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Khoja Timeline

762

765

c.1270

Ismail, the son of Imam Sadiq (as), passes away Imam Sadiq (as), is martyred Pir Sadrudin, a Sufi missionary, arrives in Sindh

1862

1861

1860

1852



Habib Ibrahim is outcasted from the jamaat

Mulla Qadar arrives in Mumbai to teach Qur'an Aga Khan issues a decree to formalise the Khoja faith. Moghul Masjid is built

Haji Dewji Jamal settles in Zanzibar Majanmiya (Sayyid) is employed by the jamaat of Mahuva for religious

activities

1863 | 66

1873

1876 | 78

1879

1881

Around this year, Sayyid Abdul Husayn arrived in Mahuva from Madras

Jalal Shah Miskin Shah is teaching Qur'an in Mahuva

The Aga Khan Case is carried out

Mulla Qadar arrives in Bombay from Karbala on the recommendations of Ayatullah Zaynul Abedin Mazandarani Edalji Dhanji Kaba is born in Amreli

Killu Khataw is sentenced to death The land for Khoja Kabrastan is purchased in Ahmedabad Aga Khan passes away

The first Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri mosque and imambara are built in Kiponda area of Zanzibar

DAY 2 -A visit to Mughal Masjid in Mumbai

DAY 8 - A visit to the grave of Haji Naji in Bhavnagar c. 1350

1827

1829

1830

The emergence of Satpanthi

Habib Ibrahim refuses to pay religious dues to the jamaat Aga Khan, Hasan Ali Shah, sends Mirza Abul Qasim from Iran to overcome the opposition. The dissenting voices are summoned to Jamatkhana and outcasted from the jamaat



1850

1848 | 50 < 1845 | 47

1840

1835

Around this year, Sunni Khojas built their mosque and graveyard Aga Khan returns to Bombay from Calcutta

Mahim jamatkhana's fight results in the death of four individuals Aga Khan arrives in Bombay

Sajan Mehr Ali Case concerning the issue of the rights of female inheritance is carried out Zanzibar became the capital for Omani Sultan Sayyid Sa'id Barbhai are re-admitted, conditionally, to the Jamatkhana

DAY 7 - A discussion on the life and contributions of Edalji Dhanji Kaba in Amreli

1885

1888

1890

1901

The second Aga Khan, Aga Ali Shah, passes away

Sayyid Ghulam Husayn (from Hyderabad) serves the jamaat in Mahuva Ithna Asheri seperates from Aga Khanis in Mahuva and starts to pray in the masjid of Sadaat Shaykh Abul Qasim Najafi arrives in Mumbai Lalji Sajan is assassinated

Hirjibhai Alarakhiya is assassinated

Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat is formed in Bombay



1944

1931

1925

1902

Haji Naji passes away

Shaykh Abul Qasim Najafi passes away Around this year, Edalji Dhanji Kaba passes away Mulla Qadar Husayn passes away

Welcome

In the name of Allah, the All-Beneficent, the Ever-Merciful

Welcome to The Khoja Heritage Tour

It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all for the second Khoja Heritage Tour. Following on the incredible success of the first trip, KHP is more determined to conduct such tours annually which aims nothing more than giving a glimpse of the genesis of the Khoja Community as we walk through the Khoja Mohalla of Mumbai, beach of Mandvi and shrines of Allama Haji Naji and Edlaji Dhanji Kaba. Participants also get a distant view of the vast expanse of land from where our ancestors originated, during the visit to the Kalo Dungar in Kutch.

To fit into the neatly organised Gujarati Society based on trade or vocations, our ancestors needed to have a new identity soon after their conversion from Hinduism to the new faith. They could no longer be called Thakkars. Pir Sadruddin, a Muslim missionary, obliged and gave them the title of Khwaja, which morphed into the term Khoja. Over a period, several Pirs came after Sadruddin such as Pir Gulamali Shah and Pir Dadu, whose shrines you will visit in Kera and Bhuj respectively, during the tour. Gradually, the beliefs of the pluralistic Satpanthi faith crystallised into Ismaili, Ithna Asheri and Sunni strands. Visitors will be able to see the three historic buildings representing the three Khoja strands in Palagali area of Mumbai and its immediate vicinity.

The Khoja Heritage tour will also highlight the contribution of many key personalities, who helped shape us as a community. During the course of the tour, you will pay tribute to Lalji Sajan and Hirji Alarakhia, two innocent souls who gave their lives for what they believed, in Mumbai. You shall also pay homage to the most revered religious scholar of the community in early 20th century, Allama Haji Naji in Bhavnagar and the prolific author of the Khoja History Edalji Dhanji Kaba in Amreli.

You joined this tour, because you appreciate that history plays a vital role for a community. History serves as a model of who we are and what we are to be, as well as to know what to strive for and what to avoid. The Khoja Heritage Project team passionately believes that a concerted effort to preserve our heritage is a critical link to our faith and cultural legacy. It must never be forgotten that the Community is what it is today, largely because of an integrative locus of Khoja heritage and Islamic faith as per the teachings of Ahlulbayt (as). The two are far from being mutually exclusive.

We thank you for joining the tour and hope that you will enjoy it as much as we have in putting it together.

Hasnain Walji

Chair - Khoja Heritage Project

Kumail Rajani

Deputy-Chair - Khoja Heritage Project

Khoja Heritage Tour The Team



KUMAIL RAJANI Deputy-Chair Khoja Heritage Project Historian

Having the honour of serving community in the capacity of Deputy-Chair of the Khoja Heritage Project of the World Federation, I feel blessed by the opportunity of facilitating the journey of those who wish to experience faith through the prism of culture.



ASAD VIRANI Head - India Office Managing Committee

I am thankful to the World Federation that in my 7 years of service in capacity of India Office manager; I have been part of many projects that have helped utilize my potential to its fullest. I wish to learn, make new connections & thoroughly enjoy this tour.



SHABNAM MERCHANT Volunteer Managing Committee

My association with the World Federation has been brief yet overwhelming. I am a student and wish to be one my entire life. From this tour, I want to learn as much as I can about heritage, religion, people and places. Looking to an amazing chapter being unfolded.

Tour Policies and Guidelines

You are kindly requested to adhere to the policies and guidelines below.

SMOKING

Please remember that smoking in public spaces when on the tour is strictly not permissible by law.

MEDICATION

Consult your doctor about your travel plans to get advice for any pre-existing medical conditions, vaccination, prescribed medication, etc.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Ensure that you have obtained travel insurance with health cover well in advance that covers you for the entire duration of the trip.

TIME MANAGEMENT

We recommend to make maximum usage of nights for sleep so that you are well rested during the day time and are more productive. There will be enough time for socialising during the day time.

PUNCTUALITY

We will only be able to visit places of interest by adhering to the tour schedule. This can only be achieved by EVERY participant being punctual throughout the tour.

LARGE EXTENDED FAMILY

We are traveling as one large extended family. Acknowledging diversity in attitudes and behaviours, And demonstrating tolerance should be the hallmark of our tour.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

It is your responsibility to check and observe dietary requirements (including those imposed due to medical conditions).

ADEQUATE CLOTHES

Everyone is advised to check the climate and plan for their clothing accordingly. For instance, Rann of Kutch tends to be cooler in January.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Domestic flight is 15kgs of checked luggage and 7kgs of hand baggage. There is no facility for excess baggage so please pack light.

HIJAB

The tour will follow the conventional hijab guidelines recommended by the WF.

SIM CARDS

The tour will not be able to facilitate the distribution or purchase of SIM cards. One is advised to make proper arrangements before they travel or at the airports.

MEDIA CONSENT

During the trip we will take photographs and videos. We may use these images and video footage on our website and social media to promote the trip and keep your families informed. The photographs taken by the organizers may also be shared with regional partners.

Tour Outline

DATE	DAY	CITY	CITY/MODE OF TRANSPORT
20-Dec-18	Thursday	Mumbai	Arrival in Mumbai, CHECK IN 12 NOON
21-Dec-18	Friday	Mumbai	Opening Ceremony
22-Dec-18	Saturday	Mumbai	
23-Dec-18	Sunday	Bhuj	Mumbai-Bhuj (flight)
24-Dec-18	Monday	Bhuj/Kera	Bhuj/Kera/Mandvi
25-Dec-18	Tuesday	Bhuj	Sightseeing: Rann of Kutch
26-Dec-18	Wednesday	Bhavnagar/ Amreli	Bhuj-Amreli (coach - 345 kms) Amreli-Bhavnagar (coach- 125 kms)
27-Dec-18	Thursday	Bhavnagar	
28-Dec-18	Friday	Ahmedabad	Bhavnagar - Ahmedabad (171 kms)
29-Dec-18	Saturday	Ahmedabad	Closing Ceremony
30-Dec-18	Sunday	Ahmedabad	CHECK OUT 10 AM



ARRIVAL

12:00

CHECK IN HOTEL

Comfort Inn Heritage

ADDRESS

Sant Savta Marg, Opp. Gloria Church, Byculla, Mumbai – 400027, Maharashtra, India.

WEBSITE

http://www.comfortinnheritage.com

12:36 Salat

13:00 Lunch (Food Packs)

13:00 - 18:00 Rest 18:20 Salat

20:00 Welcome dinner

22:00 Rest





Khoja Masjid

Day 2 | 21st December 2018, Friday (Mumbai)

8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Leave from hotel to Mulla Qadar Mehfil
10:00	Opening ceremony at Mulla Qadar Mehfil
11:30	A walk in the historic Khoja Mohalla and Palagali
12:36	Juma Salat
14:30	Lunch
16:00	Visiting Khoja Musafirkhana, Sunni Khoja Kabrastan Ismaili Kabrastan etc. enroute to Mughal Masjid visit
17:00	Visiting Mughal Masjid (Discussion: The History of the Khojas of Mumbai)
18:20	Salat at Mughal Masjid
20:00	Dinner
22:00	Rest



Mughal Masjid



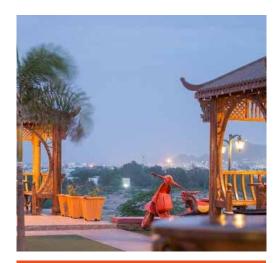
8:00	Breakfast
9:30	Leave from hotel to Kabrasatan (Aarambaug)
10:30	Visiting Kabrastan (Discussion: The Contribution of Early Khojas of Late Nineteenth Century)
12:00	Lunch at Kabrastan
13:00	Salat
13:45	Leave for the 'Gateway of India'
15:00	Boat ride and sightseeing
17:00	Leaving for hotel
18:20	Salat
19:00	Reflection
21:00	Dinner



Aarambaug Kabrastan



8:00	Breakfast
10:30	Leave from hotel to the airport
12:00	Check in for the flight
13:00	Salaat
14:30	Mumbai - Bhuj (flight)
16:00	Arrival in Bhuj
18:00	Check in the Regenta Resort
19:30	Leave for mosque, Imambargah and visiting community members of Bhuj Jamat and Kutch Federation
20:00	Salat and Jamat program
22:00	Dinner
23:00	Leave for the hotel



Regenta Resort GMDC House, Bhuj - Mirjapar Highway, Kutch, Bhuj, Gujarat 370001, India www.royalorchidhotels.com/regentaresort-bhuj/overview



Day 5 | 24th December 2018, Monday (Bhuj/Kera/Mandvi)

8:00	Breakfast
9:30	Leave for Kutch Museum
10:00	Visiting Kutch Museum
11:00	Towards Kera
12:00	Visiting Peer Ghulam Ali Shah Dargah and discussing the legacy of early Peers of the Satpanth tradition
13:00	Visiting Kera Jamat
13:00	Salat
13:45	Lunch
16:00	Visiting Mandvi (Ship building yard)
17:30	Towards Bhuj
18:30	Salat
20:00	Dinner
21:00	Rest

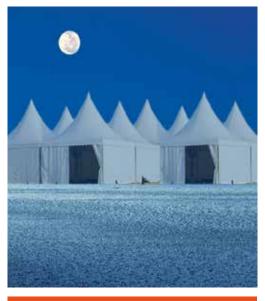


Ship Building Yard



Day 6 25th Decem	ber 2018, Tuesday	(Bhuj	/Dhordo)
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8:00	Breakfast
9:30	A journey to 'Rann of Kutch'
11:00	Discussing Khoja History in the desert of Kutch
13:00	Salat
13:30	Lunch
14:30	Continuing the journey towards 'Runn of Kutch'
18:30	Leave for Bhuj
20:00	Dinner
21:00	Rest



Rann of Kutch



8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Check out
10:00	Leave for Amreli & Bhavnagar (Bhuj - Amreli: 345 kms)
16:00	Salat, Lunch and visiting Amreli Kabrastan (Discussion: The life and contribution of Edalji Dhanji Kaba)
18:10	Salat in Amreli
18:30	Leave for Bhavnagar (Amreli-Bhavnagar: 125 kms)
21:30	Dinner & Check in Hotel Virgo Sumeru



Efcee Sarovar Portico
Opp, Victoria Park Rd,
Vidhyanagar, Bhavnagar
www.sarovarhotels.com/efceesarovar-portico-bhavnagar/



Day 8 | 27th December 2018, Thursday (Bhavnagar)

9:00	Breakfast
10:30	Kabrastan (Discussing the legacy of Allama Haji Naji Saheb)
12:00	Exploring ambiance of an Indian countryside, Vartej
13:00	Salat and Lunch
15:30	Rest in the hotel/Free time
17:30	Visit to Mahdi School
18:20	Salat + Dua Kumayl (in Gujarati)
19:30	Program with the youth of Bhavnagar
21:00	Dinner



Mahdi School



8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Checkout from the hotel
10:00	Visiting Umme Kulsum centers
12:30	Juma Salat
14:30	Leaving for Ahmedabad (Bhavnagar-Ahmedabad: 171 kms) (Packed Lunch)
18:00	Check in to Hotel Regenta Inn
20:30	Jamaat Programme and Dinner



Hotel Regenta Inn Bandhu Nagar, Vijay Nagar, Ranip, Ahmedabad https://hotel-regenta-inn-ranipahmedabad.business.site/



8:00	Breakfast
10:00	Leaving for Pirana
11:00	Exploring Satpanth Tradition in Pirana Imam Shah Dargah
12:30	Leaving for Ahmedabad
13:30	Salat and Lunch
14:30	Rest/Free time
18:20	Salat
20:00	Closing ceremony
22:00	Dinner



Pirana Imam Shah Dargah



8:00 Breakfast

10:00 Checkout

END OF TOUR



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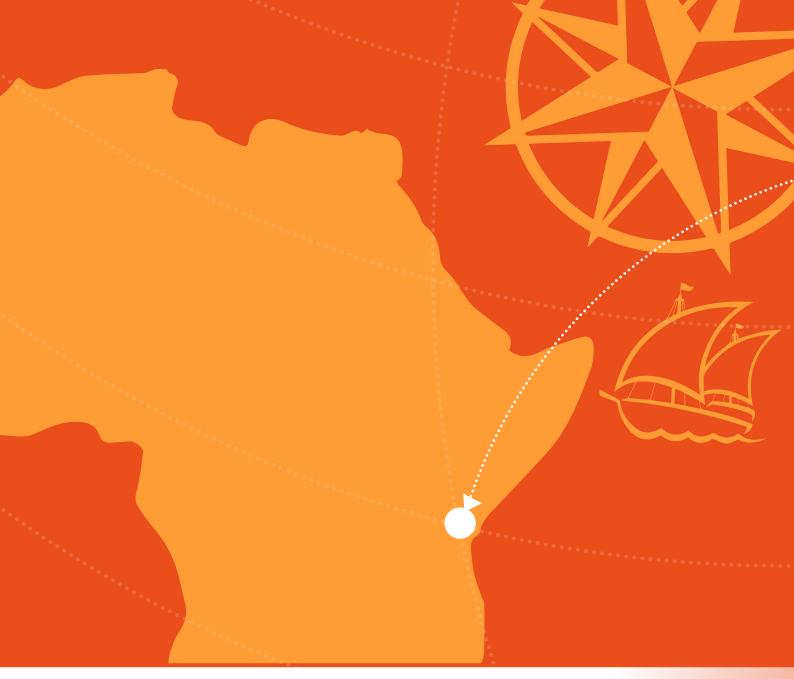
The Khoja Heritage Project

The aim of the KHP is to promote and preserve the legacy and heritage of the Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Community. KHP endeavours to create a sense of appreciation of an incredible legacy of the founding members of this Community.

The appreciation of the value of this journey of faith demands a reflection on the actions of our ancestors and what has been at stake on this arduous sojourn to the true path culminating in the faith we have today.

Our main activities are as follows:

- Cataloguing and digitising rare collections of the Khoja History. This project is conducted in collaboration with the Mulla Asgher Memorial Resource Centre (MARC).
- Editing, translating some key titles on the history of the community
- An online Wiki-style encyclopedia of the Khoja History, khojapedia.com
- Interviews with the seniors to capture the oral history
- Academic conferences with aim of engaging with scholars working on Khoja Studies www.khojastudies.org















Heritage of the Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Community.

