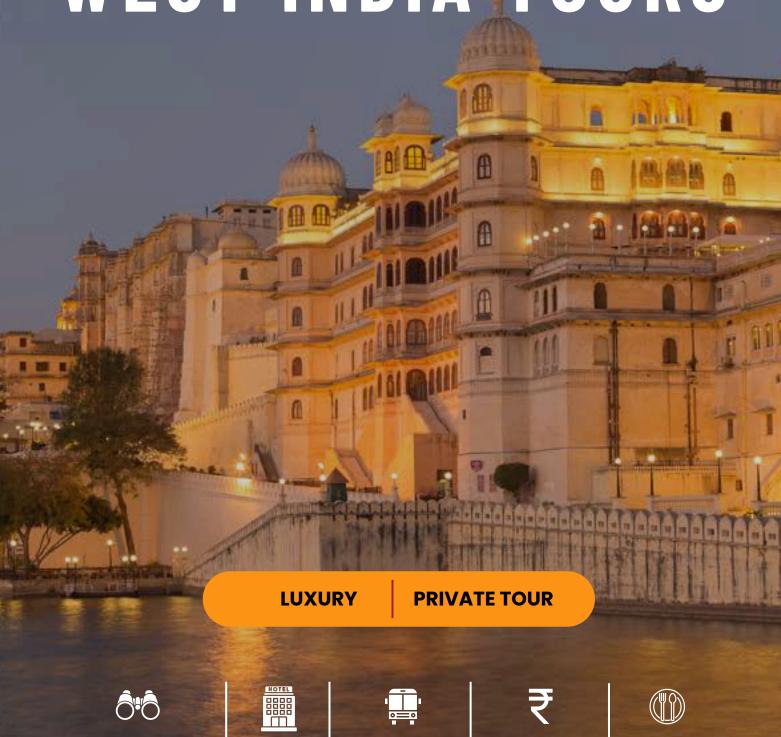




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WEST INDIA TOURS















INTRODUCTION

West India – A Journey through Desert Marvels, Historic Heritage, and Coastal Splendor

West India captivates with its stark contrasts and timeless allure. From the shimmering salt flats of the Rann of Kutch at sunrise to the rugged wildlife sanctuary of Sasangir, Gujarat's landscapes dazzle with natural wonder. Ahmedabad's bustling bazaars give way to the royal palaces of Bhuj, Gondal and Junagadh, each echoing centuries of Hindu and Islamic craftsmanship. Further south, the cliff-side Ajanta caves—adorned with 2nd-century frescoes—stand as a testament to India's rock-cut architectural genius, while Aurangabad's gateway monuments invite exploration of Maharashtra's royal past.

Gujarat's sacred shrines—Dwarka and Somnath—blend pilgrimage and mythology against the crashing waves of the Arabian Sea. The tiny island fortress of Diu preserves Portuguese colonial charm, with white-washed chapels and sun-drenched sands. Mumbai, India's "City of Dreams", pulses with art-deco landmarks, Bollywood glamour and cosmopolitan energy, providing a modern counterpoint to the region's ancient sites.

Finally, surrender to the palm-fringed beaches of Goa, where sea-breeze evenings and laid-back shacks offer the perfect finale to your Western odyssey. Whether you seek spiritual discovery, cultural immersion, wildlife encounters or simply pure relaxation by the water, West India's curated journeys—from desert festivals to heritage trails and coastal escapes—promise an unforgettable adventure through some of the country's most evocative regions.







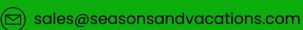


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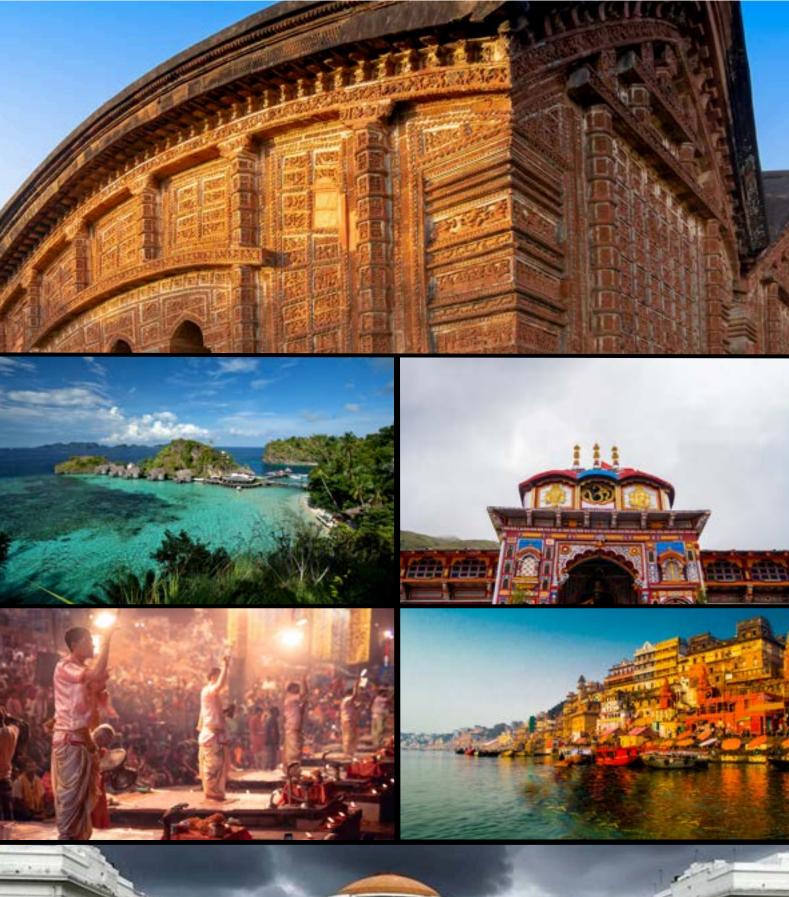
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How Easy is it to Visit India?

India is a welcoming destination for travelers, offering convenient services and facilities to ensure a smooth and enjoyable visit. Here's a breakdown of key aspects that make visiting India easy for tourists:

Visa Process

- E-Visa Facility: India offers a hassle-free e-visa system for citizens of over 160 countries. Tourists can apply online for tourist, business, or medical visas.
- Multiple Entry Options: E-visas allow multiple entries with stays of up to 60 days.

Connectivity & Transport

- International Airports: Major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chennai have well-connected international airports with global flight options.
- Domestic Flights: A robust domestic flight network connects all major tourist destinations.
- Efficient Rail Network: India has one of the largest railway networks in the world, offering affordable and scenic travel options.
- Road Transport: Well-developed highways and affordable public transport, including buses and taxis, make getting around convenient.

Safety & Security

- Tourist Police: Major tourist destinations have dedicated tourist police to ensure visitor safety.
- Hotel & Transport Security: Most hotels and transport services have adequate safety protocols.
- Emergency Services: Helplines like **112** for emergencies and **1363** for tourist helplines offer 24/7 assistance.

Currency Exchange & Payments

- Easy Currency Exchange: Currency exchange services are available at airports, banks, and hotels.
- Digital Payments: Widespread acceptance of digital payments (UPI, credit/debit cards)
 makes transactions hassle-free.
- ATMs Everywhere: Tourists can easily withdraw cash from numerous ATMs across the country.

With its strong infrastructure, rich culture, and visitor-friendly policies, India provides a seamless and memorable experience for tourists from around the world.











AHMEDABAD - LITTLE RANN OF KUCH - BHUJ - GONDAL - JUNAGARH - SASANGIR - AHMEDABAD - DEPARTURE

RANN OF KUTCH - GUJARAT











Day 01: Arrive Ahmadabad

Upon arrival at Ahmadabad international airport, our company representative will meet & assist you with traditional welcome and transfer to your hotel for check-in. Overnight at Ahmadabad hotel

Day 02 : Ahmadabad – Full day tour

Post breakfast; proceed for a guided tour in Ahmadabad visiting Jama masjid – built in 1423. Built of yellow sandstone in an architectural style, that combines the best of Muslim & Hindu traditions. Later visit Teen Darwaja; The triple-arched gateway was built by Sultan Ahmed Shah to serve as the royal entrance to the Maidan Shahi or the Royal Square. Also visit to SiddiSaiyyed Mosque; celebrated the world over for its exquisite stone window tracery – a superb & peerless example of delicate carving that transforms stone into filigree. Also visit Gandhi Ashram; on a quiet peaceful stretch of the Sabarmati River, Mahatma Gandhi set up a simple retreat in 1915. Visit night handicraft market at Law Garden.

Overnight at Ahmedabad hotel

Day 03 : Ahmadabad – Modhera – Patan – Little Rann of Kutch

Post breakfast; check-out from the hotel and drive to Little Rann Of Kutch en-route visiting Modhera & Patan. Modhera; The Sun temple of Modhera is one of the finest examples of Indian architecture of its period. Later visit Patan; a beautiful old town with Jain temples and carved wooden houses. Ranikivav (step well) is an excellent example of subterranean architecture of Gujarat.

Overnight at Little Rann of Kutch

Day 04: Little Rann of Kutch – Bhui

Morning visit the wildlife sanctuary. Post breakfast; leave for Bhuj. On arrival check-in to the hotel Overnight at Bhuj hotel.

Day 05: Bhuj

Post breakfast proceed for a guided tour visiting Prag Mahal and Aaina Mahal. Aaina Mahal; constructed in 1707-61 A.D, Aaina Mahal is a unique example of an Indian palace built in the mid-eighteenth century with European influence. Later visit to Prag Mahal; built in 1838-76 A.D., constructed in the Italian Gothic style, it has a large Darbar Hall, big rooms, wide verandahs& a 45 meter high lofty bell tower. Overnight at Bhuj hotel.

Day 06: Bhuj – Gondal (270 kms. / 6 hrs)

Post breakfast; drive to Gondal. En-route visit to Bhujodi to meet the weavers of the community. Bhujodi; a small town just 8 km southeast of Bhuj, is a major textile center of Kutch, with the vast majority of the 1200 inhabitants involved in textile handicraft production. Here you can meet weavers, tie-dye artists and block printers, most of who belong to the Vankar community.

Further continue to Gondal and check-in to the heritage hotel. The highlight of staying at these properties is that guests can see the Royal Garages, housing vintage & classic cars, and the Naulakha Palace, royal memorabilia .Overnight at Gondal hotel.

Day 07: Gondal – Junagarh – Sasangir

Post breakfast; check-out from the hotel and drive towards Sasangir. Stop at Junagadh (70 kms / 1.5 hrs). Here we will visit Uparkot Fort; famous in bygone times for its virtual inaccessibility, the Uparkot or Upper Fort is and one of the oldest forts in India . Also visit Ashoka Rock Edicts; on the way to Girnar, fourteen Rock Edicts of the Emperor Ashoka can be seen inscribed on a great boulder. The inscriptions carry Brahmi script in Pali language and dates back to 250BC. On the same rock are inscriptions in Sanskrit and visit Maqbara; the mausolea of the Nawabs, the traditional rulers of Junagadh.

Further continue your drive to Sasangir (1.5 hrs) Upon arrival; check-in to the hotel and rest of the day free at leisure. Overnight at Sasangir hotel

Day 08: Sasangir

Today morning post breakfast leave for Jeep Safari to Sasangir National Park. Sasan Gir; popularly known as Gir, the most famous loin sanctuary in India and is home to nearly 400 Asiatic loins. This is the only place in the World outside the African continent where the loin can be seen in its natural habitat. Gir also provides natural habitat to a lot of other species like Chital, Chinkara (Gazelle) four horned antelope. Leopard, Nilgai, Spotted Deer, Wild Boar, Wild Ass, Monkeys, Parrots and Peacocks. Overnight at Sasangir hotel

Day 09 : Sasangir – Ahmadabad

Post breakfast; drive back to Ahmadabad. Upon arrival; check-in to the hotel and evening free for last minute shopping in Ahmadabad.

Overnight at Ahmadabad hotel.

Day 10 : Ahmadabad – Departure

Post breakfast; day free for own activities. Later transfer to Ahmedabad International airport to board the flight to onward journey.

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MUMBAI – AURANGABAD – AJANTA – MUMBAI

MAHARASTRA TRAILS











Day 01 : Mumbai Arrival

Upon arrival at Mumbai international airport, our company representative will meet & assist you with traditional welcome and transfer to your hotel for check-in.

Mumbai formerly known as Bombay) is the capital city of the Indian state of Maharashtra. Mumbai is the financial, commercial and entertainment capital of India. It is also one of the world's top ten centers of commerce in terms of global financial flow.

Rest of the day free & easy for own activities Overnight at Mumbai hotel

Day 02: Mumbai – Full day tour

Post breakfast; we take the boat cruise from Gateway of India to visit Elephanta Caves, houses rock cut temples dating back to 5th century CE. It was named by the Portuguese, after the statue of an elephant near the landing area of the island.

Return and proceed for a guided tour in Mumbai visiting Gateway of India, the entrance to the port of Mumbai. Later We also drive through the Marine Drive, which runs along the shore of the Arabian Sea from Nariman Point past Chowpatty Beach to the foot of Malabar Hill. Also visit Mani bhavan a museum dedicated to Gandhi, the father of Indian independence movement.

Overnight at Mumbai hotel

Day 03: Mumbai – Aurangabad

Post breakfast; transfer to Mumbai airport to board the flight to Aurangabad. Upon arrival; transfer to the hotel for check-in subject to room availability.

Aurangabad city is a tourism hub, surrounded by many historical monuments, including the Ajanta Caves and Ellora Caves, which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, as well as Bibi Ka Maqbara and Panchakki.

Later proceed for an excursion to Ellora Caves (Closed on Tuesdays); Ellora, is one of the largest rock-cut monastery-temple cave complexes in the world, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, featuring Buddhist, Hindu and Jain monuments, and artwork, dating from the 600-1000 CE period. Cave 16, in particular, features the largest single monolithic rock excavation in the world, the Kailasha temple, a chariot shaped monument dedicated to Shiva.

Later in the evening return back to Aurangabad and have a relaxing time in the hotel.

Overnight at Aurangabad hotel

Day 04 : Aurangabad – Excursion to Ajanta Caves

Post breakfast; proceed for a full day excursion to Ajanta caves (Closed on Mondays); 100 km from Aurangabad in the shape of a mammoth horse- shoe, are the 30 rock-hewn caves of Ajanta. Evening; return to Aurangabad.

Overnight at Aurangabad hotel

Day 05: Aurangabad – Mumbai

Post breakfast; visit to Daulatabad Fort and Aurangabad Caves. Later in the afternoon; transfer to Aurangabad airport to board the flight to Mumbai. Upon arrival; transfer to the hotel for check-in. Evening free at leisure.

Overnight at Mumbai hotel

Day 06: Mumbai – Departure

Post breakfast; time free for own activities. Later; on time transfer to Mumbai airport to board the flight to onward journey.



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AHMEDABAD - RAJKOT - DWARKA - PORBANDAR - SOMNATH - JUNAGARH - DIU - MUMBAI

GUJARAT CULTURAL TOUR











Day 01: Arrive Ahmadabad

Upon arrival, meet & assist by our company representative and transfer to the hotel for check-in. Ahmedabad; the second largest city of Gujarat. Overnight at Ahmedabad hotel.

Day 02: Ahmedabad – Sightseeing

Post breakfast; proceed for a guided tour in Ahmadabad visiting Jama masjid – built in 1423. Built of yellow sandstone in an architectural style, that combines the best of Muslim & Hindu traditions. Later visit Teen Darwaja; The triple-arched gateway was built by Sultan Ahmed Shah to serve as the royal entrance to the Maidan Shahi or the Royal Square. Also visit to Siddi Saiyyed Mosque; celebrated the world over for its exquisite stone window tracery – a superb & peerless example of delicate carving that transforms stone into filigree. Also visit Gandhi Ashram; on a quiet peaceful stretch of the Sabarmati River, Mahatma Gandhi set up a simple retreat in 1915. Visit night handicraft market at Law Garden.

Overnight at Ahmedabad hotel.

Day 03: Ahmedabad – Rajkot

After breakfast, drive to Rajkot; very pleasant provincial town. Mahatma Gandhi spent a few years of his life in this town. Upon arrival in Rajkot, check-in to the hotel and later visit to Kaba Gandhi No Delo, house where the father of the nation Gandhi lived before his involvement in the Freedom movement. Overnight at Rajkot hotel.

Day 04 : Rajkot – Dwarka

After breakfast, drive to Dwaraka; once the capital of Lord Krishna's empire mentioned in the ancient epic Mahabharata. It is one of the four religious centers established by the great Adi Shankaracharya. It is one of the most sacred places of Hinduism.

Overnight at Dwarka hotel.

Day 05 : Dwarka – Porbandar

After breakfast, visit the Dwarkadhish or Lord of Dwaraka – Krishna Temple. The original temple was constructed thousand years ago.

Afternoon; drive to Porbandar; where Mahatma Gandhi was born. Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel and later evening visit Kirti Mandir is the house where he was born is a part of the mandir complex. Now is has been converted to a memorial. Overnight at Porbandar hotel.

Day 06: Porbandar – Junagarh via Somnath

After breakfast, drive to visit the Somnath; one of the twelve most sacred shrines dedicated to the Lord Shiva and a jyotirlinga. After visiting the Temple, drive further to Junagadh; situated in the Saurashtra region at the foot of the temple-studded Mount Girnar, on the northern fringes of the Gir forest. The city takes its name from the fort that enclosed the medieval town. Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel and later visit to Forts, Ashoka Rock Edicts and Magbara.

Overnight at Junagarh hotel.

Day 07: Junagarh – Diu

After breakfast take a tour of the green village visiting the Morungs, meeting the local craftsmen. Visit the age group house & the ceremonial gates. Collectively Khonoma was known for its fighting prowess in the past and for the fallow management of its alder trees which balance the nature and its surrounding areas. Enjoy picnic lunch. Afternoon indigenous games will be displayed. Overnight in hotel

Day 08 : Diu – Mumbai

After breakfast, transfer to Diu airport to board the flight Mumbai. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for check-in. Rest of the day free at leisure for own activities. Overnight at Mumbai hotel.

Day 09 : Mumbai – Full day tour

Post breakfast; we take the boat cruise from Gateway of India to visit Elephanta Caves, houses rock cut temples dating back to 5th century CE. It was named by the Portuguese, after the statue of an elephant near the landing area of the island.

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Overnight at Mumbai hotel.

Day 10 : Mumbai – Departure

Post breakfast; time free for own activities. Later; on time transfer to Mumbai airport to board the flight to onward journey.

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Day 01 : Arrive Mumbai

Upon arrival, meet & assist by our company representative and transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure for own activities and relax in the hotel

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Overnight at Mumbai hotel.

Day 03: Mumbai – Ahmedabad

After breakfast, transfer to Mumbai airport to board the flight to Ahmedabad; located on the banks of the River Sabarmati. The city was founded in 1411 to serve as the capital of the Sultanate of Gujarat, by its namesake, Sultan Ahmed Shah. Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel and later proceed for a half day tour visiting Mosques, Jumma Masjid and Sidi Syed Mosque. Overnight at Ahmedabad hotel.

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Overnight at Ahmedabad hotel.

Day 05: Ahmedabad – Jamnagar

After breakfast, drive to Jamnagar, built by Maharaja Kumar Shri Ranjit Singhji in the 1920s, when the district was known as Nawanagar. Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel and later day free at leisure for own activities.

Overnight at Jamnagar hotel.

Day 06: Jamnagar – Sightseeing

After breakfast, proceed for a sightseeing tour in Jamnagar visiting Jain temples: Vardhman Shah's Temple, Raisi Shah's Temple, Sheth's Temple, & Vasupujya Swami's Temple. All were built between 1574 & 1622. Also known as the Jewel of Kathiawar.

Overnight at Jamnagar hotel

Day 08 : Dwarka – Junagarh

After breakfast, drive to Junagarh; located at the foothills of the sacred hill of Girnar & occupies a special place in the history of Gujarat. Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel and later in the afternoon, proceed for a half day guided tour in Junagarh visiting Uparkot Fort one of the oldest forts India, Ashoka's Rock Edicts and Damodar Kund. Overnight at Junagarh hotel.

Day 09 : Junagarh – Sasan Gir

After breakfast, drive to Sasangir; sole home of the pure Asiatic Lions (Panthera leo persica). Upon arrival, check-in to the jungle resort. And Afternoon proceed for a Jeep safari to the National Park.

Overnight at Sasan Gir Resort.

Day 10 : Sasan Gir – Somnath

Early morning enjoy 1 more jeep safari to the National Park and later return back to the hotel and you're your breakfast. Afternoon, drive to Somnath; located on the western coast of Gujarat. Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel and later day free for Pooja and Darshan.

Overnight at Somnath Temple.

Day 11 : Somnath – Diu

After breakfast, drive to Diu; an island lying off the south coast of Gujarat. Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel and later in the afternoon enjoy the half day guided tour in Diu visiting Battlement of Diu Fort, St. Paul's&St.Thomas' Churches.

Overnight at Diu hotel.

Day 12 : Diu – Bhavnagar via Palitana

After breakfast drive to Bhavnagar. En-route visit to Palitana; a city & former princely state is a major pilgrimage center for Jains. The Palitana temples are considered the most sacred pilgrimage place (tirtha) by the Jain community. There are 3500 steps to be climbed. After the visit continue to Bhavnagar. Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel. Overnight at Bhavnagar hotel.

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Day 13: Bhavnagar – Sightseeing

Optional Morning proceed to Velavadar Blackbuck sanctuary (48 kms 1.5 hrs each way from Bhavnagar) Proceed for a sightseeing tour in Bhavnagar visiting Khodiyar Mata, Gandhi Smriti Overnight at Bhavnagar hotel.

Day 14: Bhavnagar – Mumbai

Post breakfast; on time transfer to Bhavnagar airport to board the flight to Mumbai. From Mumbai board connecting flight to onward journey

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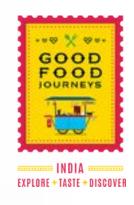
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