Dwarka** - visit Nageshwar Temple (Jyotilinga), Rukshamani Temple, Gopi Talav

Later depart for Somnath via Porbandar (enroute - Harshiddh mata temple)

At Poabandar visit Kirti Mandir (Birth place of Mahatma Gandhi)

Evening arrive Somnath. Attend Aarti & Darshan at **Somnath Temple**. Night halt in Somnath

Day 7: Morning visit Triveni Sangam, Somnath Jyotirling and move to Sasangir.

Night halt in Sasan Gir

Day 8: Early morning visit **Sasan Gir** Safari and depart for Ahmedabad

Day 9: After breakfast a day trip to Nalsarovar, Owing to its low lying topography, it is believed to represent a filled up sea link, that previously existed between the little rann in the north and the gulf of Khambhat in the south. Remnants of this sea are thought to be represented by the Nalsarovar.

Visit Indus Valley site of Lothal & Museum (visit Adalaj step-well subject to availability of time).

Overnight stay in Ahmedabad.

Day 10: After break-fast, visit Gandhi Ashram, Hathsingh Jain Temples, Sardar Patel Museum. Board flight from Ahmedabad Airport to onward destination in the evening.