

# Glorious GUJARAT

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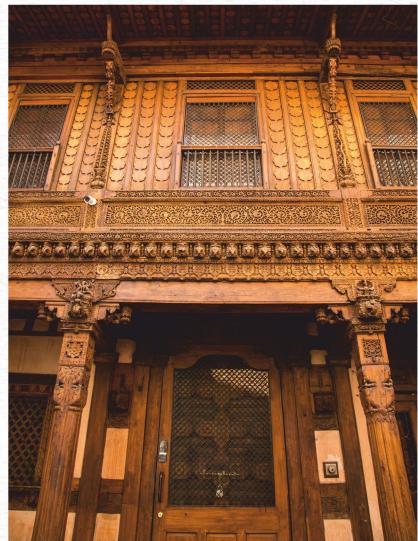
Gujarat has history, and it has plenty of stories. It is home to Dholavira, a city of the Indus Valley civilisation, dating to 3<sup>rd</sup> Century BC. As well as contemporary creations, epitomised by the tallest statue in the world.

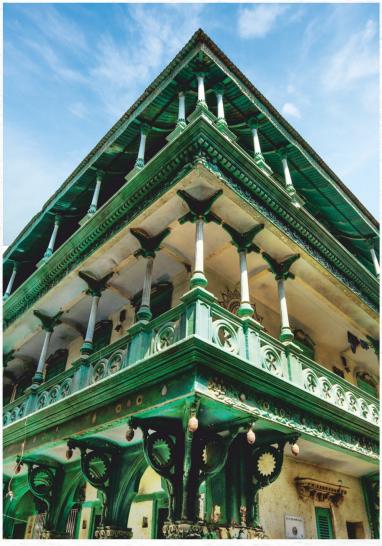
Gujarat has an unending array of places to visit and lose oneself in. The astounding Rani ni Vav, the goosebump-inducing Somnath temple, the majestic wilderness of the Gir National Park, the beautiful starkness of the Rann of Kutch - to name just a few.

Discover ample reasons to visit Gujarat. Your visit will have a beginning, and perhaps no end!



# Ahmedabad World Heritage City





The city of Ahmedabad is endowed with a rich architectural heritage that depicts the culture and ethos of its residents. It is the first city in India to be inscribed in UNESCO's World Heritage City list of 2017.

**Location:**Ahmedabad



# Champaner



Champaner, a UNESCO World Heritage Site has archaeological remains dating from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. A marvel in the truest sense!

#### Location:

Champaner is located in the Panchmahal district, 47 km from Vadodara.



#### Rani ki Vav



Dedicated to Queen Udayamati from the Solanki dynasty of the 11<sup>th</sup> century, Rani ki Vav is the epitome of craftsmanship.

#### Location:

Rani ki Vav is located at Patan, 110 km from Gandhinagar.



#### Dholavira



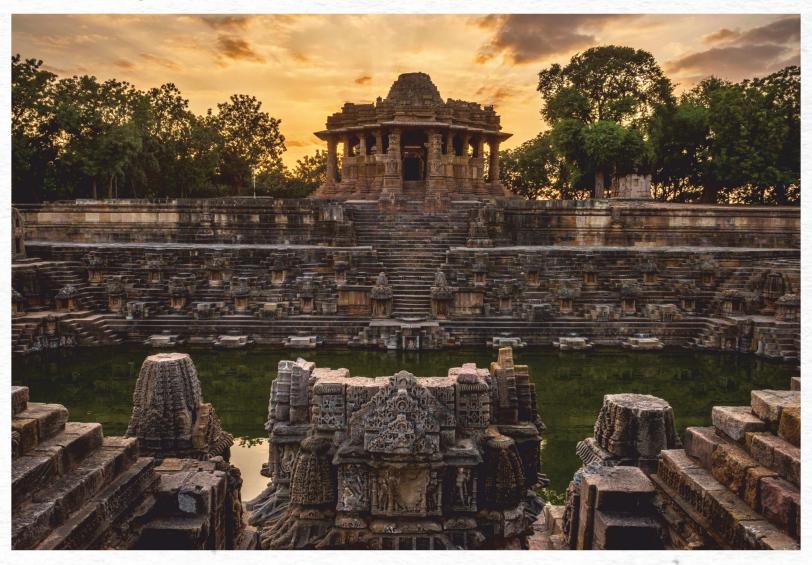
Dholavira, also known as 'Kotada Timba' is the 4<sup>th</sup> site from Gujarat to get the tag of a World Heritage Site.

# Location:

Dholavira is located at Khadir Bet, 165 km from Radhanpur.



# Modhera Sun Temple



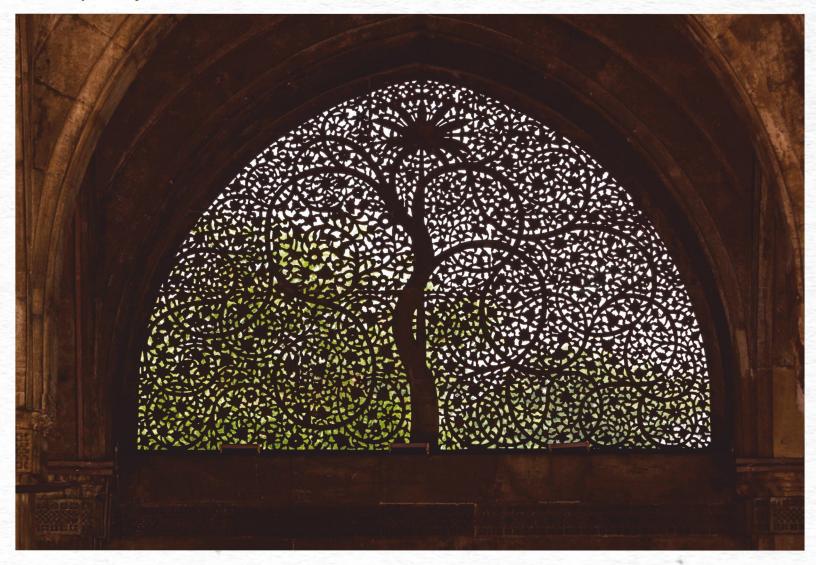
The exquisitely carved Modhera Sun Temple, built after 1026-27 AD, has magnificently sculpted kunds made during the Solanki period.

#### Location:

The Modhera Sun Temple is located in Modhera village, 25 km from Mehsana.



# Siddi Sayed Mosque



Popularly known as Siddi Sayed ni Jali, the Siddi Sayed Mosque was built around 1572-73 AD. It is famed for its meticulously crafted jali windows.

#### Location:

The Siddi Sayed Mosque is located in Ahmedabad, 3 km from the junction.



# Royal Chhatardis



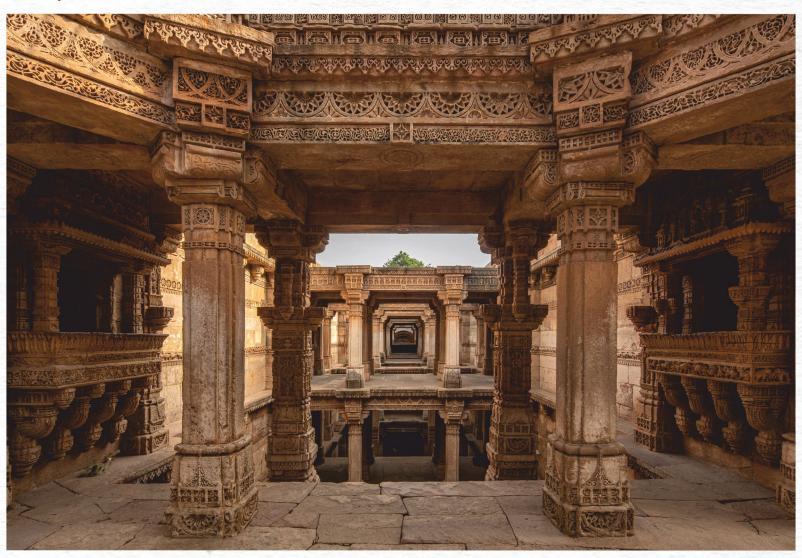
Built in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Royal Chhatardis of Bhuj are exquisitely carved cenotaphs, marking the rule of the Jadeja Rajputs over the princely state of Kutch.

#### Location:

The Royal Chhatardis are located in Bhuj, 231 km from Rajkot.



# Adalaj ni Vav



Adalaj ni Vav, a  $15^{\rm th}$  century stepwell built by Sultan Mahmud Begada to commemorate Queen Rudabai, is a gem of Indo-Islamic fusion architecture.

#### Location:

Adalaj ni Vav is located in Adalaj, 19 km from Ahmedabad.



#### Adi-Kadi Vav



The 15<sup>th</sup> century Adi-Kadi Vav is a stepwell carved entirely out of hard rock. A narrow flight of 162 steps cuts through stone to meet the well shaft.

#### Location:

Adi-Kadi Vav is located in Uparkot Fort, 103 km from Rajkot.



#### Bai Harir ni Vav



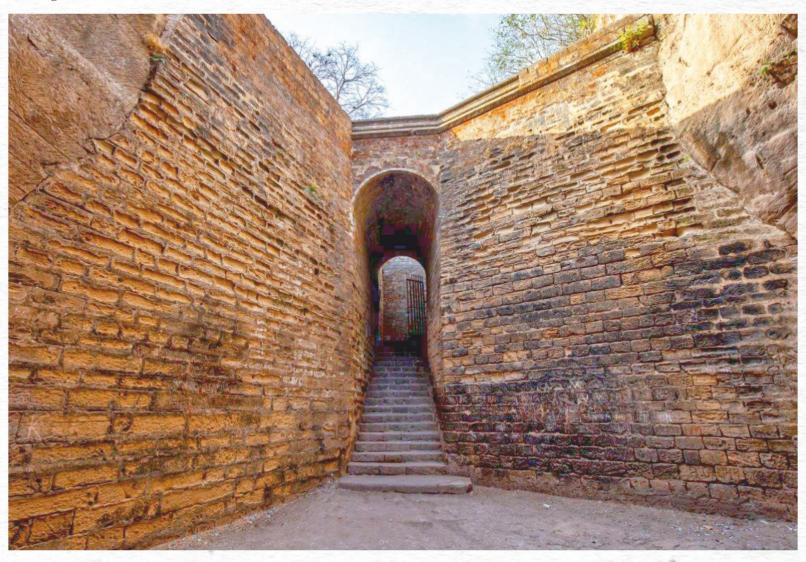
Bai Harir ni Vav is a stepwell built in 1485 by Dhai Harir, the superintendent of Sultan Mahmud Begada's royal harem. The stepwell is built in sandstone in the Solanki architectural style.

#### Location:

Bai Harir ni Vav is located in Asarwa, 113 km from Vadodara.



# Navghan Kuwo



Navghan Kuwo is nearly a thousand years old. Built in 1026 AD, the two stepwells here are partly hewn out of soft rock and are built up structurally like other wells.

#### Location:

Navghan Kuwo is located in Junagadh, 104 km from Rajkot.





The Divine speaks with you, in the grandest of tones.

In Gujarat, the supreme being dwells in every heart, and in innumerable, awe-inspiring places of worship. When it comes to revered places of spirituality, the paths of many religions lead to Gujarat. While devotees come to pay their respects, many visit to bow to the creators of these intricately designed structures.





# Dwarkadhish Temple



The Dwarkadhish Temple, a 16<sup>th</sup> century temple dedicated to Lord Krishna, stands on a small hill and is believed to have been built by his grandson.

#### Location:

The Dwarkadhish Temple is located in Dwarka, 104 km from Porbandar.



# Somnath Temple



Honey-coloured and intricately carved, the Somnath Temple has a history that goes back to 649 BC; its present form was reconstructed in 1951.

# Location:

The Somnath Temple is located in Saurashtra, 93 km from Junagadh.



# Ambaji Temple



A Shaktipeeth, the Ambaji Temple is visited by millions of devotees every year. It is dedicated to Maa Ambe Arasuri.

#### Location:

The Ambaji Temple is located in Danta Taluka, Banaskantha, 185 km from Ahmedabad.



# Palitana Jain Temples



One of Jainism's holiest sites, the Palitana temples, 863 to be specific, are exquisitely carved and are perched on the Shatrunjaya hills at Palitana.

#### Location:

The Palitana temples are located in Palitana, 215 km from Ahmedabad.





Dandi Kutir

Statue of Unity

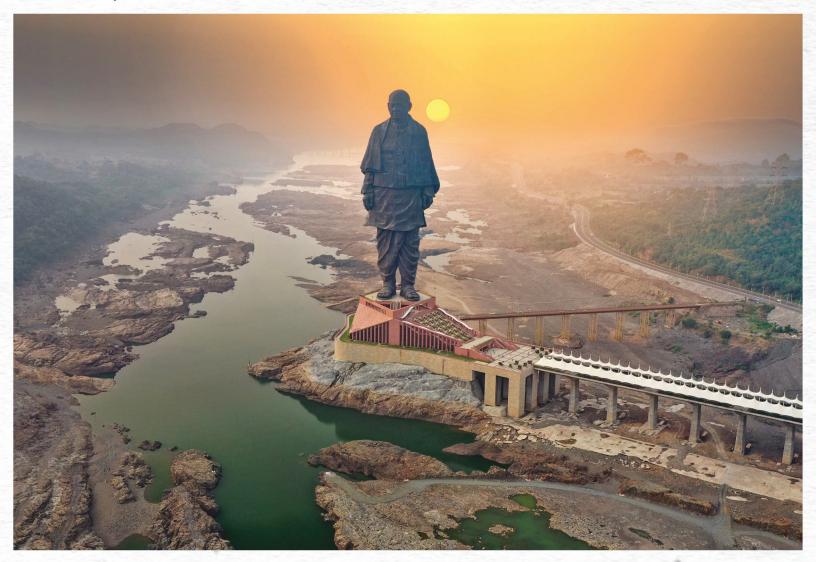
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National Salt Satyagraha Memorial

When paying respects, Gujarat stands tall.

Gujarat commemorates greatness and important events in the history of the nation. With inspiring creations that can aptly be termed as marvels, beautifully capturing the ethos and spirit in a modern manner.

# Statue of Unity



The world's tallest statue (about 597 feet), the Statue of Unity is a bronze ode to India's iron man—Vallabhai Patel.

#### Location:

The Statue of Unity is located in Kevadiya colony, 90 km from Vadodara.



# National Salt Satyagraha Memorial





The National Salt Satyagraha Memorial relives the Dandi March of 1930, the 24-day campaign against British salt monopoly.

Location:

The National Salt Satyagraha Memorial is located in Dandi, 48 km from Surat.



#### Dandi Kutir



Dandi Kutir is a museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, his teachings and his life. Through vivid audio-visuals, the museum brings alive the Civil Disobedience Movement and Gandhiji's role in the historic event.

#### Location:

Dandi Kutir is located in Gandhinagar, 30 km from Ahmedabad.







# Shivrajpur Beach



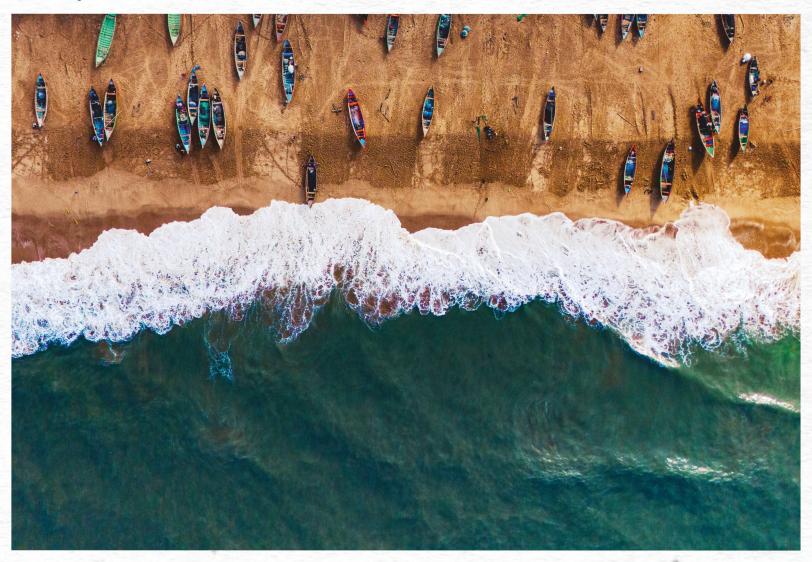
Near the Dwarkadhish Temple is the Blue Flag Shivrajpur Beach—a land of white sand juxtaposed with clear blue waters.

#### Location:

The Shivrajpur Beach is located in Dwarka, 451 km from Ahmedabad.



# Madhavpur Beach



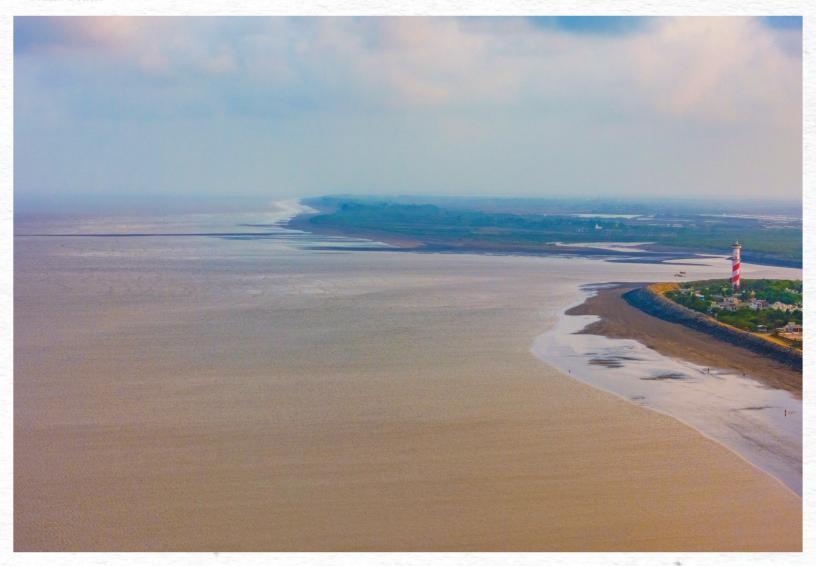
The Madhavpur Beach is on a sandy coastline lined with coconut trees; the endangered green sea turtles and Olive Ridley sea turtles can be spotted here.

#### Location:

The Madhavpur Beach is located in Madhavpur, 61 km from Porbandar.



#### Tithal Beach



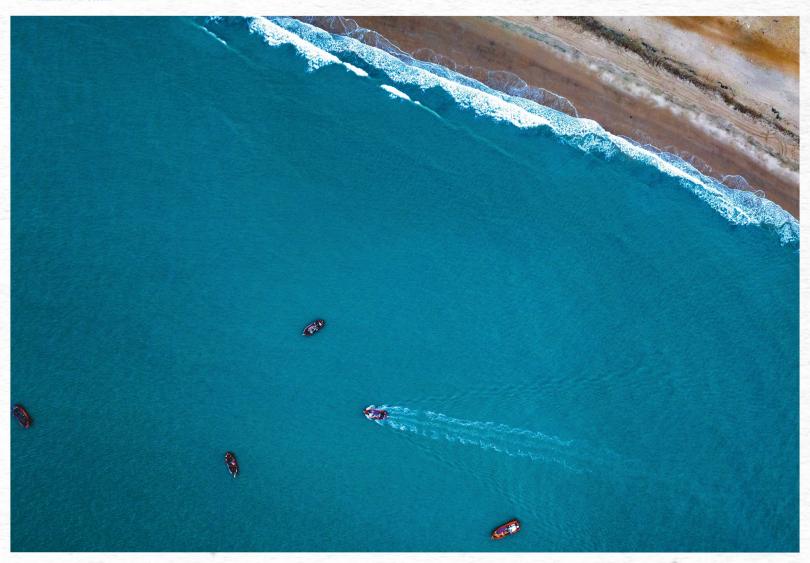
Famous for its black sand, Tithal is a popular beach in south Gujarat. The beach is worth a day's trip to see the lingering influences of Portuguese colonialism.

#### Location:

The Tithal Beach is located in Valsad, 92 km from Surat.



#### Mandvi Beach



A long stretch of golden sand, the Mandvi Beach is fringed by blue waters. The sea is safe for swimming and the beach is ideal for wandering, making it a holiday paradise.

#### Location:

The Mandvi Beach is located in the Kutch region, 58 km southwest of Bhuj.



# Wildlife & Bird Sanctuaries Wilderness at its most inviting.

The diverse geography offers the perfect natural habitat for wildlife, migratory birds and marine life—making them feel at home. Gujarat is the domain of the majestic Asiatic lions, and here dwells some of the rarest of species too.





#### Gir National Park



Home to the Asiatic lions, other wildlife and myriad bird species, the Gir National Park is a forested and hilly sanctuary.

#### Location:

The Gir National Park is located 72 km from Junagadh.



#### Velavadar Blackbuck National Park



Famous for its antelopes that sport spiralling horns, the Velavadar Blackbuck National Park is a wildlife haven situated between two rivers.

#### Location:

The Velavadar Blackbuck National Park is located 47 km from Bhavnagar.



#### Ambardi Safari Park



Spread across 4 sq. km, on the banks of the majestic Shetrunji River, the Ambardi Safari Park has a remarkable diversity of flora and fauna for wildlife enthusiasts.

#### Location:

The Ambardi Safari Park is situated 7 km from Dhari, Amreli.



## Marine National Park



India's first Marine National Park, located in the Gulf of Kutch, was created in 1982. It has the richest diversity of marine habitats in the country.

#### Location:

The Marine National Park is located in Asha Marudi, 56 km from Jamnagar.



# Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary



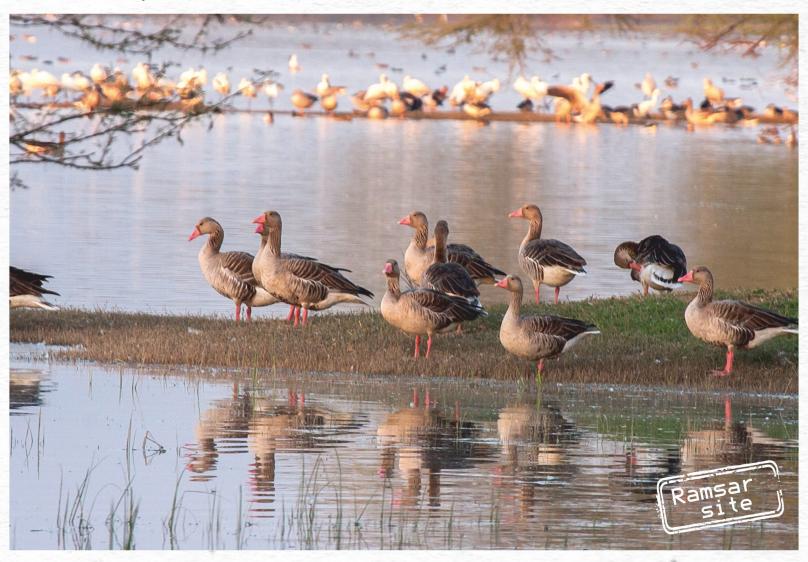
Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, the largest wetland sanctuary in the state, has as many as 250 species of birds passing through the winters.

## Location:

The Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary is located 60 km southwest of Ahmedabad.



Thol Lake Sanctuary



One of the most popular birding hotspots in Gujarat, the Thol Lake Sanctuary is covered by pink flamingos in winters.

## Location:

The Thol Lake Sanctuary is located at Thol Village, 27 km from Ahmedabad.



# Vadhvana Bird Sanctuary



Designated as a wetland of global importance by the Ramsar Convention, the Vadhvana Bird Sanctuary is home to many endangered bird species.

## Location:

The Vadhvana Bird Sanctuary is located in Akotadar, 50 km from Vadodara.



# Khijadia Bird Sanctuary



A haven for more than 220 species of resident and migratory birds, the Khijadia Bird Sanctuary is a treat for bird watchers.

## Location:

The Khijadia Bird Sanctuary is located in Sachana, 12 km from Jamnagar.





# Navratri



In autumn, Navratri, the world's longest dance festival—nine nights of dancing—is celebrated with fervour across the state.

# Location:

Navratri is celebrated all over Gujarat.



## Rann Utsav



In Kutch's white desert, men and women in kaleidoscopic turbans and skirts add colour to the Rann Utsav – a three-month festive extravaganza celebrated from November to February.

## Location:

Rann Utsav is held in Bhuj, Kutch, 326 km from Ahmedabad.



## International Kite Festival



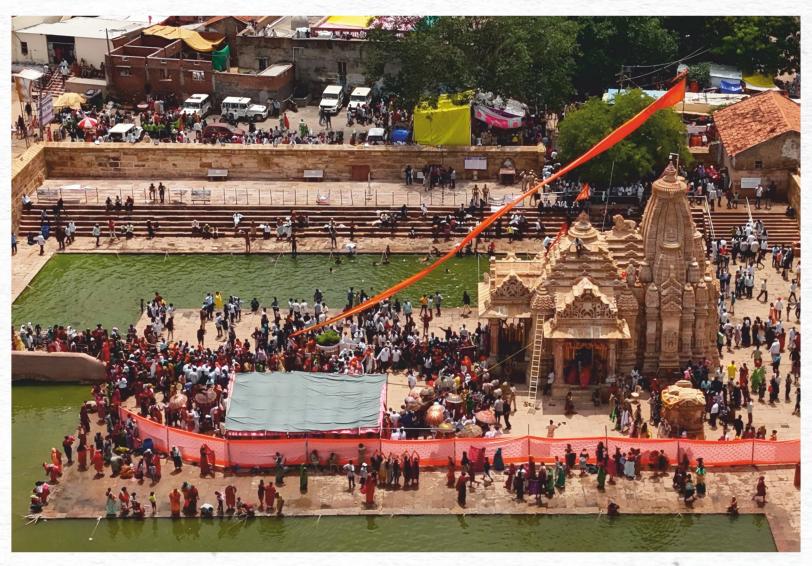
The annual International Kite Festival, celebrated on Uttrayan, gathers master kite makers and flyers from 37 countries, from Malaysia to the USA.

## Location:

The International Kite Festival is held in Ahmedabad.



## Tarnetar Fair



A three-day event commemorating Draupadi's swayamvara, the Tarnetar Fair celebrated in September, is a whirlwind of colours, romance and music for the region's tribal youth.

#### Location:

The Tarnetar Fair is held at Tarnetar village, 75 km from Rajkot.



## **Kavant Fair**



Following Holi, members of the Rathva tribe gather to celebrate the Kavant Fair held in April. It's a musical festival, with men and women adorning themselves with silver jewellery.

## Location:

The Kavant Fair is held in Kavant village, Chhotaudepur, 100 km from Vadodara.





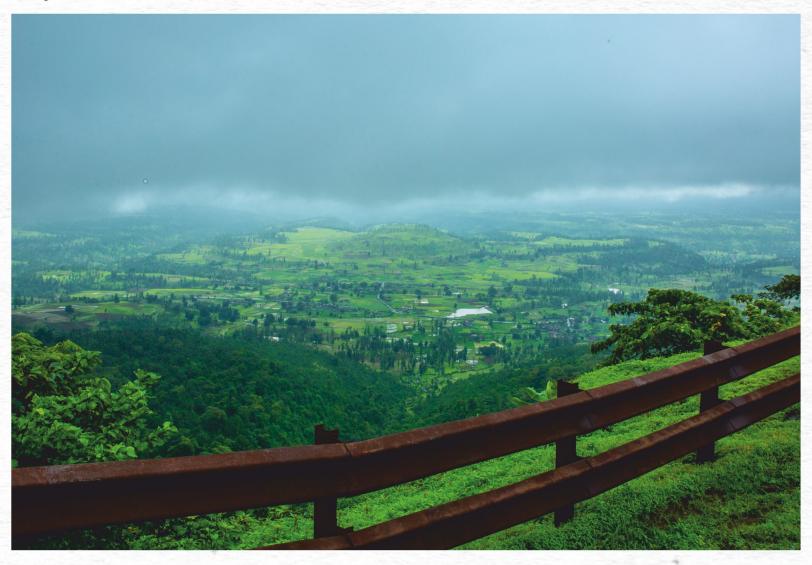


Tranquil hill stations that reflect the serenity of the countryside.

The hill stations of Gujarat are the perfect summer retreats for locals and visitors alike.

As the heat reaches its peak, they rush to escape to the immaculate green landscapes of Saputara or the panoramic views from Kalo Dungar.

# Saputara Hill Station



Between August and September, the hill station of Saputara transforms into a magical greenland. The Saputara Monsoon Festival is held during this time.

## Location:

The Saputara Hill Station is located in Dang, 155 km from Surat.



## Girnar Hill



Rise above the plains on Girnar Hill, a sacred site adorned with ancient Jain and Hindu temples. Trek 10,000 steps at dawn or Enjoy the ride on the longest temple ropeway for breathtaking views.

## Location:

Girnar Hill is located in Junagadh, 106.3 km from Rajkot



## Wilson Hills



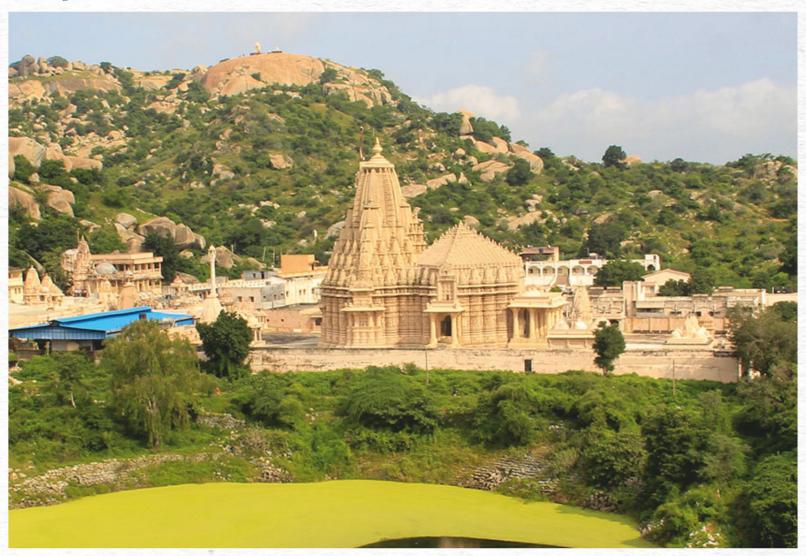
Wilson Hills stands in a densely forested region close to the Pangarbari Wildlife Sanctuary. It's best known for its pleasant climate and beautiful view.

## Location:

Wilson Hills is located in Dharampur, 121 km from Surat.



# Taranga Hill



Taranga Hill surrounds one of Gujarat's best-preserved temples. It is a testament to the devotion and religious fervor of the Solanki Rajputs.

## Location:

Taranga Hill is located in Kheralu, 128 km from Ahmedabad.



## **Arts & Crafts**



Artistry characterises Gujarat. Its embroidery, beadwork, printed and woven clothes and tribal art are expressions of folklore and festivals. Today, these intricate pieces of handicrafts adorn the many homes in India and abroad as well as five-star hotels around the world.



# Cuisine



Relish the cuisines of Gujarat, whose real essence lies in the creative use of everyday vegetables and mild spices. A distinctive characteristic of Gujarati food is its palate-pleasing combination of sweet and sour flavours.





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